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PEAL RINGING IN 1953

AN indication was given at Newcastle last Whitsun that peal ringing in 1953 was not equal to 1952 despite the inspiration provided by the Coronation, which produced some of those 'once in a lifetime' peals. The total for the year was 2,566, compared with 2,619 in 1952 and 2,915 in 1951. The drop is entirely due to the lack of popularity of handbell peals. The total of these was 154, compared with successive years of 223, 293, 362 and 382. Unless there is a revival, handbell peal ringing will soon be a forgotten art.

The following table gives the general trend of peals on tower bells:—

	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949
Maximus	27	36	39	31	47
Cinques	55	43	48	50	43
Royal	96	82	121	86	109
Caters	97	86	104	89	99
Major	887	906	997	938	1,052
Triples	331	339	315	297	335
Minor & Doubles	919	904	1,008	870	839

Twelve-bell ringing maintained its own. Nineteen Guilds or Associations scored peals in higher numbers, St. Martin's Guild leading with 24, followed by Leicester Diocesan Guild with 13. Leicester's experiment in Spliced Surprise Maximus, which culminated in a peal in 12 methods, was one of the highlights of the year. There was a drop of Surprise Maximus peals from 31 to 23.

It was a better year for ten-bell peals, as these totalled 193 against 168 in 1952. These were spread among 36 Guilds and Associations. There were 60 peals of Surprise Royal against 49 and 67 in the two preceding years. Cambridge with 27 and Yorkshire with 17 were both an advance on the previous year. Leading associations for ten-bell ringing were Stafford Archdeaconry 15, Lancashire Association 14, Leicester Guild 12.

The year saw more peals of Major in Surprise methods than Plain, the respective totals being 455 and 432. There were five more Surprise peals rung than in 1952. These were in 48 different methods. Cambridge held its popularity with 115 (last year 106), followed by Yorkshire 90 (81), London 51 (41), Superlative 35 (48), Bristol 31 (14) and Rutland 14 (19). Spliced Surprise totalled 35 peals (in 1951 there were 43). Being Coronation year probably accounted for Plain Bob showing an increase from 196 to 209. Double Norwich Court Bob Major dropped from 101 to 83 and Kent Treble Bob from 85 to 72.

Included in the record there are those debatable 12 peals of Plain Bob Triples. Grandsire Triples totalled 183 compared with 209, of which the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang 14, and Stedman Triples had 108 peals, one less than last year, with the Leicester Guild scoring 21.

Five and six-bell ringing showed an increase, 919 against 904 (Minor 647, Doubles 272). Outstanding performances were 42 methods Doubles peal by the Archdeaconry of Stafford and a 35 method Minor peal by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. The four leading Associations for these lesser number of bells were: Essex 71 peals, Lincoln 65, Suffolk 56 and Kent 54. There were 276 one method peals of Minor and 129 of Doubles. Some of the Minor were Surprise, but the great majority were Plain Bob. We regard this as an encouraging sign, especially the one method Doubles peals. If a ringer can maintain concentration in a simple method for 2½ hours he has the ability to go forward. The village bells of England and Wales are one of the gems in the diadem of the nation's ringing.

For the fifth successive year the Leicester Diocesan Guild had most peals to their credit with 196 (206 in 1952). The order of the other leading Associations is as follows: 2 Lancashire 135 (147), 3 Essex 131 (108), 4 Kent 130 (155), 5 Oxford Diocesan 126 (115), 6 Lincoln 116 (118), 7 Suffolk 111 (90), 8 Chester 103 (108), 9 St. Martin's 102 (105), 10 Yorkshire 86 (86), 11 Norwich 84 (97), 12 Worcester 73 (81), 13 Stafford Archdeaconry 72 (94), 14 Winchester and Portsmouth 66 (81).

A glance at the handbell record for the year indicates that there are few centres where consistent ringing takes place. The Irish Association head the list with 20 peals, and it will be noted that all these peals are either in Minor or Doubles methods. Leicester Association followed with 17 peals, and to them came one of the highlights of handbell ringing during the year with a peal of Stedman Sextuples. Another was a great performance of 21 Spliced Plain Major methods by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, who rang in all 11 peals. The Bournemouth enthusiasts had a quiet year, but scored a peal of eight spliced plain methods. The total for the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was 14. Oxford University did some good work during the year, mostly on six bells. They had a peal in 23 methods and another of 17 in Minor. In all 29 Guilds or Associations rang handbell peals.

The tables are the work of Messrs. Walter Ayre, Harry Miles and G. L. Grover, who deserve a vote of thanks for their arduous labours.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 16, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31¼ cwt. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
MURIEL REAY	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	PETER BORDER	10
JEFFREY B. WEBB	5	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	11
PETER J. MORTON	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
A compliment to Miss Pamela Haynes, the conductor's daughter, whose 21st birthday was on Tuesday, December 14th.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE,
A PEAL OF 5017 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 lb.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	NORMAN H. COOMBS	8
MRS. P. LEWINGTON	3	EMLYN F. HANCOCK	9
ENID L. ROBERTS	4	WILLIAM HIBBERT	10
ALBERT M. TYLER	5	JOSEPH T. DYKE	11
ARTHUR H. REED	6	FRANK HANSFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.

TEN BELL PEALS

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 lb.

*WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	*R. ROGER SAVORY	6
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	2	CYRIL TANSELL	7
JOHN THOMAS	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	8
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	†THOMAS W. LEWIS	9
*GERALD C. HEMMING	5	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. SHAW. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Royal. † 400th peal for the Association. First peal of Treble Ten as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*JAMES FORDER	*Treble*	†G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	6
EDWIN R. GOATE	2	*BRIAN PURSLOW	7
*MARGOT THOMPSON	3	GODFREY A. WALPOLE	8
†PETER G. W. NEWSTEAD	4	ERNEST A. LONG	9
†GEORGE W. HOWLETT	5	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Plain Bob Royal.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	THOMAS W. HESKETH	6
FRANCES ELLISON	2	ERNEST F. BENNETT	7
ALAN P. CAVE	3	*EDWIN C. BIRKETT	8
JACK N. BROWN	4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	9
THOMAS C. LARKEY	5	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
* 50th peal together.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. C. Birkett, who was recently elected an honorary life member of the Lancashire Association.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Treble*	†FREDERICK R. SCOTT	6
ROBERT G. LAY	2	†JEFFERY C. BIRT	7
*MRS. N. O. L. MANCHIP	3	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	8
*WILLIAM F. BUTLER	4	FRANK C. PRICE	9
*WALTER LEE	5	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise Royal on the bells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F sharp.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
STELLA HUGHES	2	ERNEST STITCH	7
SAMELA THOMAS	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	GEORGE DEAN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
Rung for the Christmas festival and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Christopher Wallater.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*JOHN YOUNG	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
†JOY GUMBRELL	2	ERNEST J. MUNDAY	6
‡RICHARD H. SMITH	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
ROGER BALDWIN	4	BRIAN J. LUFF	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.'

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 9, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 STOCKPORT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

ROBIN G. TURNER	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROWN	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
BASIL JONES	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
Rung on the birthday of the late Mrs. Ada Wolstencroft, for many years a prominent worker at this church.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	*HARRY HOLLIS	5
T. KELHAM DEACON	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	6
JOSEPH WM. COTTON	3	ROLAND BENISTON	7
*JOHN W. RAWSON	4	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First in the method on the bells.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF 5024 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

RUTH M. JACKSON	*Treble*	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5
JEAN C. BROWN	2	ROBIN TURNER	6
BASIL JONES	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
First peal in the method by all except the tenor ringer.
Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to W. W. Wolstencroft.

BLOOMSBURY, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL AND MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD W. CLARK	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
JOHN G. NASH	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
REUBEN CHARGE	4	ALBERT W. COLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT W. COLES.

All are ringing associates of the late William Pye. Rung on the occasion of the engagement of Evelyn S. Sanders, daughter of the 7th ringer.

GRESFORD, DENBIGH.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 110 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 24 cwt. 3 lb. in D.

HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN E. BIBBY	6
BASIL JONES	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

The ringers of 2, 3 and 7 have now rung this composition in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On. Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	*C. MICHAEL ORME	5
*JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	6
*FRANK W. CROFT	3	*PHILIP MEHEW	7
*PETER W. CROFT	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal in the method. First peal on eight bells as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

A 68th birthday compliment to Mr. Leonard Fidler, captain of the Hitchin band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	*ARTHUR BRADSHAW	5
ERNEST J. JELLEY	2	RALPH ELKINGTON	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	JOHN M. JELLY	7
*OWEN T. NORTHWOOD	4	PETER R. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal of Major.

Birthday compliments to the ringers of 4 and 6.

OVER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

ERIC HORNBY	*Treble*	HENRY PARKER	5
WILLIAM BIBBY	2	REGINALD W. WORRALL	6
JOHN SCOTT	3	DOUGLAS KIRKPATRICK	7
CECIL RADDON	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM THORNLEY. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	*CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	5
PETER COXALL	2	JACK ASHCROFT	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	*E. ROGER MARTIN	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15½ cwt.

LEONARD W. CONDUCT	*Treble*	*JAMES W. T. DAVIS	5
WILLIAM C. RHODES	2	GORDON N. LANE	6
HAROLD J. YARDLEY	3	RICHARD C. INGRAM	7
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	4	WILLIAM T. SHELTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

* First peal.

Rung as a tribute to the late Mr. G. F. Garrison, who was a ringer at this church for 48 years.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

*LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
FRANK H. HICKS	2	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	6
ALBERT E. LAKER	3	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	7
JOHN H. G. GARDNER	4	*A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* 25th peal together and 25th peal of Plain Bob Major as conductor.

Rung on the occasion of the appointment of George A. Wood as deacon of the Church of South Africa, cousin of the ringer of the 6th.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 26, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 32 cwt. in D.

CYRIL A. HURST	*Treble*	MANSFIELD GINN	5
JOHN G. GIPSON	2	JAMES W. R. QUINNEY	6
WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	3	PETER BORDER	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	HARRY L. MARTIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN	*Treble*	OLIVE M. JOHNSON	5
EDWIN H. LEWIS	2	DEREK E. LATCHFORD	6
WALTER AYRE	3	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	7
PAMELA A. MARTIN	4	BRIAN M. BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM C. JOHNSON.

* First peal.

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BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5184 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN E. ROOTES ..	*Treble*	*REGINALD ROWLEY ..	5
*SYDNEY A. WARWICK ..	2	*JOHN R. MAYNE	6
*JOHN SCHOFIELD	3	CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY ..	7
*D. KAY ADKINS	4	*GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of the verger (Mr. H. Broad) and his wife.

CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb.

FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ..	*Treble*	*JOHN F. BUTLER	5
*BESSIE A. CARTER	2	*WILLIAM A. FARMER ..	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON ..	3	*ERNEST F. WILCOX	7
*HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS ..	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. SHIPWAY Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method.
A wedding peal for Brian Warwick and Winifred Burton, married on this day at South Wigston, Leicester. Also a farewell to W. A. Farmer, who is leaving Shrewsbury for Cheltenham.

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

T. REGINALD DENNIS ..	*Treble*	JOHN G. GIPSON	5
*MARION GRAIN	2	‡RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	6
†WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN ..	3	MANSFIELD GINN	7
GEORGE E. CRISP	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' † 50th peal in 1954. ‡ First peal in the method.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5120 OLNEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ..	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD ..	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN ..	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	JACK ASHCROFT	7
JOHN ROBINSON	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by the band, by the Association and on the bells.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

*DEREK E. SMITH ..	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	5
MARGARET A. SWANN ..	2	*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ..	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES ..	7
*DONOVAN R. WHITE ..	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major. First in method on the bells.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ..	5
RONALD J. SHARP	2	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD ..	6
JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	DENNIS KNOX	7
PHILIP MEHEW	4	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RONALD J. SHARP.

SIX BELL PEALS

LLANGATTOCK-VIBON-AVEL, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*MRS. K. SMITH	*Treble*	REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ..	4
G. WILLIAM HOLLIS ..	2	JOHN J. WEBB	5
PHILLIP G. MORGAN ..	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN J. WEBB.
* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.
Rung as an 89th birthday compliment to John W. Jones, of Newport.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 14, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5160 DOUBLES
Being 1,200 changes Grandsire, 2,160 Plain Bob, 1,080 April Day, 720 St. Simon's. Tenor 7 cwt.

J. PHILLIP EASTLAND ..	*Treble*	GEORGE E. HANCOCK ..	3
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	2	FRANK BRADLEY	4
ALBERT WHEELER			*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.
First peal of Doubles by all except tenor.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 15, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. BOTOLPH AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A.

FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL ..	*Treble*	JAMES BENNETT	4
CECIL W. PIPE	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
The conductor has now called peals of Cambridge on all numbers.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Seven 720's: (1) Northumberland, Carlisle; (2) London, Wells, Cunecastre; (3) Chester: Munden; (4) Beverley, Berwick, York, Durham, Hexham, Surfleet; (5) Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Rossendale, Stamford; (6) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne; (7) Cambridge, Primrose (101 changes of method). Tenor 10 cwt.

*RUTH MORGAN	*Treble*	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD ..	4
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	2	JAMES W. HAW	5
CECIL WADE	3	ALBERT E. SCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in 23 Surprise methods by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.
A birthday peal for Mrs. Jean Underwood, wife of the ringer of the second, and their baby daughter, Jane, aged one year.

KENILWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat. Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN WEBB	*Treble*	FRED KINCHEN	4
ROBERT EDDEN	2	FRED LYNES	5
HAROLD HUXLEY	3	ARTHUR MANNING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.
* First peal.

NORTON-CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 10½ cwt.

DENNIS SIMPSON	*Treble*	F. LEWIS HEMSTOCK ..	4
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS ..	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In 8 methods, being one extent each of (1) London and Wells, (2) York, (3) Durham, (4) Beverley, (5) Surfleet, (6) Ipswich, (7) Cambridge.

Tenor 9 cwt.

HERMON J. OLIVER	*Treble*	RICHARD VALENTINE	4
JOHN W. G. PIDGEON	2	JOHN H. SITCH	5
LAURENCE H. TURNER	3	HARRY TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Shiells, the former having been instituted and inducted as the Rector of Shenfield on the previous evening. Also as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. Valentine.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	C. ROGER HAYWARD	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	MICHAEL VERNON	5
*GRAHAM T. BALL	3	†JOHN VERNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

* First peal in three methods. † 25th peal.

ACTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 19, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK BARNARD	*Treble*	FRANK OLLIER	4
HAROLD G. SMITH	2	*JOHN E. BROUGH	5
EDWARD J. BOFFEY	3	*HERBERT SUTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* 25th peal together.

Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Alma Sutton, ringer at Acton, and daughter of the tenor ringer.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 19, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

*STANLEY G. PONTING	*Treble*	*COLIN A. TESTER	4
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	ERNEST J. LADD	5
*KEVIN S. HOHL	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Surprise.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, viz., 2,160 Grandsire (10 callings and one 240), 960 each Plain, St. Simon's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (4 callings).

Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

*REGINALD UPTON	*Treble*	JOHN HAWTIN	4
ROLAND BENISTON	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
LEONARD CHAMBERS	3	GEORGE E. HOWLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

* First peal.

Rung as a first birthday compliment to Jane Ann Underwood, daughter of the ringer of the fifth.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*WENDY BOWAK	*Treble*	ROBERT BRIDGES	4
STEDMAN SYMONDS	2	HARRY KING	5
LEWIS CORDELL	3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEDMAN SYMONDS.

* First peal (15 years old).

Rung for Wendy Bowak, who was elected a member of the Essex Association before the peal commenced.



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OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 21, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in 11 methods with 37 changes of method: viz., (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) College Exercise, (3) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (4) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (5) Thelwall and Childwall, (6) Plain and Double Bob, (7) Fulbeck. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
*BRIAN BLADON	2	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE	5
EDGAR J. SMITH	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in more than eight Minor methods.
Rung on the Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb. in G.

FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
GEORGE W. PIPE	2	†JAMES BENNETT, JUN.	5
*RONALD W. STEWARD	3	JAMES BENNETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES BENNETT.
* 225th peal. † 200th peal.
Rung on the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, and in the same methods by a band who have all 'passed on.' The conductor of this peal is one of the local band, which was formed and taught to ring when the bells were installed.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*JOHN BRINSON	*Treble*	*FRANK G. PARRAMORE	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	*HAROLD HOOPER	5
KENNETH MEDWAY	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Minor. A welcome to the Rev. P. A. Northam.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	*GEORGE W. MOODY	4
*RONALD CHAFER	2	*PHILIP BARNES	5
*HARRY HALL	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal of London Surprise Minor.
Mr. Jack Bray has now 'circled the tower.'

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven complete 720's in 19 methods, viz., (1) Hexham, Berwick, Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, Primrose; (2) Ipswich, Bourne, Cambridge; (3) Carlisle, Chester, Munden; (4), Alnwick, Newcastle; (5) Lightfoot, Wearmouth; (6) York, Durham; (7) London, Wells; with 116 changes of method. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

ROBERT T. SIMPSON	*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE	4
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
RICHARD BUSBY	3	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
The greatest number of methods rung to a peal for this Association.
An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Oliver, a ringer at this church.

SUNDRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, one 720 of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

*D. MARY WARD	*Treble*	PETER N. BOND	4
*MARY R. ANDREWS	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
†IAN H. ORAM	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods 'inside.'

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

40 six-scores, 10 callings, and Pitman's 240. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb.

*MICHAEL E. WILTSHIRE	*Treble*	*ENID A. BOND	4
†ROSEMARY E. COOK	2	SEALY S. WOODBURN	5
THOMAS W. HARRIS	3	RONALD E. C. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by SEALY S. WOODBURN.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
WILLIAM J. CHESTER	2	BARRY SAUNDERS	5
†BETTY MANSFIELD	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A YATES.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal.

TIBSHELF, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Chesterfield District.)
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. PHILLIP EASTLAND	*Treble*	DOREEN ARMSTRONG	4
GEORGE E. HANCOCK	2	FRANK BRADLEY	5
WILFRED RILEY	3	ALBERT WHEELER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.
First peal of Oxford Treble Bob by all.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor on her 20th birthday that day.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being composed of seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 9 cwt.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Tenor*	HAROLD E. CLAYTON	4
*ANTHONY M. WARRIS	2	BRYN O. HUGHES	5
RICHARD G. OUSTON	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal. First peal of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band.

HANDBELL PEALS

NEW MALDEN, SURREY.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes.*
AT 191, ELM ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

R. JAMES COOK	1—2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5—6
*WILLIAM T. COOK	3—4	FRANCES A. THRELFALL	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN D. THRELFALL.
* First handbell peal of Major.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT 34, LEONARD AVENUE, SHERWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

ALFRED MOULD	1—2	*BRIAN BUSWELL	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First handbell peal with an 'inside' pair.

BALDOCK GUILD'S DINNER

Baldock Guild of Ringers will celebrate their 75th anniversary next May and this fact was mentioned to the members and their friends when they assembled for their annual dinner at the Rose and Crown, Baldock, on December 18th. A peal attempt during the afternoon was unsuccessful.

The menu was of Christmas fare, with turkey and plum pudding, with Canon Smith in the chair.

The toast of 'The Chairman' was proposed by Mr. E. R. Harriss, who suggested that a short prayer should precede ringing, and that an annual ringers' Communion be held to remind the Guild of its true motive.

In the absence of the Rev. G. Kenyon (Norton), Canon Edwards replied and agreed with Mr. Harriss' observations. He regarded the war-time ban on ringing as pathetic; what was needed was the proclamation of a living Church.

The achievements of the past year were recalled by Mr. R. T. Newman in submitting the toast of 'St. Mary's Guild.' He said the Guild was stronger now than ever before, in spite of gaps caused by National Service.

Mr. E. G. Buck, whose name was coupled with the toast, said that the Baldock ringers could not sit back, but must go forward as a band. He emphasised the necessity for good striking and gave a few details of two of the proposed outings—on April 16th to Watford and May 14th into Cambridgeshire. May 21st would be the 75th anniversary of the Guild.

Mr. H. S. Bonnett welcomed the ladies and visitors and said it was the first time the ladies had been invited to the dinner, although in the tower they had been found even upon the tenor box. Mr. G. W. Critchley acknowledged the warm welcome that is always extended to visitors. J. S.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' January 8th, 1915

LADIES' FIRST QUARTER PEAL

It has fallen to the ladies' band at Portishead, Somerset, to ring the first quarter peal for the Ladies' Guild. That there should be associated with one tower eight members of the fair sex capable of such a performance speaks volumes for the progress which ladies are making in regard to church bell ringing, and we can only believe this quarter peal to be a stepping stone to the first complete 5,000 by a company of ladies all belonging to one church. At any rate, the band seems to be exceptionally well placed to achieve this record.

The quarter peal, which was Grandsire Triples . . . . occupied 48 minutes, the band being: Misses Mabel Jukes (first quarter) 1, Blanche Mitchell 2, Adelaide Stokes 3, Dorothy Sage (first quarter) 4, Doris Coles 5, Edith Hole (conductor) 6, Nellie Gillingham 7, Mary Jukes 8. All are residents of Portishead.

[The peal was rung only a few weeks later. The writer cannot recall one being rung at any other tower by a local all-ladies' band.]

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Ernest Morris addressed the City of Leicester Y.M.C.A. on December 22nd on 'The History and Romance of the Bells.' He brought with him specimens of cow, sheep, camel, sleigh, horse and other bells.

Mr. F. Farrant, who has been secretary of the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association for 42 years, has just retired from office. During this long period he only missed two meetings. A fireside chair was one of the gifts he received from members. May he have many happy memories.

MR. SAM QUINTRELL'S 99th BIRTHDAY

Mr. Sam Quintrell, the celebrated ringer of St. Columb Major, Cornwall, was 99 on December 13th, and on this actual day his own ringers rang specially in his honour. The occasion never passes now without this being done. The local ringers were Messrs. W. Crapp, J. Knight, F. Minnear, P. Thorpe, H. Caddy, J. Minnear, A. Minnear, F. Salmon, G. Key and R. Nelson.

Although Sam was born and bred in call change and competitive ringing he has now many good words to say for a well struck method, and a peal attempt has become an annual event also. This year the peal was successfully rung two days prior to his birthday, and by special request the tenor was not turned in. A peal which was a treat for Sam to listen to from his little house close by was the result.

After the peal the band paid him a visit and made him a little presentation. Sam expressed his appreciation for this and for the compliment of yet another peal. He was in reminiscent mood and talked of the past. He referred to the days when ringing was really hard work. He told us, too, that his mother had often told him that she witnessed, in 1827, the casting of the tenor bell in St. Columb tower, which was carried out in the old school yard. As we left, Sam waved us goodbye and said 'Come again next year.' Let us hope that we can truly celebrate Sam's centenary. It may well be a great ringing day at St. Columb. R.

The composition of 5,152 Spliced Surprise Major for the peal at Willesden on December 16th was published in 'The Ringing World' for 1943 on page 210. It is the belief of the conductor, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, that this was the first time the composition was rung.

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LATE NEWS

Bells will be heard before the broadcast of the evening service in the Welsh Home Service on January 16th from St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Montgomery.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. F. V. Sinkins, formerly of Slough, who will be 90 next month, ascended the 35 steps at St. Leonard's, Streatham, on Christmas morning and took part in the ringing for service. He rang the treble faultlessly in touches, including a 350 Grandsire Triples; he also rang for Sunday morning service. Mr. Sinkins claims to have rung on Christmas day for 78 years, excepting, of course, the 'ban' during the last war. He learned to ring at Slough at the age of 11. Is this a record?

A seasonable article on 'Christmas Bells—Art and Method of Change Ringing' appeared in the Christmas Eve publication of the 'Harpenden Free Press.' It was written by J. D. P.

There was a gathering of veterans at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on December 18th, when eight ringing associates of the late Mr. William Pye rang a peal of Stedman Triples.

A loss to Shrewsbury ringing is the impending departure of Mr. W. A. Farmer for Cheltenham. From his pen have come many delightful articles on Salop bells and ringers.

All the ringers who took part in the first peal at Ashbocking, Suffolk, have now 'passed on.' They were remembered when a commemoration peal in the same method was rung on December 22nd.

With the peal at Gresford, Denbighshire, on December 18th, Messrs. Basil Jones, Leslie W. G. Morris, C. Kenneth Lewis, Edward Jenkins and John Worth have rung Mr. A. J. Pitman's composition of four Spliced Surprise Major methods in four countries during 1954.

North Weald ringers were honoured to have Mr. Stedman Symonds to conduct the first peal for Miss Wendy Bowak on December 31st. There was a previous attempt on December 18th which was lost halfway through due to that unwelcome individual 'Mr. Bob.'

We hope to publish early in the New Year our list of peal ringers who scored 40 or more peals during 1954. Details required by the Editor are total peals on tower bells and 'in hand' separately, with the number in brackets after each of those peals conducted. It is not necessary to send a list of the peals.

The peal at Whitwick, Leics, is the first peal by a Sunday service band at this tower for over 50 years.

Mr. Harold Haynes, of Harpole, Northampton, prefers circular diagrams to the orthodox upright style. He maintains that the methods are easier to learn.

The band which rang an 89th birthday compliment peal to Mr. John W. Jones, of Newport, at Llangattock-Vibon-Avel, wish to express their thanks to Mrs. Wilson for her hospitality after the peal.

The ringers who took part in the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary's, Redcliffe, Bristol, extend their hearty congratulations to Mr. Albert E. Reeves, who celebrated his 76th birthday the next day.

Mr. W. J. Robinson, who conducted his farewell quarter peal at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Guildford, on December 26th, had rung 141 peals and conducted eight in this tower since he joined the band in 1926. During these years he had rung 314 peals with Mr. A. H. Pulling.

Miss M. M. Butler, formerly of Shalford Surrey, writes from Durban of the great welcome that was accorded her by the captain (Mr. Wood) and ringers of St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, Cape Town. It was the first time she had rung since she left England for Northern Rhodesia two years ago. The late arrival of the ship at Durban prevented ringing there, but Miss Butler was hospitably entertained by Mr. Chambers, the Durban captain.

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PEAL RINGING IN HAMPSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

THE effect that a single person can have on ringing is well illustrated in my own county of Hampshire, for the tower where the late Mr. George Williams rang at for the last 40 years of his life, North Stoneham, has recorded nearly three times as many peals as any other in the county. It was hoped that during the Patronal Festival in December, the 250th peal on the bells would be rung. At the moment it is two short of this total. At the beginning of our story there were only six bells there and the first peal was only rung in 1905. Ten had been rung by the time the bells were augmented to eight in 1909. It was during this period that Mr. Williams came to live nearby, and from then onwards peals came with great regularity. Even the first war did not stop them, and as far as I am aware, North Stoneham is the only tower in the country where one or more peals were rung in each of the four years of the first world war. Between the wars 159 of the peals were rung, an average of almost eight a year. The highest number in any year was ten, so this shows how consistent the ringing was. The bells were augmented to ten in 1932 and became the lightest ring of ten in any church in the country (Grundisburgh is now). I think it would be true to say that they have never been very popular as a ring of ten, for less than half of the peals rung at Stoneham since 1932 have been on the ten—more have been on the original eight. The records of this tower will ever remain a memorial to the prowess of Mr. George Williams—one of the most prolific peal ringers of all times, despite the fact that he didn't score his first peal until he was in his thirties.

No other tower in the county has reached the century mark, the nearest being Portsea (Portsmouth, St. Mary's) (8) with 94. These have come fairly consistently during the period under review, after the first peal was rung in 1892, but the average has been slightly higher since the last war, for 31 peals have been rung since then. The other Portsmouth tower, St. Thomas' Cathedral (8), comes next with 82 peals. Only 23 of these had been rung prior to 1939, so its 59 since the war makes it the highest scorer since then. One reason why peal attempts are now so frequent is that the Cathedral is in the middle of a 'blitzed' area and the bells do not interfere now as much as they did with the life around. When it is built up again it is probable that the number of peals will diminish. Two towers which were far more popular before 1914 than since come next on the list—Fareham and Hawley (both 8). At the former, 76 peals have been rung, 63 prior to the first war (43 last century) and only 13 since 1914. Hawley has had only six of its total of 72 rung since 1914, so this tower appears less frequently still in the peal lists at the moment.

In mentioning St. Michael's, Southampton, which comes next with 60 peals, we can turn to look at the towers according to the numbers of bells. This tower is one of the three 10-bell towers in the county. It was an 8-bell tower at the beginning of the period, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson rang in the first peal there in 1894. Just before the first war 12 peals were rung and there were eight between the wars, so that 39 of the total have come since 1945. The bells were augmented in 1948 and it has proved to be a popular 10-bell tower since then. The third 10-bell tower in the county is also in Southampton—St. Mary's. The bells (8) were put in during the first war and the first peal was rung in 1916. Thirty peals were rung from 1920 to 1939, the bells being augmented in 1934. They were destroyed with the church in 1940 but were put back in 1948, being the first war-destroyed church in the country to have its bells back (and that before the church was rebuilt). Ten peals have been rung since then.

TWO 12-BELL TOWERS

There are two 12-bell towers, Christchurch and Winchester Cathedral. Neither of them had 12 bells in 1881, so that all the 12- and 10-bell towers have become such in the last 40 years—quite a good record for a county in itself. Christchurch has had 54 peals rung there since 1888—31 before 1913, six from 1920 to 1927, eight from 1933 to 1939 and nine since the war. The Cathedral has had only 18—ten before 1914, six between the wars and two since. It is very difficult to obtain permission for a peal attempt here, I fear.

Before coming to the remaining 8-bell towers, and at risk of causing further controversy, the only 9-bell tower in the country should be mentioned—Basingstoke, All Saints'. It seems that the idea was to have an eight for ordinary ringing with a treble added to them so that the front eight (giving a sort of minor key) could be rung on solemn occasions. The result is the back nine of a ring of ten. Only six peals have been rung there (the church is about 40 years old), the first two in 1920. The only two peals rung since the war were in 1946 and were the famous(!) two on the nine bells — Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Major with a cover.

Apart from the 8-bell towers already mentioned, the other Basingstoke tower, St. Michael's, has the most peals—60. This tower was very prominent before the first war, 42 of the peals coming from 1885 to 1909. Only three were rung between the wars, but there has been a revival of interest in recent years and 14 have been rung since 1945. Only one other tower has passed the 50 mark—Soberton, with 58. This tower has had its ups and downs. It was very popular early in the period and 26 peals were rung between 1884 and 1898 (on several occasions two in a day). Then only three more were scored before 1914. Fifteen more came between 1920 and 1940 and 14 from 1944 to 1950, but at the moment it is suffering from a depression again for various reasons. It was here that Mr. George Williams rang his first peal and (by a coincidence) his last in 1940. Towers that have reached 40 are Privett and Romsey Abbey (42) and East Tytherleigh (40).

As for 6-bell towers, only three have reached double figures—Wonston (14), most in recent years; Damerham (11), all but one in the years 1948 to 1952; and Godshill, Isle of Wight (10), eight since the war. All the 8-bell towers have been conquered, but there are still 12 6-bell towers which have never recorded a peal out of the 67 in the county. Very little has been done at the 32 5-bell towers. Only five have ever appeared in the peal lists—Bentworth, Bishop's Sutton, Hinton Admiral, Monk Sherborne and Sopley, and only the latter has appeared twice.

So much for my own county of Hampshire.

The Master-Ringer and members of St. David's Cathedral bellringers, Hobart, Tasmania, send their New Year greetings to all ringers.

The peal at North Bradley on December 18th was rung to mark the Vicar's 25th year with the parish. He is a great friend of ringers and was responsible for the rehanging of the bells in 1935, and also for the augmentation to eight in 1950.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

42 Years as Branch Secretary

The annual meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch at Yeovil on December 18th was of more than passing significance. It marked the conclusion of 42 years' service as hon. secretary of Mr, F. Farrant, and there were present about 50 ringers, including many from outside the Deanery, to pay tribute to one who had served with great faithfulness.

The company included the Master of the Association, the Rev. M. Hurst-Bannister (Vicar of Pilton), the general secretary, Mr. Roger Fry, Canon Saunders, of Bridport, a past chairman of the Branch, the Rev. L. E. Walsh, of Martock, present chairman, and Mr. A. E. Dawe, churchwarden.

Ringing took place during the afternoon, followed by a service in the church, conducted by the Vicar, Preb. H. Mortlock-Treen, the Rev. E. P. Foote acting as the organist.

The service was followed by a meeting in the Sunday School Rooms, presided over by the Rev. L. E. Walsh, who was elected chairman for the ensuing year. Mr. F. Farrant, hon. secretary, and Mr. W. H. Poole, Ringing Master, having intimated that they wished to relinquish office, Mr. T. J. Setter was elected as hon. secretary, and Mr. W. E. Turner as the Ringing Master. Two new members were elected.

Following the usual business of the meeting Canon Saunders, who previous to his retirement had been for 32 years chairman of the Branch, made a presentation to Mr. F. Farrant, the retiring hon. secretary, who during his long tenure of office for 42 years had only missed two meetings. The gift was a fireside chair and framed testimonial subscribed for by members of the Branch.

Canon Saunders paid tribute to Mr. Farrant's services to the Branch, and appreciation of his services was also expressed by the Master of the Association and general secretary. Mr. Farrant thanked all who had subscribed to the gift and assured the assembled company of his appreciation.

Mr. W. Turk, who organised the collection from the various towers, was thanked for his services.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. W. H. Poole for his services as Ringing Master over the last ten years. The Vicar of Yeovil was thanked for conducting the service and for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and Mr. Foote for playing the organ. Tea was partaken at the Cottage Cafe, after which further ringing took place.

T. J. S.

THE NEW YEAR

Throughout the land from many a tower,
We twelve, or ten, or six or eight,
Poised ready on our stays, await
The passing of the midnight hour.

In those faint moments of the night,
Half-muffled clappers tell our pain,
And sobbing echoes float again
Across the fields where snow lies white.

From far beneath a cry comes 'Stand!'
The task is done that wrung our souls.
Our ties are loosed—the tenor tolls—
And tensely waits the ringing band.

We feel the ropes take strain: we rise
Each on the balance, till 'Look to!
The treble's gone'—and blow on blow
We shout our message to the skies.

'Glory and gladness, joy and peace
To men of kindly heart and will,
So angels sang, so sing we still,
A gospel that shall never cease.'

A. D. H. ALLAN.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Exeter Branch Discuss Teaching Learners

The Exeter Branch received a cordial welcome from the Rev. F. G. Rice, Vicar, when they met at St. David's Church, Exeter, for their annual meeting on December 9th. At the service he gave an excellent address.

The resignation was received with regret of the Branch chairman, the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, on moving from the district. The Rev. C. G. Poulton was unanimously elected as his successor for 1955.

The secretary presented a summary of the financial position which showed a slight increase of £3 on the General Account. The Instruction Account stood at £38, and the Bell Preservation Fund had benefited by £2 10s. 6d. collected at meetings

The Branch annual report showed an increase in membership which now stood at 115. During 1954 peals had been rung in honour of the 80th birthdays of Mr. C. G. Glass and Mr. E. J. Ryall, also as wedding compliments to the president and Branch chairman.

With regard to the future the following suggestion was submitted by the secretary for serious consideration. The Branch now has the recruits and the material to build a strong element of change ringers. Instruction is urgently needed at some of the local towers and assistance would be appreciated at other Branch towers. Could members visit at least one other practice weekly, as well as their own?

ELECTIONS

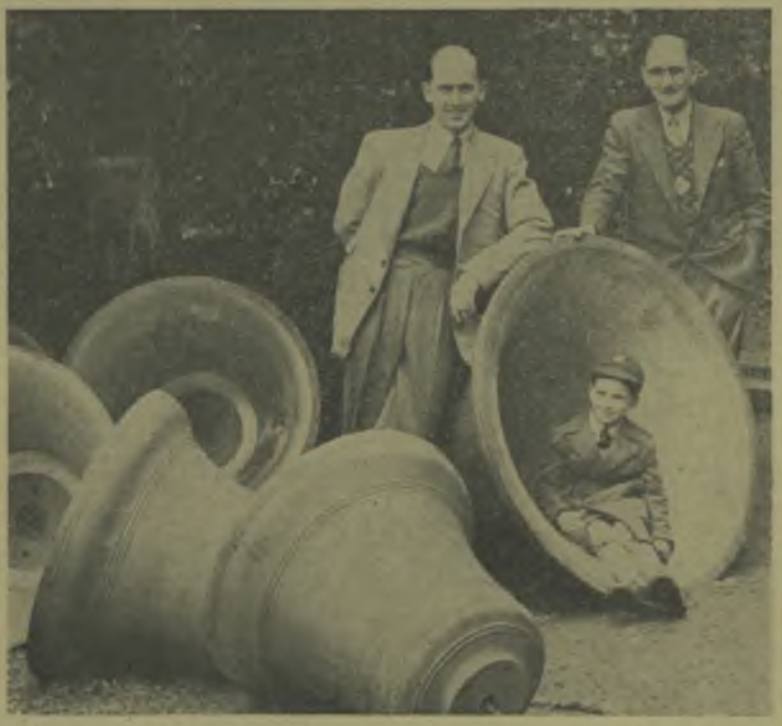
The following officers were re-elected: Hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Wreford; assistant hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Wills; Ringing Master, Mr. E. W. Biffin; General Committee. Messrs. H. Butt, J. Corry and E. W. Biffin.

The president (Prebendary E. V. Cox) presented certificates to the following members of Newton St. Cyres tower: the Misses P. Vicary, J. Williams, A. Williams, Mrs. J. Williams and Mr. D. Sharland. Congratulations were extended both to the instructors and learners at Newton St. Cyres. This was believed to be the first time in the history of the Guild that a mother and two daughters received their certificates together.

New members elected were: G. Tribe (Bratton Flemming); C. Smale (St. Mark's); T. Smith, B. Brokenbrow, Miss P. Gilbert, N. Beckett, S. Flynn, M. Grayer, V. Parcker, V. Seymoor (St. David's); Miss M. Wills, P. Prouse (St. Thomas'); G. H. Williams (Heavitree); G. Hooper, W. Street (Brampford Speke); C. H. Drewett (Unattached). Non-resident life members: Messrs. R. E. Price, T. Price and G. W. Pipe.

Mr. E. J. Ryall tested the feelings of the meeting by suggesting that the Branch, as a whole, should start teaching learners to ring Plain Bob instead of Grandsire, as had been the custom in the past.

Prebendary E. B. Cox agreed that while Bob Doubles and Plain Bob was a good foundation stone for learners, it must be kept in mind that Grandsire was very deeply rooted in the county. It was also agreed that many instructors felt more competent of teaching Grandsire than other methods to a beginner. After much discussion the Rev. C. J. Poulton concluded by saying it must surely depend entirely on the Ringing Master and the band concerned and the matter should be left for their decision.



Cranleigh Family of Ringers for 100 Years.—Three generations of the Charman family of Cranleigh are pictured here with the newly-cast bells of Cranleigh Parish Church. The Charmans have been a ringing family since 1855, commencing with Mr. James Charman, who had a family of six sons, three of whom—William, Harry and Alwyn—became ringers

Of Mr. William Charman's six children, two daughters and three sons—Evelyn, Ida, Cecil, Horace and Gilbert—also became ringers (Evelyn, now in Canada, married a ringer). Mr. Cecil Charman, of the third generation, had two sons, one of whom, Raymond, now rings. Will Keith, pictured here with his father (Raymond) and grandfather, represent the fifth generation of family bellringers?

Our picture shows the bells of St. Nicholas' Parish Church waiting to be rehung after recasting. Left to right are Mr. Raymond Charman, Master Keith Charman and Mr. Cecil Charman. [Photo by permission of 'Surrey Times.'

Boxing Day in Mid-Cornwall

On December 27th eight ringers toured mid-Cornwall, ringing at St. Austell, Lanlivery, Fowey, St. Ewe and Probus. In addition to the standard methods a 'peal' of call changes was rung at St. Austell with local ringers, and courses of Grandsire and Stedman were rung on the handbells of the local band at Lanlivery. The thanks of the party are due to Douglas Burnett, of St. Ewe, for organising the outing so satisfactorily.

PAULERS PURY, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss K. Ballard (first quarter) 1, J. Booth 2, T. E. Roberts 3, P. Foster 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, A. Kingston 6.

B.B.C. SUBSTITUTED OTHER BELLS

Disappointment For Newark Ringers

Recently in the B.B.C. Television Children's Newsreel a film of Newark Parish Church was shown, but the bells that accompanied the film were from another tower.

When the film was made a 40-second recording was taken of Newark bells ringing Grandsire Caters, and in the opinion of Mr. J. W. Raithby, Master of the Newark ringers, 'it was particularly good ringing.'

Substituted by the B.B.C. were eight bells ringing rounds. Said Mr. Raithby to the 'Newark Advertiser': 'In any case it was not very good ringing. The bells were not as rich as ours—they had not enough tone. That is what makes us a bit sore.'

The explanation given by the B.B.C. to the 'Newark Advertiser' is that when the film was edited, it was arranged that the organ music should be faded out and overlapped by the sound of the bells, which provided the climax. But when Newark bells were faded in they clashed so horribly with the organ that they had to be abandoned, and one of the B.B.C.'s 'stock' recordings of bells was 'dubbed in' instead.

It is only, however, in the much shortened 'home consumption' version of the film that alien bells are heard. In the full-length programme for overseas the 'fade in' is not used and the bells heard are Newark's own.

Bedfordshire Young Ringers

A pleasant week-end was spent recently in London by Bedfordshire Young Ringers.

Towers visited were St. Mary's, Holloway; St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green; St. Mary's, Bow-in-the-Road; All Saints', Poplar; St. Olave's, Hart Street; The Priory Church of St. Bartholomew; St. Anne's, Highgate; St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Giles-in-the-Fields. At the last-named church, writes R. A. W., 'an immaculate touch of Stedman Triples and fall in peal' was rung.

Watford District's Social

The third annual social of the Watford District held at the Wheatsheaf, Watford, on December 18th, was a great success and was attended by a company numbering 26. An excellent dinner was followed by Messrs. C. and A. Wenban playing a wide selection of tunes on handbells, and touches of Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples were rung. Several members contributed to the general entertainment. 'That's all' came all too soon. Thanks are accorded to Mr. R. G. Bell for again organising this event.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE EDITOR WAS HOAXED!

Dear Sir,—In case Mr. Critchley has contemplated accepting Billy Bunter's offer to stand in the next long peal attempt, perhaps he should be warned that there seems to be something not quite genuine about the letter over his name. As every pre-1939 schoolboy knows, Tom Merry's school is not Greyfriars, but St. Jim's. Greyfriars indeed! Harry Wharton and Co. will have something to say about that!—Yours faithfully,

E. A. B.

THE BEAST AND THE BELL(E)

Dear Sir,—May I say how much I enjoyed and appreciated the libretto of The Beast and the Bell(e). The plot is most 'Gilbertian' and the words fit in perfectly to Sullivan's music. S. A. Hill is undoubtedly a producer of Gilbert and Sullivan operas and, were it not for D'Oyly Carte, copyrights and infringements of. I would say 'Do it well—perform it at the next Central Council meeting.' But as a member of the chorus I would say 'Wot, no chorus'!

J. B. S.

FLOWER NAMES FOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Mr. D. Mottershead's suggestion that a method be named 'Daffodil Delight'—'thus adding a little variety to the present system of nomenclature'—recalls the controversy over floral names which dragged on through most of the 1920's. The Analysis Committee of the day gave such names to various previously unnamed Treble Bob Minor methods—'Bluebell,' 'Fuchsia,' 'Hyacinth' and similar horrors—and these were eventually changed, thank goodness. Old-established names like 'Primrose' were left, but I trust the others will never be resurrected. 'What,' asked the Editor of 'The Ringing World,' 'will be the comment of an already mystified public when they read that their local ringers have distinguished themselves by ringing their first extent of Geranium Treble Bob?' And later he wondered whether, after flowers, ringers would turn to vegetables and give methods names like Onion Delight or Beetroot Surprise. He summed up one article on the subject with words with which most ringers will agree: 'Such titles are not dignified.'—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

DUPLICATED NAMES

Dear Sir,—With reference to the figures of Netherton Surprise Major published in your issue of December 24th, 1954, if the method was rung with a 4ths place bob and with 2nds at the lead end, then it is identical with Oxfordshire Surprise Major, first rung at Kidlington on January 17th, 1953. The error is all the more surprising in that the conductor of the (so-called) first peal of 'Netherton' rang in the Kidlington peal of 'Oxfordshire,' which peal is, I believe, still the only one recorded in the method. If this is so, 'Netherton' becomes the second peal of 'Oxfordshire.'—Yours sincerely,

ALAN R. PINK.

Oxford.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed a little space, as I would like to point out to those concerned that 'Moorside' Surprise Major was first rung at Birmingham on June 10th, 1954, under the name of 'Quinton,' conducted by G. E. Fearn.

Also, assuming that the method 'Netherton' Surprise Major has a 1-2 lead-end, I would say that it was first rung at Kidlington, Oxfordshire, on January 17th, 1953, as 'Oxfordshire,' conducted by Alan R. Pink.

Both methods were published under my name.—Sincerely yours,

E. W. TIPLER.

AUTOMATIC ART (?)

Dear Sir,—Some strange and scarcely factual statements, liable to create false impressions, have recently been made in these columns by correspondents on the subject of Method Making. It may be useful to consider a few examples.

'. . . To have composed a certain method.' Methods, of course, are NOT 'composed.' This misuse of words, especially in ringing matters, has frequently led to discussion almost entirely futile. 'Composing,' in ringing, strictly relates solely to modifying and building-up courses of a method into touches and peals. The composer can thus begin composing only when the method designer has completed his job—a job by no means confined to a half-lead of figures! Methods are 'constructed' or 'designed,' and from 'principles.' (Vide Central Council publications, also the last-quoted example, below.)

'Surprise methods can be written down at a higher rate than one a minute.' Phew! So your correspondent apparently thinks that 'marking the places' in the rows (which, by the way, can be done faster than he says—in fact at the rate of about one row per second, or the whole grid for a Surprise Major method in about a quarter of a minute)—apparently he thinks this constitutes designing a method, and that the art is, therefore, almost automatic! There is, of course, more, far more, to it.

For example, in what time can he extract the false course-heads? Indeed, of what use is a method so churned out if it is found to have six or seven f.c.h.'s, as many designs have? And is, consequently, probably unpealable. Other desirable and intended, qualities, for example musical and textural, make the business of method designing, for general ringing acceptance, highly selective; otherwise far more of the methods hitherto published would have been rung: that is to say, other than those rung simply as 'firsts ever.'

But apart from this vetting of each design as it is unfolded, there remains the question of stage variation; it being a particular advantage to derive a design that will apply 'naturally' to all stages for ringing.

Thus the whole process for any one design may take the investigator anything from a couple of hours to a couple of months or more (depending on what time he can devote to the job and what particular features he is endeavouring to incorporate). But enough on this point has been said to show that the mere writing down of a large number of (or all in some groups) forms of 'method' all based on one 'principle,' e.g., the plain-hunt even-bell group of methods—this does **not** constitute the serious business of selective method design.

'The same number . . . (of claimants) . . . to so-called extensions.' This example shows the need for a lot of clear thinking. There can be no such thing as designing (or even claiming to design) a true or natural extension, once the basic stage is evolved. Since 1950-51 some of us have known that stage-variation of a basic method (though this has not yet been officially recognised) results in either—(a) Unique forms of contraction and/or extension for each stage, such forms being inherent in the basic; or (b) None at all. There can be designed, of course, 'versions' of the extension or contraction, and to these compromised forms the designer's own (or some other distinguishing) name may well have been given. But as to the unique and natural forms, springing inherently from the basic design, they can assume only the basic name, since their 'designing' ended with the basic stage.

'Tradition of claiming . . . a method.' While it is not wished to make out any case for 'claiming' designs, yet your correspondent should revise his ideas about the degree of individual effort attached to the design of a **specific** form of method. In the first place he seems to have forgotten the technical distinction between a method and a principle; which, as the Central Council's dictum tells us, is that the latter is a design in which **all** bells trace out the method pattern; while the former, based on the latter, has one or more bells plain hunting (i.e., the method is what we know as 'hunt-controlled') with only the remainder tracing out the specific pattern of the design. Once the principle has been established, the methods, based on it, may fairly easily be 'written out,' if no selectivity be exercised.

Your correspondents, on this point, seem to have ignored entirely the class of principles, used as methods, such as Stedman and Duffield. In this large and almost enitrely unexplored field (there are, I think, only about a dozen principles so far designed), the construction of method patterns is not easy; but once the new design of **principle** is established, it may well lend itself to adaptations of **method** design.

In the second place your correspondents seem to neglect the art of procedure. It is said that a mathematician once calculated the 'probability' that a number of baboons, continuously chattering throughout a given age-long lapse of time, might utter sounds in sequence that might be recognised as the entire works of Shakespeare. Similarly, a number of babes, scribbling with pencils on pads might conceivably, **in time**, produce all the designs of Wren. Even so, is the art of these great masters to be denied. And on the wholly illogical basis that 'it needed only to be written down'? Far more methods than the '200,000' he mentions may be capable of being produced, but how many of them would qualify for performance?

It is agreed that very few designers have 'claimed' their designs, though their names have sometimes become attached to their work usually by those afterwards ringing and publishing the method. (A fact perhaps scarcely known except by those of us who have experienced it!)—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

He who hesitates will miss his

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ANALYSIS OF MINOR AND DOUBLES RUNG DURING 1953

ASSOCIATION	MINOR																DOUBLES												Minor	Doubles	Total
	35 Methods	25-30 Methods	16-21 Methods	14 Methods	13 Methods	12 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	42 Methods	21-25 Methods	16-20 Methods	14 Methods	12 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method			
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Coventry Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	3	4
Chester Diocesan	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2	1	1	6	1	3	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	3	26	7	33
Cum. & N. Westml'd.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
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Devonshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	5	3	8
Durham and Newcastle	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	—	9
East Derbys & Notts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Ely Diocesan	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	2	2	1	2	21	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	36	4	40
Essex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	17	1	5	8	5	3	23	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	2	63	8	71
Gloucester and Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14	7	14	28
Guildford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	2	1	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	15	7	22
Hereford Diocesan	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	1	10	9	15	24
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Lancashire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	4	6	1	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	5	29	6	35
Leicester Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	4	4	18	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	3	5	28	11	39
Lincoln Dio. Guild	1	—	4	1	1	3	—	1	1	1	19	1	2	8	3	1	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—	3	59	6	65
Llandaff & Monmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	4	7
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Norwich Diocesan	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	—	—	—	6	—	2	7	1	2	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	30	1	31
Oxford Dio. Guild	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	2	2	2	1	2	—	—	1	1	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	1	2	3	3	1	5	28	19	47
Oxford University Soc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2
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St. David's Dio. Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	3	3
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Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1	6	10	10	4	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	52	4	56
Surrey Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	3	7	5	12
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Swansea & Brecon	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	—	5	5
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Win. and Portsmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	6	5	11
Worcester & Districts	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	7	5	8	13
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TOTAL	1	3	8	5	3	6	2	7	5	6	116	10	28	74	57	40	276	1	6	2	2	3	1	5	4	5	17	8	11	17	21	40	129	647	272	919

BOXING DAY IN NORTH DEVON

On Boxing Day, despite 'much hill fog and fairly persistent drizzle,' an outing in the South Molton area was much enjoyed by about a dozen ringers and friends from Devon and Somerset. The trip was organised by Wilf Panter with his usual efficiency, and although the anticipated 'trials section' was omitted this time, the district provided good practice for the navigation experts.

During the morning about half-an-hour's ringing took place at each of the following towers: Meshaw (6), Romansleigh (6), Mariansleigh (6) and Bishop's Nympton (6). A short drive brought the party to the Anchor, South Molton, where Mine Host is himself a ringer, and a welcome repast of hot pasties and liquid refreshment according to individual taste.

The first tower after tea was Rose Ash, where there is a lovely little six and a tablet recording the fact that the living was held by the same family consecutively from 1675 to 1948. Then on to the rather rough six at Knowstone and the lumpy five at Molland. The last tower (and incidentally the writer's 1,100th), East Anstey (6), provided the comedy act of the day Whilst ringing up, the rope of the third broke below the sally and became entangled in the guides. As no ladder was available, a well-known stalwart from the Exeter area was prevailed upon to act in this capacity, and the organiser scaled his sturdy back to retrieve the rope. After a temporary repair to the rope half-an-hour's ringing was enjoyed to complete the programme. After 'Goodbye' and 'Happy New Year' the party dispersed, grateful to Wilf and the various incumbents and locals who had contributed to a very happy day.

Methods rung were Bob Minimus, Doubles and Minor, Grandsire, Stedman and Reverse Canterbury Doubles and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor as well as a few call changes at Molland.

E. T. P. F.

MR. S. A. CHAMBERS' 100 PEALS

Mr. S. A. Chambers, of Lincoln, has completed his first hundred peals. His list is appended:—

Doubles.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 1.

Minor.—Four methods 1, five methods 1, seven methods 1, Cambridge Surprise 2.

Triples.—Stedman 7, Grandsire 2, Erin 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 3, Little Bob 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 3, Erith Little Bob 1, Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 4, London 13, Superlative 2, Bristol 4, Yorkshire 2, one each of Rutland, Jersey, Dublin, St. Giles', Runnymede, Watford, New Cambridge; Spliced: two methods, four methods, six methods, 32 methods.

Caters.—Stedman 3.

Royal.—Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge 5, Yorkshire 3, Oakham 2, Pudsey 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 16, Erin 1, Grandsire 1.

Maximus.—Cambridge 2, Yorkshire 1.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cuss 1, G Newman 2, B. Bladon 3, C. Wood 4, C. Savage 5, A. Palmer 6, F. Read (cond.) 7, H. Palmer 8. First quarter for 1 and 8.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss W. M. Nice (first quarter) 1, E. C. Ayres 2, L. Haddon 3, C. J. Chalwin 4, M. Hatchett 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Miss W. M. Nice. Also as a welcome home from hospital and a 16th birthday compliment to Robert John Redrup, son of the conductor.

BATH.—At the Abbey Church, on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hallett 1, W. J. Prescott 2, H. D. Taylor 3, S. A. Read (first in the method) 4, G. J. Hawkins 5, W. F. J. Cope 6, E. Naylor (cond.) 7, H. J. Merrett 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Bailey 1, Miss J. Coates 2, H. M. White 3, R. Hayden 4, H. Bird 5, E. Rochester 6, F. Bird (cond.) 7, C. Warboys 8. Rung for the ordination of the Rev. Peter Minall, curate.

CHELSEA, S.W.—At St. Luke's, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Langdon 1, Miss J. M. R. Atkins 2, Miss V. E. Dupré 3, R. Mackrill 4, C. M. Meyer 5, A. F. Udall (cond.) 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. H. Lott 8.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret Barker (first quarter) 1, Bridget Cox 2, D. Manger (first 'inside') 3, V. Webster 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. For Matins. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Smith 1, D. Manger 2, Bridget Cox 3, V. Webster 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, S. Manger 6. For Evensong.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. V. Vick 1, R. G. Blackman 2, Mrs. G. W. Tamplin 3, Pauline M. Saxton 4, P. R. Blackman (cond.) 5, W. J. Smith 6, E. Winifred Keys 7, M. G. Woolgar 8. First quarter by 1 and 8.

CHURCHILL, OXON.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Hoverd 1, J. Keyte 2, R. Jarvis 3, S. Pulker 4, I. Harris (cond.) 5, C. Tompkins 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke on the birth of a daughter.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, G. Cherry 2, R. Head 3, K. C. Timbury 4, P. W. Croft 5, S. Ashton 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: T. W. White 1, A. H. Pulling 2, T. W. Tomlinson 3, W. J. Robinson (cond.) 4, R. H. Hutton 5, John Cooper 6, F. A. Munday 7, C. A. Hopper 8. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, a member of the tower since 1926, who is leaving for Bedfordshire.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Nov 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Corderoy 1, D. Jordan (cond.) 2, D. Bosley 3, A. Gee 4, W. Gilks 5, Miss M. Luker 6, W. Corderoy 7, F. Corderoy 8. Rung with 4, 6, 8 covering as an 80th birthday compliment to Sir Winston Churchill. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Luker 1, D. Jordan (cond.) 2, D. Bosley 3, A. Gee 4, W. Gilks 5, Miss E. Mulford 6, W. Corderoy 7, F. Corderoy 8. Rung for morning service with 4, 6, 8 covering, and as a compliment to Miss E. Aldridge on her retirement as church organist (37 years) and still teaching in Sunday School after 40 years' service.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Pearson (first quarter) 1, F. Bowden 2, Mrs. F. Bowden 3, Miss M. Goode 4, Miss M. Cox 5, C. N. Pearson (cond.) 6, H. Gauntlett 7, J. Clark 8.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Clifford Pleasure, 120 Southrepps, 120 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 180 Plain Bob, 120 April Day, 120 Old, 120 Norfolk, 240 Grandsire, 120 Reverse St. Bartholomew): R. Brown (first away from tenor) 1, V. Green 2, J. Hadfield 3, R. Trebilcock 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, J. Crookshank (first quarter) 6. First in nine methods for all and believed to be the first on the bells.

HENLOW, BEDS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Bob Minor: A. Gentle 1, Miss J. Dear 2, Miss D. J. Hare 3, G. Mayes 4, A. W. Dilley 5, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 6.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Brown (first quarter) 1, Pam Collis 2 Judy Dodson 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, Mrs. R. Lathbury 5, R. Lathbury 6, J. F. Dodson (cond.) 7, H. Colcombe 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. G. Henry 1, J. Taberner 2, J. Hodson (first quarter) 3, W. Mansley 4, M. Calderbank 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the 78th birthday of Mr. Charles Clarke, who, until his retirement in 1949, had been a ringer at this church for 55 years.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Drury 1, Miss D. Gibbins 2, E. R. Warner 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hagger 1, S. Smith 2, W. Avery 3, R. Wright 4, W. Woodward 5, K. Seymour (cond.) 6.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Martin's, 240 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 120 April Day, 300 Grandsire): W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, E. Morris 6. First in 5 methods by all the band. Rung for the wedding anniversary of the treble ringer.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Shellard 1, W. J. Chester 2, Miss E. Mounfield 3, M. Saunders 4, B. Saunders 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Leeden 1, R. Taylor (first quarter) 2, W. Moore, junr. 3, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 4, F. S. Parsons 5, J. Moore, senr. 6. Rung after the evening service of thanksgiving of the restoration of the 'angel' roof. Also a compliment to the Rev. A. C. Turnbull on his 21st anniversary of ordination.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Dec. 16th, at Emmanuel Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Reg. Perkins (first of Triples) 1, G. Goddard 2, F. R. Hocking (first of Triples 'inside') 3, H. H. Thomas 4, W. J. Harvey 5, T. G. Myers 6, J. P. Sims (cond.) 7, Reg. Woods 8.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Grandsire): C. Pruce (first quarter) 1, H. Green 2, M. Williams 3, L. J. Malings 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 1, Miss M. Jeffreys 2, B. Cook 3, P. Sadler 4, F May 5, D. Coombes 6, P. King 7, J. Binks 8. Rung for Youth Carol Service. Also on Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Lufkin (first quarter) 1, L. Beal 2, B. Sadler 3, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 4, J. Belcham 5, D. Coombes 6, P. Sadler 7, C. R. Chambers 8. Rung for Nativity play.

STAFFORD, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, F. Eley 3, C. Hone 4, R. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, J. Moore 7, N. Holland 8. First in method for 2 and 4. Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam J. J. Taylor, one time head ringer at St. Mary's, who died at Wellingborough and was interred at Castle Church, Stafford, this day.

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STAINES, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,379 Doubles (120 each of Stedman, St. Simon's and St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Braywood, St. Simon's and Rugby, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, St. Nicholas' and Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas' and Findenhall, St. Nicholas' and Longford, Reverse St. Bartholomew and All Saints', Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Candlesby and Boxford, 60 of Grandsire): Audrey Butler 1, D. W. Stone 2, W. Butler (cond.) 3, J. C. Birt 4, P. R. Aslett 5, F. R. Scott 6. First in 16 methods by all except conductor.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Sweet 1, Stella Allen 2, F. J. White 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6.

SOUTH CROYDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 24th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Franklin 1, J. Relf 2, Miss M. Christopher 3, Mrs. P. Vowles 4, P. Davis (cond.) 5, T. Blow 6, J. Hayward 7, W. Brownett 8. For 11.30 p.m. Communion Service.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hodges 1, A. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, N. Townsend 4, F. W. Thorpe 5, A. Phillips 6. Rung as a compliment to A. Hodges, a member of the tower, on completion of 50 years' service with the London Brick Company.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—On December 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Dodd 1, F. S. Dodd 2, F. Dyson 3, A. Gordon 4, W. Shaw (cond.) 5, A. S. Gordon 6, D. Sharp 7. Birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Smith (first on treble) 1, D. J. Midgley (aged 13) 2, Jill Tombs 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, F. B. Cookson 5, D. N. Layton (cond.) 6, R. Cooper 7, D. H. Watson 8. Rung for Evensong.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Barnes 1, R. Sollis (first quarter) 2, D. Andrews 3, F. Erith 4, W. Bailey 5, P. G. Barnes (cond.) 6. A compliment to R. Sollis and P. G. Barnes on their engagement.

STRATTON-ST.-MARGARET, WILTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,472 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Savage 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, B. Bladon 3, H. Alexander 4, A. Peake 5, W. Trueman 6, G. Burton 7, A. R. Pink (cond.) 8. Rung for the engagement of Anthony Peake and Pam Tichener.

SULGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Shellard 1, W. J Chester 2, M. Saunders 3, L. E. Wootton (first of Minor) 4, W. A. Yates 5, B. Saunders (first as conductor) 6.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Beryl Churchill 1, M. Noad 2, P. Crudge 3, B. Vine 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, G. Perry 6. First in 2 methods by all except conductor. Rung as a farewell to M. Noad, who is leaving the district.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Ing (first in method) 1, F. W. Goodfellow 2, V. J. Mitchell 3, H. W. Impey 4, A. R. Turley 5, F. Corke (cond.) 6, W. H. Coles 7, R. Harris 8. For evening service and to mark the second anniversary of the rededication of the bells. Also on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Ing 1, P. Phillips 2, H. W. Impey (cond.) 3, V. J. Mitchell 4, R. Harris 5, J. Ing 6. For the service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary V. Smith 1, Ann Barr 2, Stella Hughes (cond.) 3, Samela R. Thomas 4, Jane Cotterill 5, M. Jill Fisher 6. Rung prior to a carol service by members of the Ladies' Guild.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.—On Dec. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire): W. Absolom 1, J. Godman 2, F. Goden 3, F. Absolom (cond.) 4, W. Fulker (first 'inside') 5, R. Tuckwell 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. K. Adkins 1, W. Wenban 2, S. Hoare 3, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 4, W. Paul 5, E. Durrant 6, R. Rowley 7, J. Rootes 8, R. Bell 9, K. Dunstan 10.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,344 London Surprise Major: F. Vickers 1, W. J. Chester 2, W. A. Yates 3, T. E. Roberts 4, H. E. Edwards 5, F. C. Case 6, G. W. Holland 7, G. E. Green (first in method as conductor) 8.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK TIMBRELL

Mr. Frederick Timbrell, of Chipping, Lancs, died on December 26th at the home of his son whilst on Christmas holiday. He would have been 88 on December 29th, and was the eldest of three ringing brothers who rang handbell peals together in 1898.

His activities were numerous, such as 59 years secretary to the Queen Adelaide Lodge of Oddfellows, clerk to the Parish Council, churchwarden and village postman. Mr. Timbrell had not rung for a number of years but maintained his interest by scanning the peal columns of 'The Ringing World,' looking for any of his brothers' peals being rung. These he carefully cut out and pasted in books which he compiled about local happenings.

He joined the Lancashire Association in 1892 and was the oldest member at the time of his death. He leaves a married son, his wife having died about two years ago.

The funeral took place at Chipping on December 30th and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Nye, who described Fred Timbrell as the grand old man of Chipping and a Christian gentleman. The Lancashire Association was represented by the vice-president, and Oddfellow brethren acted as bearers. It is regretted that owing to short notice it was not possible to arrange a handbell band to make the journey to Chipping. E. R. M.

MR. J. J. TAYLOR

We regret to report the death on December 17th, at Wellingborough, of Mr. J. J. Taylor, who had a long association with St. Mary's Church, Stafford, and was well known as a ringer in the Midlands.

He was taught to ring at Brewood at the end of the last century and joined St. Mary's, Stafford, early in the present century. Later he was appointed head ringer, which position he held until leaving Stafford for Northampton in 1928. He was devoted to the ringing of church bells and taught many to become ringers. He returned to Stafford a few years ago and again rang at St. Mary's Church. On the death of his wife he went to live with his son at Wellingborough and it was there he passed peacefully away.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's, Stafford, on December 21st, and to his memory a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major was rung on the bells of St. Mary's. So to his rest passed one who had given of his best to ringing and to the service of his church.

MR. G. NOWELL

We regret to record the passing of Mr. G. Nowell, of Radcliffe-on-Trent, Notts, , on December 14th at the great age of 87 years.

George, as he was known to his friends, had been a ringer at Radcliffe Parish Church for 65 years and had been captain for most of the time since 1892. Never an enthusiast for peal ringing he was a regular attender for service ringing, and at Evensong a constant and familiar figure in the pew he regarded as his place in the church. George was a 'tower of strength.' His services to ringing were marked when the Southwell Diocesan Guild made him a life honorary member in 1946.

The funeral, which took place on December 17th at his own church, was attended by the chairman, secretary and treasurer of the Southwell Guild, as well as members of the Radcliffe band.

During the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following band: S. Loach 1, A. C. Lygo 2, C. Glenn (conductor) 3, J. Hoodless 4, C. Burrill 5, W. Nichols 6, C. Knapp 7, J. Ancliffe 8. A. C. L.

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GIPSON.—At Cambridge on Thursday, Dec. 30th, 1954, to Joan (nee Cook) and John, a daughter (Catherine Elisabeth). 5658

HIBBERT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1954, at Stepping Hill Hospital, to Frances Muriel (nee Laflin), wife of Arthur Hibbert, of 3, Jubilee Road, The Horderns, Chapel-en-le-Frith, a daughter, Elizabeth Anne. 5608

HOWARD.—On Thursday, Dec. 30th, 1954, at Coopers Lane, Bramley, near Basingstoke, to Rosemary and Denis, a daughter, Caroline Mary, sister for Charlotte Elizabeth. 5638

ENGAGEMENT

CORBY—CREWE.—The engagement is announced between R. Gordon Corby, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Corby, 6, Grove Avenue, Vicars Cross, Chester, and M. Roselyn Crewe, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Crewe, 24, Elmwood Avenue, Hoole, Chester. 5653

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Annual meeting at Chewton Mendip, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 5583

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Hedon on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 (price 3s.). Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Hunter, 2, Kings Place, George Street, Hedon, near Hull. 5607

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Withyham (8), Jan. 8th. Names for tea to H. Vaughan, 17, Balls Green, Withyham, Hartfield. — C. A. Bassett. 5601

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Annual meeting at Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells: R.C. 2-3 p.m.; Great St. Andrew's 3-4.30 p.m. and service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road. St. Mary's bells after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5587

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Annual general meeting, Brentwood, Jan. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by meeting. 5531

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Headcorn, Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 5569

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch and Liverpool Branch.—A joint meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 8th. Bells 2.30 p.m. No arrangements for tea; cafes close by.—W. O. Farrimond and P. Cave, Hon. Branch Secs. 5609

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland, Saturday, Jan. 8th, at 2.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to A. Cosson, 5, Barton Row, Burton-in-Kendal, via Carnforth.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 5610

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Annual meeting at Sleaford (8) on Saturday, Jan. 8th.—C. Brown, Hon. Sec. 5580

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly at Swalcliffe (6), Jan. 8th. Service 4. Tea 5. Please notify E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West. Phone: Adderbury 350. 5535

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Winter meeting, Bushbury, Wolverhampton, Jan. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 5574

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, Jan. 12th, 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 5622

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, Jan. 15th, 6 p.m. Ringing St. Mary's, Putney, 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 5606

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Barnsley, Jan. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea 5. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Jan. 12th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 5648

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Ubley, Jan. 15th. Bells 3 o'clock. Divine service 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5630

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Annual at St. John's, Glastonbury, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Notify tea by Tuesday, 11th, certain.—William March, Dovecotes, Street. 5631

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Annual meeting at Luton on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. A good attendance, please.—Dennis Knox. 5650

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Annual meeting, Crewe, Jan. 15th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by Jan. 12th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5639

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stockton (10) on Saturday, Jan. 15th, at 3 p.m. Tea in vestry at 5 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 5620

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting, Allesley, near Coventry, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 5649

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—St. Michael's, Teignmouth, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 5633

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (Stranton). Saturday, Jan. 15th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 13th, to Mr. W. Maugham, 1, Powell Street, West Hartlepool. 5619

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Annual meeting at Huntingdon, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells: Godmanchester 2.30-4 p.m.; All Saints' 4-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. at All Saints'. Tea 5 o'clock All Saints' Hall. All Saints' and St. Mary's towers available after tea.—H. S. Peacock. Dis. Sec. 5647

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea notifications by Jan. 12th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 5617

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Upchurch (6), Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 4.30. Bell from 3 p.m. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, Jan. 11th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec., 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 5615

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next Rossendale Branch meeting will be held at Bacup, Christ Church, on Saturday, January 15th. Tower open for ringing at 5. Free tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify (not later than Wednesday) Mr. J. Walsh, 21, Beech Street, Bacup.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5643

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Annual Branch meeting at Clitheroe on Jan. 15th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5646

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Martin's Church, Bowness, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5645

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Market Harborough bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Wallington, St. Mary's Road, Market Harborough.—L. W. Allen. 5637

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual general meeting, Syston, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, by the 13th, please, to E. F. Payne, 6, The Green. 5654

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5612

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Service, tea and meeting. Further ringing All Jan. 15th, St. Mary-atte-Bow (8), 3-4.30 p.m. Saints', West Ham (10), 6.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Jan. 13th, to L. W. Bullock, 35, Walmer Close, Romford, Essex. 5623

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Annual meeting, Burton, All Saints', Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30. Tea in All Saints' Schoolroom 4.45, followed by meeting. Parish Church bells available after meeting. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Cotton. Overseale 264. 5591

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Wymondham on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea in Vicarage Room at 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names or numbers for tea must be sent on or before Wednesday, Jan. 12th, to H. Tooke, 11, Long Row, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 5596

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Kettering (10) on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Tea will be free to current Branch members. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday previous, to D. Haynes, 5, London Road, Kettering. 5588

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Annual meeting, Wootton Bassett (8), Jan. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea essential. — E, Brooks, 14, Templars Firs, Wootton Bassett, Wilts. 5636

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting to be held at Selby Abbey, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m. Names for tea, on or before Jan. 13th, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby.—L. M. Woodhead. Hon. Sec. 5634

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, January 15th. Bells available: St. Giles', Cripplegate (City) (12), 2.30–4 p.m.: St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30–5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Martin's Canteen, followed by meeting in Vestry Hall. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Jan. 11th, please, to Mrs. C. J. Matthews, 177, Engadine Street, Southfields, S.W.18.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 5526

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 15th, at Newark (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service in choir 4.30. Tea (own arrangements) 5-6. Meeting in belfry 6. Ringing until 8 p.m.—S. L. Barley. 5652

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Lavenham District.—Annual meeting, Sudbury, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea to Mr. A. J. Haynes, 68, Queen's Road, Sudbury.—L. D. Mills, Dis. Sec. 5611

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Dorking on Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea, by Jan. 12th, to Miss E. Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking. 5632

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick, Jan. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 12th, to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 5618

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Saturday, Jan. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

DEVON GUILD. — East Devon Branch. — Harpford, Jan. 22nd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea not later than Jan. 18th.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary, Devon. 5621

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual general meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Queen's Head 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5624

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Annual meeting, Halstead, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 19th, please, to Miss H. G. Snowden, 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead. 5629

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South-West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lifton on Jan. 22nd. Names for tea, by Jan. 17th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5548

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting at Leatherhead on Jan. 22nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall 5.15, with business to follow. Numbers for tea, by Jan. 19th, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 5642

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—**Important Preliminary Notice.**—The annual general meeting of the Kent Branch will be held at Canterbury Cathedral on Jan. 22nd, Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. and Evensong at 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names, by Jan. 15th, please, to Mr. B. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. All ladies welcome, gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden, Hon. Sec. 5585

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Bolton Parish, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Other Branches welcome. Business 6. Names for free tea to V. Martin, 413, Crompton Way, Bolton. — J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 5614

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at the Town Hall (Lloyd Street entrance), Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at 3 p.m. Nearby cafes. All welcome. Note change of date.—R. Benson (DIDsbury 6747). 5640

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stratton Audley (5 bells), Jan. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Bicester (8) 7.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 17th, to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Wellingborough on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. J. King, 53, Leys Road, Wellingborough. 5641

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Culworth, Saturday, Jan 22nd. Service 4 p.m. Please notify Hon. Sec., not later than Tuesday previous, of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Hon. Sec., Eydon, Rugby. 5644

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Salisbury, Jan. 22nd. Service, St. Thomas', 4. Tea and meeting 4.45. Bells: St. Martin's 1-3.30, 7-8.30; St. Paul's 2-3.45, 8-9; St. Thomas' 6-8. Names for tea, by Jan. 19th, please, to Miss Eloie, 66, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 5604

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting, Jan. 22nd. at Immanuel, Streatham (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 in Church Hall. Names, by Wednesday previous, please, to Mrs. O. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath. Business includes nominations for general officers. St. Leonard's bells (8) after. —W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 5625

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. General committee meet 3 p.m. in Church Schools. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) 5 p.m. on same premises. Names, by 20th, to A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds 16. Service 4.15 p.m. General meeting in Schools after tea.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 5626

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL RINGERS. — Annual dinner will take place on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Tickets (8s. each) from Michael Sprackling, Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol 8. Ringing times to follow. All welcome. 5628

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Annual meeting, St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells: St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m., Cathedral (12) after tea. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5657

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Annual meeting at Portsea on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Jan. 12th to F. W. Rogers, 179, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham. 5655

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual general meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Plantation Road, Boreham. 5659

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Annual general meeting, Jan. 22nd, St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Cartwright, Miswell Orchard, Miswell Lane, Tring, Herts, by the 17th.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 5660

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD— Daventry Branch.—Annual meeting, Daventry, Jan. 22nd. Important—Names for tea must reach me by Saturday, Jan. 15th. — F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—No suitable tower available for this month. Next meeting at Harbury, Feb. 5th, followed by social 7.30 p.m. Details later. —H. M. Windsor, Hon. Sec. 5656

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THE MESSAGE OF THE BELLS

By A Lady Captain

IT is half past eleven on New Year's Eve and the village seems almost deserted. It is a very scattered village, a village of winding roads and lanes, with the church, the parish room and the school forming a focal point of interest in the centre.

The flood-lighting, installed to illuminate the clock in the belfry, shows up the grey walls of the church with its arched doorway. It shines on the dark evergreens in the churchyard, and on the trees beyond. It is very peaceful.

Down one of the lanes come the headlights of a car and motor-cycle and the flicker of torches. The ringers are on their way from the vicarage to ring out the old year and ring in the new.

There is the clatter of feet as they climb the wooden staircase that leads to the belfry, and the hum of conversation and laughter as the bell-ropes are swung down from the ceiling — for this is a special annual occasion. Six ringers take hold of the ropes. There is a momentary hush as the treble ringer glances round—'All ready, treble's going, gone.' The ringing has begun. In the bell chamber overhead the wheels turn as one by one the bells give tongue. To and fro swing the heavy bells guided and controlled by wheel and rope. Round and back the wheels turn with crash of metal on metal as the clappers strike on the sides of the bells. Out through the open louvres sweeps the wild tumultuous message of the bells. Out over the quiet evergreens and the trees, over the silent houses and the twisting lanes, swept by the wind into the darkness.

'Remember the year that is passing,
Remember its joys and its sorrows,
Remember its celebrations and its disappointments,
Remember the past for the year is ending.'

In the belfry below the ropes rise and fall following a curious complicated sequence understood only by ringers themselves. The shadows cast by the moving ropes, dance and flicker on the rough bare walls, until one by one the bells come to rest, and as the year passes, the tenor bell is tolled—twelve times. There is silence in the belfry while the vicar conducts a brief service. Then, 'I wish you all a very happy New Year.'

The atmosphere is gay and lighthearted as the ringers prepare to pull the bells off, for the first time in the new year. Again the ropes rise and fall. Again the wheels turn, and again the message sweeps out into the night:

'A new year has begun. Have hope, have courage, have faith. This is the beginning of another year.'

For the last time the bells come to rest. The ropes are swung up to the ceiling out of harm's way. The empty church echoes as the trap door is let down and the ringers prepare to leave. The lights of the cycles disappear, and the sound of the car fades in the distance. The church remains, dark, silent and alone.

High in the belfry the bells rest in their heavy frames, each leaning against its stay—waiting.

It is the beginning of a new year. A. S.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of January 15th, 1915

RINGING IN 1914

In any review of the year 1914 . . . the effect of the war is necessarily the outstanding feature. . . . The effect on the total for the year was that only 1,411 peals were rung as against 2,359 in the preceding twelve months and this when the record for the first seven months of 1914 was well in advance of the corresponding period of the preceding year. . . .

Of the total peals rung, 162 were on handbells. . . . Mr. A. H. Pulling headed the list of conductors with 41, the next in order being Messrs. W. Pye with 37, C. F. Bailey 24, Clement Glenn 21, Frank Bennett 18, E. M. Atkins and F. W. Naunton 17 each, E. Barnett, sen., and Keith Hart 15 each, A. C. Wright 14, J. T. Dyke and W. Steele 13 each, B. Prewett, T. H. Taffender and S. H. Symonds 12 each, D. J. Nichols 11, C. R. Lilley, F. G. May, W. Short, B. Thorp, G. Williams and Samuel Wood 10 each.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CAMBRIDGE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	2	RODNEY D. MEADOWS	8
PETER BORDER	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
TERRY R. HAMPTON	6	JOHN S. MASON	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

TEN BELL PEALS

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Treble*	G. ALEC DIMMOCK	6
*DOREEN DUTTON	2	†FRANK STEAD	7
E. ROGER MARTIN	3	RONALD KENRICK	8
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	9
THOMAS BARKER	5	ERNEST J. GOWER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Caters.
Rung as a compliment to the Venerable W. G. Fallows, M.A., Vicar of Preston, Chaplain to H.M. the Queen, on his appointment as Archdeacon of Lancaster.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*CHARLES MCGUINESS	*Treble*	†DENIS A. BAYLES	6
†KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	2	†KENNETH ARTHUR	7
ARNOLD BRUNTON	3	†ERIC N. HARRISON	8
HOWARD SCOTT	4	†ROLAND PARK	9
†THOMAS W. CROWE	5	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by S. THOMAS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* 400th peal. † First peal of Yorkshire Royal.
A farewell to Arnold Brunton, who is leaving to work in Mitcham.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ST. COLUMB MAJOR, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

V. MARY MATTHEWS	*Treble*	C. KEITH BREWER	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	6
MRS. J. M. SIMPKIN	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	7
HARRY HARPER	4	ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
A 99th birthday compliment to Mr. Sam Quintrell, Cornwall's oldest ringer.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 17, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
IAN H. ORAM	2	RALPH BIRD	6
*MARY R. ANDREWS	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in F.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	*KENNETH W. KNOWLES	5
MURIEL REAY	2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 22, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5072 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
*RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
*G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
*EILEEN G. BRACEY	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Little Bob.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DENNIS KNOX	*Treble*	*JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	5
*R. JOHN SCOTT	2	RONALD J. SHARP	6
*DEREK G. BROYD	3	*JAMES G. NEWMAN	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	ALFRED E. RUSHTON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. James G. Newman, both ringers at this church.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ANTHONY E. COX	*Treble*	†ARTHUR WHITE	5
WALTER AVERY	2	WALTER LEE	6
*DAVID CORNWALL	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
PERCY NEWTON	4	ARTHUR NEWTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BIGGS.
* First peal in method. † First peal on eight bells.
A birthday compliment to Anthony Cox.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	PETER BERESFORD	5
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	JOAN BERESFORD	6
EDMUND MALIN	3	*WALTER J. COPE	7
JEFFREY B. WEBB	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Middleton, of Alrewas.

APPLEDORE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHREY	*Treble*	ROBERT SWIFT	5
*MAISIE VANTOM	2	RICHARD J. LANCEFIELD	6
*OLIVE M. BOULDEN	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of Yorkshire.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*BRENDA M. BALLS	*Treble*	‡ALLEN W. CANSDALE	5
†PAULINE A. NICE	2	‡FRANK G. OLIVER	6
ALAN R. ANDREWS	3	HARRY J. MILLATT	7
JAMES H. EDWARDS	4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Yorkshire.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Harry J. Millatt and Miss Pauline A. Nice on their engagement.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb. in F sharp.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	*EDWIN WILLIAMS	5
ALFRED MOULD	2	MAURICE BAILEY	6
WILLIAM LANCASTER	3	*BENJAMIN BARKER	7
MARK J. BARKER	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal of Surprise. The conductor has now conducted a peal from every bell in this tower.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

THOMAS SEWELL	*Treble*	DENIS A. BAYLES	5
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	2	THOMAS W. CROWE	6
KENNETH ARTHUR	3	ERIC N. HARRISON	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
First peal in the method by all, on the bells and for the Association.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
On the 'Gabriel' Eight. Tenor 19 cwt. 55 lb. in F.

WALTER J. HOUGHTON	*Treble*	HENRY TOOKE	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	BERT GOGLE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
A compliment to Miss Mary Clover, of Wymondham, on the eve of her 21st birthday.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 18½ cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	5
*TERENCE BARTON	2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	6
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	†REGINALD F. ADAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' † First peal.
Rung as birthday compliments to W. J. Walker, of Upchurch; Ernest Simpson, of Sittingbourne; Eileen S. Wyles, of Faversham; and Eric, Frederick and Mollie Naylor, brothers and sister of the conductor.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 4 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

*GORDON GAYLARD	*Treble*	PHILIP MEHEW	5
*RONALD C. NOON	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
*ROBIN G. TURNER	3	BRYAN S. COPE	7
C. MICHAEL ORME	4	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
* First peal of New Cambridge. First of New Cambridge for the Guild.
A 23rd birthday compliment to Patrick Chapman.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN F. MURFIN	*Treble*	ALAN TAYLOR	5
MAURICE BAILEY	2	ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	6
*JOHN S. HARRISON	3	MARK BARKER	7
JACK BAILEY	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HOWLETT. Conducted by MAURICE BAILEY.
* First peal on eight bells.
Birthday compliment to John S. Harrison.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

*PETER LANGTON	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
GEORGE FRANCIS	2	E. JOHN WELLS	6
†BRIAN LUFF	3	ROLAND W. MORANT	7
JAMES F. DOBSON	4	HAROLD F. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.
* First peal. † 25th peal for the Association. First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

WILLIAM J. LEACH	*Treble*	†JOHN H. JOYNER	5
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	2	*EDWARD J. WHITE	6
*ALAN G. FOSTER	3	GORDON HARRISON	7
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for the Christmas festival.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

ROY K. MOWFORTH	*Treble*	JEFFREY B. WEBB	5
*EDMUND A. MALIN	2	†DENNIS BERESFORD	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	*PETER BERESFORD	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 8). Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

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ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

*MICHAEL M. DYER	*Treble*	E. JACK PARISH	5
†LESLIE W. FISHER	2	FRANK W. LACK	6
FRANK WARRINGTON	3	R. FRANK BAKER	7
JOHN R. C. SPICER	4	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First of Major. † Rung each bell in this tower to a peal.
A wedding compliment to Mr. Brian C. Warwick and Miss Winifred Burton.

ST. KEA, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*PAUL HARDING	*Treble*	CLEMENT W. JOSE	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	DOUGLAS BURNETT	6
A. HUBERT EPLETT	3	FREDERICK R. ROBERTS	7
†JAMES PHILLIPS	4	‡ANTHONY LOCKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal on eight.
Rung for the Christmas festival.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	JAMES W. GROUNDS	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	FRANK STEAD	6
STANLEY WALMESLEY	3	LAURENCE WALMESLEY	7
ARTHUR RIGBY	4	JAMES BLACKBURN	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
Rung as a mark of esteem and appreciation to the Rev. Canon R. G. F. Wyatt, M.A., Rector of Chorley, Rural Dean of Leyland, on his retirement from the ministry.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	ALFRED J. HOUSE	5
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
JOHN R. MAYNE	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part, 7th observation. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

*DUGALD MACPHERSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS	5
CYRIL WILLIAMSON	2	TOM PAGE	6
CHARLES W. DENYER	3	E. JOHN WELLS	7
EDWARD J. BRAGG	4	HARRY C. WILLIAMSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor and 75th peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar and Mrs. A. L. E. Hoskyns-Abrahall.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,536 of Yorkshire, 2,208 of Cambridge and 1,344 of Superlative, with 132 changes of method. Tenor 23 cwt.

MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
MARK W. MARSHALL	2	*GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 50th peal.
Half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
*DAVID J. TAYLOR	2	†HAROLD E. CLAYTON	6
ELSIE K. FULTON	3	†PETER D. BEEDIE	7
†JOHN SCHOFIELD	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Major.
A birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 7th.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. On the Stelfox '8.'

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	5
PETER J. STANIFORTH	2	SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	JOHN A. ACRES	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Brian G. Warwick and Miss Winifred M. Burton, also to Mr. Donald Theedom, member of the Cathedral, and Miss Pauline Brooks.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

LEWIS J. BATLEY	*Treble*	DAVID W. BEARD	5
*MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	JOHN H. CRAMPION	6
*C. RONALD SMITH	3	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	7
*CHARLES A. HUGHES	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Watch Night service, and also a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. Edward D. Smith.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In four methods, being 1,312 Bristol and 1,280 each of London, Cambridge and Superlative, with 112 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

MRS. P. LEWINGTON	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	6
JOHN N. DISERENS	3	REGINALD W. REX	7
RONALD F. DISERENS	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
The first peal of Spliced Surprise by all except the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, viz. (1) Double Court and Single Court; (2) York and Durham; (3) London and Wells (4) Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Thelwall and Childwall: (5) Oxford and Kent; (6) Cambridge and Bourne; (7) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

*WILLIAM E. GREEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	LOUIS W. WILLDERS	5
*JOHN F. PEARSON	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
* First peal in 16 methods.

BRASTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

An extent each of Norwich Surprise, Ipswich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

*KATHLEEN E. WELLER	*Treble*	RICHARD W. STEPHENS	4
MARY FULLER	2	RALPH BIRD	5
MICHAEL FULLER	3	JOHN E. CANNELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. CANNELL.
* First peal of Minor.

HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*PETER HANLEY	*Treble*	ALAN CAPSTICK	4
†MARION HAYTON	2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE	5
FRANK POSTLETHWAITE	3	PHILLIP DRAFFEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILLIP DRAFFEN.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells. Arranged for the tenor ringer, who comes from Consett, Durham.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 lb.

EDMUND J. MORRIS	*Treble*	TUDOR EDWARDS	4
HARRY BOYCE	2	KEITH JONES	5
JOSEPH LOVETT	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

SEALE. SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 extents (10 callings) and three each of Morris's and Pitman's 240's. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A flat.

*BRIAN HALE	*Treble*	E. JOHN WELLS	4
*†DUGALD MACPHERSON	2	*ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
*ERNEST GARDNER	3	ROLAND W. MORANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal 'inside.'

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 26, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*JANET FRENCH	*Treble*	KEVIN S. HOHL	4
GEORGE FRY	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	5
†WILLIAM R. MANSER	3	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal. † 100th peal for the Association. First peal as conductor. The ringer of the 5th has now 'circled the tower' twice.

AYLESBEARE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of Rugby Slow Course, Stedman Slow Course, Plain Bob, April Day, Old, Norfolk, Kennington, Seighford, Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Blaise, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Newborough, All Saints and Stedman. Tenor 12 cwt.

CYRIL SAVAGE	*Treble*	SIDNEY SKINNER	4
ROBERT PERRY	2	JOHN QUICK	5
CYRIL DEEM	3	RONALD PITMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.
First peal in 21 methods for all, for the Guild and in the county.



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CADELEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 Kent Treble Bob and 3,600 Plain Bob, each extent called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

RONALD PITMAN .. .. ..*Treble*	*ROBERT PERRY 4
*CYRIL SAVAGE 2	*CYRIL DEEM 5
SIDNEY SKINNER 3	JOHN QUICK .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.
* First peal in two methods. First peal as conductor.

CALVERLEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being à 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

RONALD PITMAN .. ..*Treble*	CYRIL SAVAGE 4
CYRIL DEEM 2	ROBERT PERRY 5
SIDNEY SKINNER 3	JOHN QUICK .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.
First complete peal in the method for all.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Single Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Primrose and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

ALBERT E. SCOTT .. ..*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER .. 4
*J. ROBIN WORSDALL .. 2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD .. 5
CECIL WADE 3	FRED BRIGHTMAN .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* First peal in seven methods.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 30 extents (10 callings), six Morris's 240's. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

CLIFFORD AARON .. ..*Treble*	FRANK LINFOOT 4
PAUL BIRKETT 2	ALBERT W. BOND 5
JOHN PEARSON 3	HARRY RENSHAW .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
First peal of Grandsire Doubles for all.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

One block 2,160-83-75-87-720's 67-64-59-58 C.C.C.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*DONALD PEACOCK .. ..*Treble*	E. JACK PARISH 4
*FRANK ELSOM 2	FRANK W. LACK 5
†FRANK WARRINGTON .. 3	†HAROLD S. PEACOCK ..*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.
* First peal of Surprise. † 75th peal together.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 13 methods, viz. (1) College Bob and Double Court, (2) Hereward Bob and Double Bob, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Thelwall and Childwall, (5) Cambridge Surprise, (6) Single Oxford and Double Oxford, (7) St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*SHELAGH R. COLLINS ..*Treble*	*EILEEN M. TURNER .. 4
RALPH BIRD 2	*E. JOHN WELLS 5
*ROLAND W. MORANT .. 3	*A. PATRICK CANNON ..*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in 13 methods. First peal in 13 methods for the Guild and in the county.
Rung as a compliment to Winifred M. Burton and Brian G. Warwick, who were married this day at South Wigston, Leicestershire.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOE E. G. ROAST .. ..*Treble*	‡IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS .. 4
*MICHAEL EDWARDS 2	§PETER J. EVES 5
†MARY DOWSETT 3	PETER J. CAME .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.
* First peal 'inside.' † 20th peal. ‡ 30th peal. § 60th peal and first of Plain Bob Minor.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

R. ROGER SAVORY .. ..*Treble*	†ROBERT W. COLE 4
*BRENDA M. SMITH 2	‡WILFRED J. NEWMAN .. 5
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING .. 3	GERALD C. HEMMING ..*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor in five methods.

APSLEY END, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven 720's in eight methods : (1) Double and Reverse, (2) Oxford Bob, (3) St. Clement's, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Plain Bob, (6) Cambridge, (7) Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

BRIAN M. BARKER .. ..*Treble*	WILLIAM C. HUGHES .. 4
PAMELA A. MARTIN 2	DEREK E. LATCHFORD .. 5
EDWIN J. UPTON 3	WALTER AYRE .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Rung for the Christmas festival and for Holy Innocents' Day.

COBHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in G sharp.

W. ERNEST MATHEWS ..*Treble*	ANN M. COX 4
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS .. 2	ROLAND W. MORANT .. 5
EILEEN M. TURNER 3	E. JOHN WELLS .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal in four methods.

CULHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
NON-ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*BARRY DAVIS .. .. ..*Treble*	*J. WILLIAM T. DAVIS .. 4
WILLIAM C. RHODES .. 2	GORDON H. LANE 5
J. WILLIAM HOVEY 3	LESLIE L. WILLIS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by J. WILLIAM HOVEY.
* First peal of Minor.
A welcome home to the treble ringer on completion of service with the R.A.F.

HIGH ONGAR, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 15 methods, viz. (1) College Bob IV., Willesden and Old Oxford Delight; (2) College Exercise, Norbury and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob; (3) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's Bob; (4) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (5) Kent Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JOHN WEST .. .. ..*Treble*	HOWARD EGGLESTONE .. 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS .. 2	*JOE E. G. ROAST 5
*PETER J. EVES 3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS ..*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* 25th peal together. First peal in 15 methods on the bells.

HOUGHTON CONQUEST, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

Stephen Ivin	*Treble*	C. Henry Harding	4
Marion Jackson	2	*C. Michael Orme	5
C. Edward Jeffries	3	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.

* 25th peal. First peal of Minor on the bells for 51 years, they being last rehung in 1841.

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

Henry Springate	*Treble*	Stewart F. W. Kimber	4
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	Trevor A. Cross	5
Ralph Bird	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

The quickest peal on the bells.

ALBURY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of College Bob, Double Court, Double Bob, Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*Monica E. Collins	*Treble*	*Roland W. Morant	4
Shelagh R. Collins	2	*E. John Wells	5
*Eileen M. Turner	3	*A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal in seven Plain methods, for the Guild and in the county. The conductor's 425th peal.

BRAMLEY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Stedman, Northrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Eynsham, Old, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

Monica E. Collins	*Treble*	Roland W. Morant	4
*Shelagh R. Collins	2	E. John Wells	5
Eileen M. Turner	3	†Lawson B. Luing	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal. First peal in 14 methods by all the band and for the Guild.

HANDBELL PEALS

HAMPTON WICK, MIDDLESEX.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At 3, Station Road,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 19 in G.

E. J. Lindley (Trinity)	1—2	*B. T. Threlfall (Trinity)	5—6
Anne B. Speed (Girton)	3—4	R. F. B. Speed (Caius)	7—8

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by R. F. B. Speed.

* 25th handbell peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents of Plain Bob and 32 extents of Grandsire.
Tenor size 15 in C.

John Vernon	1—2	C. Roger Hayward	3—4
		*John A. Smith	5—6

Conducted by John A. Smith.

* First peal 'in hand,' and as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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Fifty years ago on January 7th Mr. T. Male, of Warwick, rang his first peal at All Saints', Emscote. The ringers were John Pinfold 1, W. Collett 2, T. Male 3, Q.M.S. Pye 4, William Male 5, E. H. Adams 6, George Ellis 7, J. Castle tenor. John Pinfold, who rang the treble, was father of W. J. Pinfold. The latter rang his first peal at the age of 13¼ years on the same bells. Very few of the original band survive.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. J. W. Hartley, of St. Thomas' Church, Norbury, Hazel Grove, struck the tenor bell for the 50th year on New Year's eve at midnight. His health has not been too good lately and he was brought to church by car and then afterwards taken home again. He was congratulated by the Vicar, the bellringers and many friends who witnessed the completion of this record.

The ringer of the sixth in the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Edenham, Lincs (page 835) on December 18th was Horace Bennett.

Mr. W. Thornley writes thanking Mr. R. F. B. Speed foi pointing out the correct ownership of the composition of Superlative (see page 811).

A story of youngster keenness comes from Barrow-in-Furness. Two youngsters keen to learn the art attended the watchnight service and ticked off the bob lead ends.

By ringing the tenor to a peal at Hughenden, Bucks, on Christmas Eve, Mr. Arthur Newton has now 'circled the tower' since the bells have been recast. He is the second member of the tower to do so.

Owing to one of the band, Mr. A. Smith, falling into a dyke early in the afternoon, the bells of Brampton Bierlow, Yorks, were not rung before the tower's first annual dinner. We could understand the accident after the happy event but not before!

The 1,260 of Bob Minor rung at Springfield, Essex, on December 26th, was to commemorate the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Myhill. The band wish them many more years added to their happy married life. Messrs. E. Kemp and Myhill are the only two surviving members of the band formed at Springfield in 1920.

Sir Roger Makins, British Ambassador to the United States, has sent a cheque for 500 dollars towards the restoration of the steeple of the Old North Church, Boston, which is a gift from British diplomats all over the United States. The story of this church built by English engineers in 1723 appeared in 'The Ringing World' of November 5th, 1954.

The title of the peal rung at Hemel Hempstead on December 2nd, 1954 (see page 803, issue December 17th), should read Beretun and not Brereton. Will those responsible for records kindly note.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft, of Stoke Poges, returns his sincere thanks for the good wishes of the friends who honoured him with peals on his 80th birthday, and also to those who remembered his late wife.

Further ill-luck befell the Leicester ringers when attempting a peal of Stedman Cinques on New Year's Eve, owing to the treble rope breaking after 20 minutes' ringing. As there was no time to start again eight of the company rang a peal of Cambridge on the Stelfox eight.

Mary's party the night before was blamed for the failure of the nine-method peal attempt at Fryerning during the Christmas holidays. 'There were some very pale faces and bleary eyes when they assembled,' reports our correspondent, who adds: 'Early morning pealringers need early night befores'!

Miss Edna Longden, daughter of Mr. R. Longden, of Manchester Cathedral band, was married at Holy Trinity Church, Rusholme, on Boxing Day. A quarter peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at the Cathedral the following Sunday to mark the happy occasion. A recording was made of the wedding service and the first 20 minutes of the quarter peal.

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UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION WINTER MEETING

Bethnal Green Reminiscences

A COMPANY of 54 sat down at the annual dinner of the Universities Association held at the Victoria, London, S.W., on January 7th. Mr. E. H. Lewis, the president, was in the chair, and guests included the Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the Rev. A. A. Gorbold and Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Ringing took place during the day at St. Alfege's, Greenwich; St. Giles', Camberwell; St. Mary's, Rotherhithe; and St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. The Association attended Evensong at St. Matthew's, which was conducted by the Rector and Rural Dean, the Rev. A. A. Gorbold.

The president, after wishing the company a very happy New Year with plenty of ringing, said it was about 44 or 45 years ago since he rang a peal at Bethnal Green, the last tower they rang in that day. After the peal he was met by Mr. Mat Wood, who was then an old man. Mat mentioned that when a young man he rang with a ringer who had taken part in a long length peal in 1774.

The toast of 'The Church' was proposed by Mr. Paul L. Taylor, who said without the Church there would be no bells and they would not be there. It had fallen to his lot to have many dealings with the Church authorities and he hoped that such a happy arrangement would go on for many years.

THE BIGGEST CLASH

The Rev. A. A. Gorbold, who replied, said it was a great privilege for him to welcome the Association to his church, which was one of the great towers of London until it was blitzed in 1940. A great many peals had been rung at Bethnal Green and he had never had a complaint. The biggest 'clash' was made by the ladies. It was a tremendous effort and they went the full length they said they would.

The Church had often been described as the mother of them all, but the Anglican Church was, he believed, the only one that was the mother of change ringing, and it redounded to the credit of that Church that she had given a great interest to many of her children. 'Long may it continue.'

Mr. C. G. J. Watts, the new Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, proposed the toast of 'The Universities' Association.' Although their Association had been a member of the Central Council a relatively short time, he said, it had left its mark on the pattern of the Exercise. The main object of their Association was to form ringing societies in the different Universities and he understood when they started there were Guilds only in Oxford and Cambridge. He congratulated the Society on its progress and expressed the hope that it would eventually form societies in the Universities of Scotland and Ireland. Individual members of the Society had already distinguished themselves as composers, conductors and critics, and it was a great satisfaction to him as Master that many of their members were also members of the Ancient Society.

Their service to the Church should be their first consideration and unfortunately there were many towers that were silent due largely to the fact that the territorial Associations had not enough members. In this connection he noted with pleasure the arrangement that had been made for the London University Society to be responsible for ringing the bells of St. Olave's. No one was more grateful for that decision than Mr. Hughes, because it was only after considerable persuasion that the Rector agreed to hang swinging bells, and then on the understanding that they would be rung.

PURPOSES FOR PEAL RINGING

Their secretary had given him a list of the first hundred peals rung by the Association. Before any of them rang a peal they should ask these questions: Is the peal in the interest of the Church and will it advance the art of ringing? Except when peals were rung on national occasions of joy or sorrow such a standard was desirable.

Replying to the toast, Mr. Brian D. Threlfall (hon. secretary and treasurer) said they did not confine their membership to English Universities. They had representatives there of both Scottish and Irish Universities and they had several members in Australia. As to peals it had always been the object of the Association to give people an opportunity to ring either a 'first peal' or a 'first in the method.'

On behalf of the Association he welcomed Mr. Gorbold and thanked him for permitting them to join in Evensong at his church. He also welcomed the other visitors—the Master of the Ancient Society, the Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, Mr. Frank Hawthorne, who was also the captain of his own tower, Mr. A. A. Hughes, and the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' He extended the congratulations of the Association to their vice-president (the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow) and his fiancée, Miss Hooke, on their engagement, and to Mr. Paul Taylor on the birth of a son and heir.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AT BRISTOL

For particulars of accommodation see Page 30.

Reviewing the year, he said the Association had a successful week at Hereford during which six peals were rung. Their thanks were due to Mr. Wilfrid Moreton for organising the week. During the year the Association rang 12 peals—six on tower bells and six 'in hand.'

THE ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting followed with the president in the chair. The election of the following new members was ratified:—

Bristol University: Miss P. M. Bourn, D. R. P. Heighton, C. Blundell and A. Wright.
Cambridge University: K. D. Painter and B. J. Stafford.
Durham University: Miss T. M. Hook.
London University: G. McKay.
Manchester University: A. Twyman.
Oxford University: Miss G. R. Lamont.
Southampton University: D. C. Jackson.

After discussion it was agreed to hold the 1955 Ringing Week at Rugby from August 6th to the 13th.

In accordance with notice previously circulated three additional rules were added to the constitution of the Association. These provided for the presentation of audited accounts at the annual meeting to follow the dinner; the keeping of a peal book and that the record of a peal be submitted to the secretary within one month of it being rung together with details including the composition; and that one month's notice be given to the secretary of any alteration or additions to rules.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed was appointed auditor.

The accounts for the past year were submitted, the secretary reporting that both the week and the dinner made a profit. The balance in hand was £19 8s. 5d. compared with £13 15s. 4d. at the beginning of the previous financial year.

The date of the next annual dinner was fixed for Friday, January 6th, 1956.

TWO WELL-KNOWN LEICESTER RINGERS MARRIED

Mr. Brian G. Warwick—Miss Winifred M. Burton

Contrary to the weather prophet's forecast, Boxing Day, 1954, proved to be a most beautiful day for the wedding of Miss Winifred M. Burton and Mr. Brian G. Warwick at the Church of St. Thomas, South Wigston, Leicestershire.

A large congregation of ringers, relatives and friends gathered to witness a most inspiring service.

On arrival at the church the bride and her two sisters, as bridesmaids in attendance, followed in procession the choir to the steps of the chancel, where the ceremony was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Lockley. After the marriage ceremony the bride and bridegroom received Holy Communion.

On leaving the church the happy couple passed through an archway of handbells held by ringing friends. The bells, however, much to the surprise of the bridal pair, were filled with rice; this was used to the fullest advantage.

The reception was held at the Church Hall, adjoining the church. After a very substantial repast and the toasts had been delivered, Brian joined Mrs. P. J. Staniforth and Messrs. H. Poole, W. Moreton, H. Poyner and P. Staniforth in a course of Stedman Cinques.

As always, time went far too quickly, and the moment came when we had to say farewell to Brian and Winifred as they left to spend their honeymoon at an unknown destination. Shortly afterwards a band met to attempt a peal in their honour, but it is sad to relate it came to grief after ringing for one hour and twenty minutes owing to a gudgeon on the second bell breaking. Luckily no serious damage was caused to the bell. The peal attempt was conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton, a close friend of the bridegroom.

Altogether it was truly a ringer's wedding: the bridegroom is the organist at the church and also the Ringing Master; the bride is a ringer at Leicester Cathedral, where her husband was until his appointment as organist at St. Thomas' Church; the bride's father (Mr. Shirley Burton) and the best man (Mr. Harry Poyner) are also members of the Cathedral band; the bride's sister (Miss Eileen Burton) is also a ringer at Aylestone Church.

LONDON UNIVERSITY RINGERS WED

Members of the London University Society rang the bells of St. Peter's Church, Chertsey, Surrey, on January 1st, prior to the wedding of Miss Ann M. Field, of Chertsey, to Mr. David J. Little, of Wivenhoe, Essex. The choral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Archibald, and the bride was given away by her father, Mr. F. Field. The bridesmaid was Miss Avril Ratcliff, a cousin of the bride, and the bridegroom's brother, Mr. Seley E. Little, was best man. At the close of the service further ringing took place by a band from St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames.

A reception was held at the Bridge Hotel, Chertsey, when telegrams of best wishes from many friends were read. Amongst these was a greeting from the ringers of Wivenhoe Parish Church.

Later the couple took their departure, with the traditional abundant adornment of 'newlyweds,' for a honeymoon in London. Afterwards they will return to West Cumberland, where they both work and where they first met.

Analysis of Handbell Peals rung during 1953

ASSOCIATION	ROYAL			CATERS		MAJOR													MINOR									DOUBLES			TOTAL
	Stedman Sextuples	Spliced Maximus (12)	Stedman Cinques	Spliced Plain (5)	Little Bob	Plain Bob	Grandsire	Stedman	London Surprise	Cambridge Surprise	Oxford Treble Bob	Kent Treble Bob	Little Bob	Double Norwich	Plain Bob	Spliced Plain (21)	Ditto (6)	Ditto (7)	Ditto (8)	Ditto (9)	Ditto (10)	Grandsire Triples	Stedman Triples	1 Method	2 Methods	3 Methods	4 Methods	5 Methods	6 Methods	7 Methods	9 Methods	10 Methods	13 Methods	17-23 Methods	1 Method	2 Methods	3 Methods	
Cambridge U. G.	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Coventry Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4
Derbyshire Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Ely Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Essex Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Glouc't'r & Bristol	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Irish Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	3	3	20
Lancashire Assn.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Leicester Diocesan	1	—	6	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	17
Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Middlesex County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
North Staffs ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Norwich Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Oxford Diocesan ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
Oxford University	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	2	—	—	—	11
Peterborough Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
St. Martin's Guild	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Salisbury Guild ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
Southwell Dio.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Surrey Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Sussex County.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Universities Assn.	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
Wm. & Ports Dio.	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
Worcester & Dis.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Yorkshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	10
Unattached	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Totals	1	1	8	1	1	8	6	6	2	1	1	1	1	2	33	1	4	2	1	1	1	12	3	19	3	4	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	12	3	4	154

The last time Brent Knoll, Somerset, appeared in our peal columns was in July, 1912.

The peal of 5,184 Watford Surprise Major at Bushey on December 27th was Mr. C. W. Woolley's 600th peal.

The peal of Plain Bob Minor rung on November 30th at Trumpington was in honour of the 80th birthday of Sir Winston Churchill.

Miss Kathleen Softley's performance in ringing her first peal of Royal—Yorkshire Surprise—without previous practice was greatly admired by her ringing friends in the Newcastle area.

Miss Jean M. Powell will go down in ringing history as the girl who persevered. After 30 unsuccessful attempts she has scored another peal at Cowbridge, Glam., on December 29th.

The date of the Northampton Great Fire was 1675 and not 1666 as inadvertently appeared in our issue of December 31st (page 845). Henry Bayley III. had his foundry at Ecton and not Exton. Both these villages are in the Peterborough Diocese and both towers have six bells.

The Danbury, Essex, band had a very busy Christmas. In the two weeks preceding the Festival they toured the village ringing handbells and collected over £30 for the St. Giles' Leper Home, Bicknacre, and for handbell maintenance. Invited to call a Boxing Day peal, young Ivan (16) said he would have a go, and proceeded to call seven different extents with no hesitation at all.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Andrew C. Sinfield and Mr. Ronald J. Sharp have now rung a peal on all the rings of eight in Bedfordshire.

The ringers of Keymer (Sussex) held an evening social on New Year's Day, and over 60 ringers and friends from various Sussex towers started the year with a very enjoyable evening.

Mr. F. J. Blagrove informs us that his figure of 343 Treble Bob Major is incorrect and should be 1,046. The number of distinct methods is 343, as opposed to slight variations. (See letter, page 843, December 31st, 1954.)

Miss J. Armstrong, in sending her New Year greetings to her many new friends she met when the Central Council came to Newcastle, informs us that at 7 o'clock on Christmas morning the band played a programme of carols from Morpeth Watch Tower.

Norbury, Cheshire, handbell ringers have a set of 166 bells and 10 or 11 ringers are needed for some of the pieces they play. At the carol service at St. Thomas' Church they rendered Mozart's 'Minuet and Trio' arranged for eight ringers, and a selection from 'William Tell' arranged for nine ringers. During the service Messrs. J. Worth, C. K. Lewis, J. Wittaker, G. Hedley and J. Fernley rang a plain course of Grandsire Caters. The church was full to capacity and everyone enjoyed the service.

Congratulations to Peter Langton (15) on his first peal, at Billingshurst, Sussex, where his father, the Rev. M. C. Langton, is Vicar.

It has been suggested to Mr. Patrick I. Chapman, who celebrated his 23rd birthday on December 30th last, that he is the youngest ringer to have turned in Sherborne tenor to a peal. Mr. Gordon Gaylard stood in at short notice in the peal through Mr. G. E. Watson becoming a victim to influenza.

The party from the South Midlands who rang the peal at Sherborne on Boxing Day rang the previous day at Cheltenham, Wells Cathedral and Yeovil. They are grateful to Mr. Pope for arranging accommodation at Sherborne and to Mr. J. T. Dyke for helping with ringers at Wells.

It is officially learned that Abington, a suburb of Northampton, a tower with three bells of 1809-1810, in a minor key by John Briant, of Hertford, is, at last, to undergo a restoration. Visitors to the popular park in which the church is situated have often been heard to remark, 'What do they call those, bells or cracked pancheons?'

The peal at St. Kea was specially arranged to welcome James Phillips, home for Christmas, at the tower where he learned to ring. He now rings regularly with the College Youths in London, but Cornwall provided him with his first peal of Triples. Another young Kea ringer rang his first peal. He was Paul Harding, and in order to do so he has stood in Kea tower for approximately nine hours. Mr. Clement Jose should be congratulated that he encourages his youngsters like this.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

IDENTITY OF SURPRISE METHODS

Dear Sir,—Until I read Mr. Brett's letter on the above I had completely forgotten it. In it he mentions seconds place methods and doubts their inclusion. I was always taught that, whoever published one version of a method claimed the other. So if one is published, so also is the other. It is the link seconds or eights which determine the issue.

Mention is also made about all the methods being pealable. I have doubts about No. 6, which has nine false course ends, viz., 24365, 46532, 52643, 65243, 36524, 34562, 54263, 62345, 46325. So, for what it is worth, here are the identified methods:—

(1).—By G. Lindoff.
(3).—Ramsey, 8ths for 2nds.
(4).—Princess Marina.
(5).—Beaconsfield, 8ths for 2nds.
(12). Essex.
(17).—Guildford, 8ths for 2nds.
(18).—Deva.
(19).—By G. Lindoff.
(22).—Clacton.
(25).—Bristol.
(30).—'Ringing World,' January 14th, 1938.
(32).—Eastbury.

Sincerely yours,
E. W. TIPLER.

Lutterworth.

Dear Sir,—Some of the methods given by Mr. Blagrove appear in Corrigan's 'Collections of Surprise Methods.' No. 25 is better known as Bristol; (1) is Lindoff's 299; (4) Marina or Princess; (19) Lindoff's 59; and 32 the 8ths place variation of Eastbury; No. 18 has been published in 'The Ringing World' (January 27th, 1950) as Deva; and No. 3 is the 8ths place variation of Ramsey ('Ringing World,' March 11th, 1949).

The methods mentioned by Mr Brett are also given in Corrigan's Collection, but Guildford is shown as having an 8ths place lead end, and is, therefore, No. 17.

Incidentally, I should like to point out two mistakes in Corrigan's '370 Surprise Major Methods': Cudham is, in fact, Derwent, and Stamford Hill is Norfolk.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. MORRIS.

Orpington, Kent.

MR. E. TIMBRELL'S PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE

Dear Sir,—In reference to the peal of Superlative by E. Timbrell and mentioned by Mr R. F. B. Speed in your issue of December 17th, I am asked by Mr. Timbrell to state that the peal was composed and rung in 1901 at Gosforth, conducted by the late Tom Gofton.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

BANSTEAD'S BELLS

Dear Sir,—In Mr. J. Clark's interesting article on ancient bells in Surrey mention is made of three bells at Banstead. The details refer to three of the old six bells before augmentation to eight in 1892 (Stahlschmidt's book was published eight years before). The ancient inscriptions were repeated when the whole ring was recast in 1921.

Reference is also made to a bell at Woodmansterne. There were originally two bells here, which, incidentally, my mother often chimed when deputising for my father, who was verger here some 50 years ago, but these old bells were converted into a light chime of six some years ago.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. ADAMS.

Cheam.

OLD AGE PENSIONER'S STRUGGLE

Dear Sir,—As a small boy about 65 years ago I had various ways of amusing myself. No. 1: When I was confirmed my grandfather gave me a Bible, which became an important part of my reading. No 2 was those 'penny horribles'—'Deadwood Dick' and George Read's submarine adventures. Next came 'The Bell News,' then a penny paper. That made 3d. a week out of the shilling a week I received. And what a struggle it was to pay for my weekly papers!

Now I am at the other end of the scale with only my old age pension and I have to find sixpence a week for my ringing paper. Oh! What a struggle once more, but it is worth it for my ringing paper is the most interesting of all my reading. The loss of our paper would be the end of ringing as we know it, so please do all you can to keep it going.—Yours faithfully,

LOUIS A. WILSON,

Wootton Bassett, Oxon.

ANCIENT BELLS OF SURREY

Dear Sir,—Mr. Clark's article, which was mainly compiled from Stahlschmidt's book published 70 years ago, contains much information which is now out of date chiefly on account of recasting, increases in the number of rings and the discovery of fresh material in the way of research. Mention is made of pre-Reformation bells at Burstow, Seale and Walton-on-Thames, but these were recast in 1901, 1873 and 1883. The 1585 bell at Banstead no longer exists and the same applies to the 1583 bell at Dunsfold. Other examples in this direction are Weybridge and (quite recently) Cranleigh. The A. W. on the old 1599 bell at Cranleigh denoted Anthony Wakefield.

The bell at Pyrford weighs about five cwt. but the jumble of letters is still unsolved and no matter how much you try for the solution you have to give it up on account of letters in reverse and upside down. Probably the itinerant founder lettered the casting to the best of his ability.

In recent years many articles on various Surrey bells have appeared in your columns and I would suggest that Mr. Clark compare them with the 1884 book in order to see the changes that have taken place since its publication.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

CANNED RINGING?

Dear Sir,—In view of the correspondence that periodically condemns the use of any medium other than church bells themselves, it is with some reluctance that I write admitting that I instigated an example of this 'crime' here at Longmoor Camp in connection with the Garrison carol service.

The Garrison Church of St. Martin possesses one bell of doubtful origin, and in view of the event and also of the fact that there were four ringers in the camp, I brought eight handbells from home, and on the day of the service the ringers (two sappers, a Major's wife and myself) rang call changes round a microphone erected on the chancel steps. The ringing was relayed through a loudspeaker from the porch of the church.

As a ringer I felt no conscience about 'canned' handbells, and I am satisfied that they gave a more traditional introduction to the service than the single bell would have given.

BRIAN AUSTIN,
2nd Lt., R.E., Churchwarden.

Longmoor, Hants.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District at New Romney

A biting wind was blowing across the strip of land which now occupies New Romney's ancient harbour, when the Ashford District met at the lovely Norman Church of St. Nicholas—whose cosy warmth provided a strong and welcome contrast to the weather outside.

In spite of the midnight activities of a few hours earlier, about 30 members and friends gathered at the tower, where the bells were available from 2.30.

The Vicar, the Rev. J. F. Stuart Martin, who has not yet completed his first year at New Romney, conducted the service. He took the opportunity of welcoming the ringers to his church—not only on this occasion, but always. John Cooper, a District representative, was at the organ, and C. T. Hillis, another member, read the lesson. A collection amounting to £1 3s. was given to the Association's Belfry Repair Fund.

A good tea was served at the Victoria Cafe, followed by a short business meeting, at which three new members were elected. A happy note was struck when a New Year greetings telegram was read from the Woodchurch band, who were unable to be present. The Vicar was thanked by Mr. Willis, and Mr. H. S. Humphrey (local captain and secretary) was thanked for having made all the arrangements.

Now here we have a tower with eight perfectly good bells; a Vicar who is very much a ringer's friend and whose small daughter is learning to ring; and a grand captain who—at an age when many are thinking of retiring—is still full of enthusiasm to teach recruits. He has recruits but would like more of a leavening of experienced ringers on practice nights to bring them along. Who will lend a hand?

W. P. G.

FIFTY YEARS AGO AT EXETER CATHEDRAL

January 14th, 1955, is the 50th anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Exeter Cathedral in 4 hours and 13 minutes, conducted by the late Edwin Shepherd. This peal was arranged by the late Rev. Maitland Kelly, at that time president of the Devonshire Guild, to give an opportunity to resident members of the Guild to attempt a peal on the Cathedral bells (then ten). Five were invited from Exeter, five from Plymouth and one from Ottery St. Mary. This was the second peal on the bells. There are three survivors of that band: G. Harry Myers, of Plymouth; Arthur W. Searle, Exeter; and W. G. Hiscott, now of Liskeard, Cornwall. The Rev. Maitland Kelly placed a peal board in the belfry recording the peal.

W. G. H.

NEWARK PARISH CHURCH

The annual meeting of the Newark Parish Church Society of Ringers was held in the ringing chamber on December 23rd, 1954, the president, the Rev. J. G. Nicholls, taking the chair. The Master and the hon. treasurer presented their reports and the following officers were elected:—Master, Mr. J. W. Raithby; Deputy Master, Mr. W. L. Exton; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. W. Vernon; committee, Messrs. H. Stevenson and D. N. Sellors.

It was decided that the annual outing should take the form of a ringing tour on June 25th, the venue being either Lincolnshire or Derbyshire.

In view of the success of the second Gopher Dinner the meeting favoured another being held on November 18th, when it is hoped to extend invitations to visitors from the whole of the Newark District.

DEDICATIONS

BLUNHAM'S NEW TREBLE

On December 19th the Rector of Blunham, the Rev. G. L. F. Edwards, dedicated the new treble bell to augment the old ring of five in the presence of a large congregation. The bells were opened on Thursday, December 23rd, and the first touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the local band. The fine tone of the new bell and the rejuvenated 'go' of the old five were much admired.

'I ring to all the country round,
God Bless Elizabeth new Crowned'

is the inscription on the treble, which weighs 7¼ cwt., and the ring is in the key of E flat. In the place of the former clumsy ring of five, which had only once been rung to a peal, Blunham ringers may well be proud of their delightfully manageable six, the heaviest in Bedfordshire. That genial giant, Harry Parkes, represented Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and is to be complimented on the long hours he put in to have the bells ready to welcome Christmas. S. J. I.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY

As a memorial to Captain Michael Alan Berdoe Wilkinson, 1/5th Queen's Royal Regiment, who gave his life while serving with the Eighth Army in the Western Desert in September, 1942, the bells of Cranleigh Parish Church have been recast and rehung with modernised fittings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The framework has also been rebuilt and strengthened.

The bells were dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Johnston) just previous to the midnight celebration of Holy Communion on Christmas Eve. A memorial tablet to Captain Berdoe Wilkinson was also dedicated. The inscriptions and weights of the recast bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Note F. 'Mears and Stainbank, Founders, London. D. D. Richard Everard, Baro de Alverstone. 1908. Recast 1954 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.' Weight 5 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

Second.—Note E. 'Mears and Stainbank, London, 1908.

When I to praise lift up my voice,
With helpmates loyal seven,
Good people all, I bid rejoice,
Lift up your hearts to heaven.
Come joy, I ring for gladness,
Or woe, I toll in sadness,
Whate'er may be God's wisest choice,
Good Christians all, I bid rejoice.

Deo Dedit Octoginta. Recast 1954 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.' Weight 5 cwt. 10 lb.

Third.—Note D. 'Iames Whitehead gave this bell 1709. W. E. Fecit. Recast 1954 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.' Weight 5 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

Fourth.—Note C. 'Gloria Deo in Excelsis. F. F. R. T. 1638. B . E. Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. Weight 6 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

Fifth.—Note B flat. 'In Memoriam. Patris Dilectissimi. John Lindley Fortune, D. D. Filius Amans. M. and S. recast me 1921. P. C. - G. F. B. - A. P. Recast 1954 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.' Weight 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

Sixth.—Note A. 'Prais God 1599 A. W. Recast 1954 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.' Weight 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

Seventh.—Note G. 'Gloria Deo in Excelsis. F. F. R. T. 1638. B. - E. Recast 1954 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.' Weight 12 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

Tenor.—Note F. 'Bryanvs Eldridge Me Fecit. 1660. Recast 1954 by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon. "Mike," Sept. 1942.' Weight 16 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

ALFORD BELLS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Mr. Ernest Birkett, who left Alford, Lincs, 60 years ago for Brazil, Indiana, U.S.A., expressed a wish to hear Alford bells again, so Mr. Jack Bedford, a local radio enthusiast, arranged with the local ringers early in November to make a tape recording.

The recording commenced with a short introduction spoken by Mr. E. D. Chandler, who named the ringers as follows:—L. Slack treble, Mrs. J. I. Smith 2, J. I. Smith (conductor) 3, S. H. Sutton 4, E. D. Chandler 5, H. Pike tenor.

The ringing came over very well indeed and the ringers were pleased to have the opportunity of hearing their own ringing.

For those interested, details of Alford bells are as follows:—

Treble.—Cast by J. Taylor and Co. 1934. Diameter 25½ inches.

Second.—Tobeas Norris. 1676. Diameter 28 inches.

Third.—Tobie Norris. Diameter 29½ inches.

Fourth.—Tobie Norris. 1676. Diameter 31 inches.

Fifth.—Tobieas Norris. 1676. Diameter 36 inches.

Tenor.—Toby Norris. 1695. Diameter 39½ inches. Weight 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

The old five were recast by Taylors in 1934 and a new frame installed.

Ten peals have been rung on the new bells.

Early last year the ringers had the pleasure of ringing for the wedding of two of their colleagues—Ken Ketteringham and Hazel Broomhead.

A few months ago a memorial in the belfry was dedicated to the memory of Harry Scoffin, who was a ringer at Alford for 55 years.

Visitors to the Mablethorpe and Skegness areas are always welcome at Alford, ringing on Sundays being at 10.15 a.m. and 5.15 p.m., and at least one practice is held per week. The Ringing Master is J. Ivor Smith, 15, Commercial Road, Alford, Lincolnshire. J. R. K.

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Police Invalids

Sergeant Stanley Thorneycroft, of Manchester City Police, who was recently involved in a motor accident, sustaining serious leg injuries, is in the Coventry and Warwickshire General Hospital. Police Woman Betty Lee is recovering from an operation in a Bolton hospital. Both are reported to be making satisfactory progress. P.C. Richard Benson has completely recovered from the injury to his foot which occurred on Remembrance Day.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District Start 1955 Well

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at Goole on New Year's Day, when 45 members were present representing 18 towers, including two in Lincolnshire.

A short service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. D. B. Greathead). An excellent tea was provided by Mr. J. J. Taylor, who made an iced New Year cake, which was cut by the vice-president and the secretary.

The vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers) presided over the business meeting. Three new members were elected—Mr. J. Potts (Sherburn-in-Elmet), Mr. C. Bigland (Bramham) and Mr. M. W. Crowder (Barrow-on-Humber)—the last-named being an out-county member from Lincolnshire.

Kirk Ella was selected for the next meeting. A collection for the Association's Bell Repair Fund realised £1. Regret was expressed at the absence of Mr. L. Rodmell owing to a serious stack fire on his farm at Patrington. All who had contributed to the success of the meeting were sincerely thanked.

BRAMPTON BIERLOW RINGERS HAVE FIRST DINNER

The ringers of Christ Church, Brampton Bierlow, near Barnsley, Yorks, held a successful first annual dinner on December 28th, when an excellent meal was provided by Mrs. F. Hoyle, the mother of one of the ringers. She was thanked by Mr. J. M. Tesh, captain and secretary.

The entertainers during the evening were the Misses J. Hoyle and C. M. Tesh (piano), Mr. A. Smith (humour), the Misses J. Hoyle, P. Tesh, C. Tesh, Messrs. J. M. Tesh, A. Smith and M. Caddick (carols). Touches of Bob Minor and Major were rung on handbells kindly loaned by Wath ringers.

The ringers of Christ Church are grateful to Mr. E. E. Rayner, of Barnsley, for providing materials for the new pulley rollers for the bells.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS

Rothwell, Northants, does not figure in the ringing headlines. True, its fine eight bells are always admired by visitors and many peals have been rung on them during the past 50 years, but a fact that the local ringers can always be pleased about is that their bells are never silent on Sundays. This point was stressed at the annual meeting of the ringers on January 3rd by the Vicar (Canon G. F. Turner), when he presented Messrs. A. J. and A. E. York with two Swedish glass tankards for 60 and 40 years' service respectively.

Arthur and Albert York have been prominent figures in Rothwell belfry during those years and it is mainly by their example that this record of unbroken Sunday service ringing remains unbroken. The Vicar, in making the presentation, wished them many more years of happy ringing and connection with the church to which they have both given loyal service.

B. A.

FIRST PEAL AT ELTON, DERBYSHIRE

Dear Sir,—While offering congratulations to the young band of ringers who rang the peal of Doubles at Elton, Derbyshire, on December 4th, I must point out that their claim to the first on the bells is not correct.

At Elton on Saturday, April 19th, 1913, the Darley Dale Branch of the Midland Counties Association rang a peal of 5,040 Grandsire Doubles in 2 hours and 41 minutes. (Midland Counties Association Report, 1913. Peal No. 2,258.)

H. E. TAYLOR.

Darley Dale.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Barnes 1, R. Wilton 2, F. C. Limb 3, A. Crawley 4, S. Usher 5, F. H. Crawley 6, J. Bagnall 7, J. E. Burles 8. Witnesses, P. Tyson and G. Richens. For watchnight service.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Dec 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Soars 1, P. Chambers 2, K. W. Graham 3, R. G. W. Soars 4, G. J. Lowe 5, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 6. A welcome home to the ringer of the 5th after service with R.E.M.E. in the Middle East.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Dec. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. H. Hough 1, Miss P. Hough 2, J. Hough 3, A. A. Lucas (cond.) 4, C. R. Belton 5, N. Statham 6, G. P. Garner 7, T. K. Deacon 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the life of Miss Lilian Titley, patron of the Living, whose ashes were interred this day.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Shiels (aged 14, first quarter) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, N. Devonshire 5, D. Lamb 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. For the Christmas Festival and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of

BETHNAL GREEN, E.2. — At St. Matthew's Church, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. MacPhail 1, T. H. T. Taffender (cond.) 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, G. M. Harvey 4, C. W. Ottley 5, W. D. Grainger 6, E. D. Smith 7, L. Bullock 8. First in method for 1 and 4.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Tunbridge 1, Miss D. M. Ward 2, J. L. Morris 3, Miss M. R. Andrews 4, A. Hall 5, P. P. Brown (cond.) 6.

BICESTER, OXON. — On Christmas Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Jones 1, E. J. Smith (cond.) 2, E. G. Jones 3, H. Clifton 4, W. Baggett 5, C. H. Kinch 6, H. Hatfield 7, W. Whiting 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): A. K. Simmonds (aged 12, first quarter) 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. L. Hughes 4, D. W. Evans 5, T. Thomas 6, C. A. Gerrish 7, H. Preece 8. For Watchnight Service.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. G. Hartley 1, R. H. Davies (first 'inside') 2, S. T. Hume 3, Mrs. L. Mills 4, C. Bower 5, D. L. Mills 6, L. D. Mills (cond.) 7, A. W. Cansdale 8. A farewell to P. G. Hartley on leaving for National Service in the R.A.F

CAMBERWELL, S.E.5. — At the Church of St. George, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, Miss V. M. Westray 3, B. P. Danbury 4, E. G. Webb 5, D. E. J. Watts 6, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. For the festival of the Holy Nativity.

CASTON, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. H. Waterfield 1, W. M. Mann (first as cond.) 2, E. R. Shingfield (first quarter 'inside') 3, R. C. Button 4, C. E. G. Banham 5, J. S. Barnes 6. Rung for the marriage of Mr. Michael Childerhouse to Miss Mary Elizabeth Hanton.

CHORLEY, LANCS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Kitchen 1, T. Barker 2, P. Dunderdale 3, K. Grayson 4, S. Walmsley 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6, J. Blackburn 7, H. Calderbank (first in method) 8. First of Major for 1 and 3. A compliment to Mr. A. Rigby (chief ringer at this church) and Miss A. Firth, who were married at Morecambe on December 18th.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 26th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Mayle 1, D. L. Mills (cond.) 2, Miss R. Seabrook 3, O. C. Ballard 4, S. J. Twitchett 5, U. W. Wildney 6, R. W. Steward 7, T. Bird 8.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Overton 1, Miss F. Raybould 2, J. Griffiths 3, E. Sidaway 4, R. Dunn 5, L. R. Hall 6, H. Shuck (cond.) 7, W. Lloyd 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Dec. 25th, 1 260 Grandsire Triples: R. Boyce 1, E. B. Crowder 2, E. Jones 3, F. W. Richardson 4, T. A. Easterby 5, S. Ball 6, J. E. Warner 7, J. Dafter (cond.) 8. For morning service.

EASTERN MAUDIT, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Edmunds 1, R. Daniels 2, R. Line 3, J. Labutt 4, E. Smart (cond.) 5. For Christmas Festival.

QUARTER PEALS

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. H. Gaylard 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, T. J. Setter 3, R. J. Fox 4, G. Gaylard 5, J. W. Drew 6, D. V. Gare 7, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 8. First of Plain Bob Major for 1, 2, 4, 5.

ELTHAM, KENT.—1,302 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): J. Sims (first on treble) 1, T. Easterby 2, F. Hurrell 3, G. Hurrell (first 'inside') 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Hurrell 7, E. Coode 8. For Evensong. Also a farewell to Fr. N. Sasaki, the Vicar of St. Cyprian's, Tokyo, on returning to Japan.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM. — At the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, on Dec. 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. J. Rigby (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss M. Fellows 2, R. Stoddard 3, P. J. Morton 4, J. McDonald (cond.) 5, M. G. Morton 6. Rung to the glory of God and for the enffioyment of the band.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Bellamy 1, J. H. Sturgess 2, R. Sturgess 3, T. Holt (first 'inside') 4, A. E. C. Noble 5, G. Miles 6, A. H. Sturgess (cond.) 7, B. Hughes (first quarter) 8. For Midnight Mass

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob: J Mason 1, Mrs. W. White 2, S. Borrett 3, R. H. Bergie 4, J. Mason, junr. 5, R. N. Elliott (cond.) 6. For Midnight Service.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. Crosier (first quarter on 8 bells) 1, A. Bigley 2, C. Richardson 3, N. Pearson 4, E. J. Chapman 5, B. Hendry 6, M. C. King 7, J. King (cond.) 8. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of 4 and a birthday compliment to Mr. John Main.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. W. Lack 3, M. J. Dyer 4, R. F. Baker 5, H. S. Peacock 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Dec. 31st, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. H. Pulling 1, Mrs. Audrey White 2, W. J. Robinson 3, T. Mark White 4, F. A. Munday (cond.) 5, R. J. C. Hagley 6, J. Alan Ainsworth 7, C. A. Hopper 8. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1954.

GREAT WYMONDLEY. — On Dec. 19th, 1,320 Stedman Doubles: F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, G. Cherry 2, R. Head (first of Stedman) 3, K. C. Timbury 4, P. W. Croft 5, S. H. Ashton 6. For Christmas Carol Service.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX. — On Dec. 22nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: L. A. Whitby 1, Miss A. M. Bailey 2, B. G. Baker 3, H. A. Bird 4, R. H. D. Hayden 5, E. J. Rochester 6, P. C. Bicknell 7, W. Wheeler (cond.) 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. F. J. Bailey on his appointment as Borough Treasurer of Shoreditch.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. R. Gladman 1, W. W. Webb 2, P. Ruch (first in method) 3, P. Bettridge 4, J. Moore 5, W. A. Lewis 6, B. A. Rose (cond.) 7, G. W. Golding (first in method) 8.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. G. Henry 1, J. V. Blacklidge 2, J. Hodson 3, H. Hardacre 4, H. Calderbank 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung fully muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Charles S. Clarke, a ringer at this church for 55 years.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, on the Major Fight, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Clutton 1, F. Hayes (cond.) 2, R. Coles 3, G. F. Hinton 4, P. J. Evans 5, R. Baldwin 6, W. H. Plumridge 7, A. L. James 8. Also on New Year's Eve, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, on the same bells: Roberts Tunstall 1, F. Hayes 2, A. Clutton 3, G. F. Hinton 4, P. J. Evans 5, P. Baldwin (cond.) 6, W. H. Plumridge 7, A. L. James 8.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rose 1, D. Peacock 2, F. Elson 3, O. Norman 4, E. J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papsworth 6.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (St. Bartholomew's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): Judith D. Shedel 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, P. B. Wright 3, W. T. Hill 4, E. M. Baker 5. Rung for Evensong and for the dedication of installation of the electric light by the Archdeacon of Southend.

KEYSOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Sims (cond.) 1, N. Hull (first 'inside') 2, G. Seth 3, C. Clarke 4, A. Stapleton 5.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire, called differently): M. Knight (first away from tenor) 1, E. Edgington 2, J. A. Townsend 3, A. R. Wright (first as cond.) 4, B. J. Townsend 5, A. Edgington 6.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Fasey (first quarter) 1, A. E. Morgan 2, C. Peakman 3, M. Wright (first 'inside') 4, F. E. Jukes (first quarter) 5, R. A. Peakman 6, C. F. Jukes (cond.) 7, D. Griffiths 8. For morning service, also as a compliment to Mr. F. E. Jukes and Miss S. Simmons on their engagement. First quarter of Triples by a local band.

LONDON, S.E.—On Dec. 15th, at St. John's Church, Waterloo Road, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Nolder (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Miss M. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, F. R. L. Blewer 6, W. D. Grainger (cond.) 7, G. M. Harvey 8. For Confirmation service.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 360 each of Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): R. S. Holland 1, Miss R. Pebody 2, A. Cooper 3, M. Amos 4, E. Orland (cond.) 5.

MANCHESTER.—On Jan 2nd, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: A. P. Sandford 1, B. Walshaw 2, F. Barraclough 3, Miss M. Walshaw 4, H. Longden 5, A. Ridyard (cond.) 6, W. Pye 7, A. Ward 8, R. Longden 9, G. Longden 10. Rung as a compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 9th, who was married on Boxing Day; also to mark the New Year.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.—On Dec. 31st, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: L. Oliver 1, G. I. Lewis 2, H. Boyce 3, J. Galvin 4, E. J. Morris (cond.) 5, P. Asher 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of the old year.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Dec. 25th, at St. Stephen's Church Low Elswick, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. S. Deas (first quarter) 1, W. Robson 2, K. Arthur 3, S. Thompson (first of Grandsire) 4, J. Hedley 5, E. N. Harrison 6, J. A. Ainsworh (cond.) 7, J. Heal 8. Rung for the joy of Christmas, with the congratulations of the band to Mr. J. Hedley, steeplekeeper at this church and at Newcastle Cathedral, and his fiancée on their engagement.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Pierce 1, H. King 2, R. Rose 3, A. F. Ballaam 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5.

PAUL, PENZANCE.—On Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Rodda 1, J. Waters 2, Decima Carne 3, Elizabeth Ford 4, R. Curtiss (cond.) 5, J. Ladner 6.

PENTRE, GLAMORGAN.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thomas 1, K. Jones 2, T. P. Edwards 3, J. Evans 4, J. Lovett (cond.) 5, R. Brabham 6, K. Hartnol 7, H. Crabb 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Dec. 18th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion Parker (first of Stedman Triples) 1, A. T. Greenwood 2, R. W. Parker 3, L. D. Duguid 4, F. W. Rogers 5, T R. Taylor 6, J. D. Harris (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. For Evensong.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. B. Sadler 1, D. Coombes 2, B. Sadler 3, P. J. King (cond.) 4, J. Belcham 5, L. Beal 6, B. Cook 7, J. Binks 8.

SOUTHMINSTER, ESSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,440 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 720 Plain Bob): Miss B. Whitman 1, Miss D. Butcher 2, C. Robinson 3, E. Potter 4, D. Robinson (first as cond.) 5, S. F. Ward (first quarter) 6.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st: J. Maple (12) 1, Miss E. Willard 2, J. Pelton 3, E. J. Young 4, F. F. Brooks (cond.) 5, E. Luff 6. To ring out the old year.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Woodford 1, J. W. Hall 2, F. Gregory (cond.) 3, E. F. Gibbard 4, C. H. France 5, F. Bull 6.

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES CLARKE

Mr. Charles Clarke, of Higher Walton, Lancs, died on December 26th, 1954, after a long illness. He was a service ringer at All Saints' Church for over 55 years, and joined the Lancashire Association in 1901. He was 78 and in his younger days rang a few peals of Minor, but his greatest service was rendered by constant and punctual attendance Sunday by Sunday through the years, but latterly he had not rung owing to inability to climb the steps. He leaves a widow and two sons, one of whom is following in his father's footsteps.

The funeral was at All Saints' on December 29th and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Hughes. In addition to the family mourners the Lancashire Association was represented by six members, who included the vice-president, one Central Council representative and the local Branch Ringing Master. Handbells were rung over the open grave by Messrs. E. R. Martin, F. Stead, C. Crossthwaite and A. Tomlinson. A muffled 720 of Treble Bob Minor was rung on the tower bells after the service. E. R. M.

MR. J. EDWARD CLOUGH

With regret we record the sudden death of Mr. J. E. Clough, of Burbage, Leicestershire, aged 51. While waiting in Burbage Church for other members of the band to arrive on New Year's Eve. Mr. Clough collapsed and died. He leaves a wife, son and daughter.

Mr. Clough commenced his ringing career on the old five at Burbage in 1921, but did not aspire to great heights in the world of method ringing. He was a regular and punctual service ringer and also served the church faithfully as a sidesman. He joined the Midland Counties Association in 1922 and always took a keen interest in its affairs, and later those of the Leicester Guild. Altogether he rang 21 peals.

The funeral service took place at St. Catherine's Church on January 5th. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. L. S. Collis, of Holy Trinity, Hinckley, in the absence of the Rector, the Rev. R. D. H. Pugh, through illness. Mr. R. Mayne, one of his fellow ringers, was the organist. Several ringers were present at the service, including Mr. E. C. Turner, vice-president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Miss N. Marklew 1-2, F. K. Measures 3-4, A. Ballard 5-6, R. Mayne 7-8. During the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with bells half-muffled by Miss P. Smith 1, W. J. Clough 2, Mrs. D. Vernon 3, F. K. Measures (conductor) 4, H. Parker 5, R. Mayne 6, E. L. Campton 7, J. Veasey 8.

LATE NOTICES

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting Swindon Village, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells (6) available 6 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Branch Sec. 5763

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 22nd, St. George's, Camberwell, 2.45. Service 4. Tea and business, Church Hall 4.45. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 7.30 to 9. Monday, February 7th, practice, 7.15, St. Mary, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, February 12th, A.G.M., Southwark Cathedral, etc., 3.15. Service 5. Tea and business Chapter House, 5.45. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 5700

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—Practice meeting Jan. 22nd at Willingdon. Bells 3. Tea 5. Names for tea must be received by Jan. 19th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 5764

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING AT BRISTOL, WHITSUN, 1955

Preliminary Notice

Headquarters for the Council's meeting at Whitsun will be the Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol 1. Terms:—25s. Bed and Breakfast.

N.B. These are special terms, applicable to the whole or part of the period May 28th-31st inclusive, and in order to take advantage of them members must mention the Council when booking.

Accommodation is limited.

Other Hotels within easy reach of Headquarters:—

	Terms B. & B.
The Grand, Broad Street, Bristol 1	26/6
(a few small rooms)	25/0
The Grosvenor, Victoria St., Bristol 1	25/0
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PARSONS—ENGLAND.—The engagement is announced between Sub-Lieut. (L) David E. Parsons, R.N.V.R., and Miss Joyce A. England, both of Beddington, Surrey. 5765

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HAWKINS.—On January 3rd, 1955, at 1, Holborn Estate, Garratt Lane, S.W.17, Amy Gertrude, beloved wife of Joseph Stephen Hawkins, after a long and painful illness patiently borne. 5766

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MR. DAVID HEAMES is the captain and secretary of the newly-formed band at St. Mary's, Nash, Newport, Mon. All correspondence to him at: Fish House, Nash, Newport, Mon. 5678

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, Jan. 15th, 6 p.m. Ringing St. Mary's, Putney, 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 5606

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Annual at St. John's, Glastonbury, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. 5631

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (Stranton), Saturday, Jan. 15th, 3 p.m. 5619

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Annual meeting at Huntingdon, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells: Godmanchester 2.30-4 p.m.; All Saints' 4-4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. at All Saints'. Tea 5 o'clock All Saints' Hall. All Saints' and St. Mary's towers available after tea.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 5647

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual general meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Plantation Road, Boreham. 5659

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting, Hawkhurst, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. 5617

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Annual meeting. St. Albans, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells: St. Peter's (10) 3 p.m., Cathedral (12) after tea. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5657

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Upchurch (6), Saturday, Jan. 15th. Service 4.30. Bell from 3 p.m. 5615

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch. — Correction: Christ Church, Bacup, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m., **not 5.** Free tea at 5.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5697

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. 5612

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Service, tea and meeting. Further ringing All Jan. 15th, St. Mary-atte-Bow (8), 3-4.30 p.m. Saints', West Ham (10), 6.30 p.m. 5623

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Annual meeting, Burton, All Saints', Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30. Tea in All Saints' Schoolroom 4.45, followed by meeting. Parish Church bells available after meeting. All ringers welcome.—J. W. Cotton, Overseale 264. 5591

OXFORD GUILD. — Reading Branch. — A monthly practice will be held at Burghfield (6) on Saturday, Jan. 15th at 6.30 p.m.—N. E. Colley. 5670

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting to be held at Selby Abbey, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) 5 p.m. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5634

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual general meeting at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, January 15th. Bells available: St. Giles', Cripplegate (City) (12), 2.30-4 p.m.: St. Martin-in-the-Fields 3.30-5 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., St. Martin's Canteen, followed by meeting in Vestry Hall.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 5526

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 15th, at Newark (10). Bells 3 p.m. Service in choir 4.30. Tea (own arrangements) 5-6. Meeting in belfry 6. Ringing until 8 p.m.—S. L. Barley. 5652

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury-Lavenham District.—Annual meeting, Sudbury, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30.—L. D. Mills, Dis. Sec. 5611

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Annual meeting at Dorking on Jan. 15th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Newick, Jan. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 5618

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Annual meeting Portsea, Saturday, Jan. 15th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to F. W. Rogers, 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham. 5655

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Cradley, Saturday, Jan. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. followed by tea and business.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Annual meeting, Brent Knoll, Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickram, Hon. Branch Sec. 5688

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Branch.—Annual meeting at Wincanton, Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. C. Lintern. Ditcheat. 5687

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Eastham, Jan. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by 20th at latest. The 7th annual dinner, entertainment and dance will be held at Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, Feb. 12th, 5.45 p.m. until midnight. Tickets (15s. each) now available.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road. Birkenhead. 5693

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. Dickinson, 8, High Street, Staveley.—A. B. Cooper. 5694

DEVON GUILD. — East Devon Branch. — Harpford. Jan. 22nd. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Names for tea not later than Jan. 18th.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary, Devon. 5621

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Jan. 22nd, at Bishop Auckland (South Church) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 19th, to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Swanwick, on Jan. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names to Mr. Brighouse, Mostyn House, Derby Road, Swanwick, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual general meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Queen's Head 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 5624

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Halstead, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 19th, please, to Miss H. G. Snowden, 3, Belle Vue, Hedingham Road, Halstead. 5629

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — South-West Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lifton on Jan. 22nd. Names for tea, by Jan. 17th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent Street, Plymouth. 5548

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting at Leatherhead on Jan. 22nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall 5.15, with business to follow. Numbers for tea, by Jan. 19th, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 5642

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A.G.M., Hitchin, Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5676

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Annual general meeting, Jan. 22nd, St. Mary's, Hemel Hempstead (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Cartwright, Miswell Orchard, Miswell Lane, Tring, Herts, by the 17th.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 5660

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Canterbury Cathedral on Jan. 22nd. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m. and Evensong at 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names, by Jan. 15th, please, to Mr. B. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. All ladies welcome, gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden, Hon. Sec. 5585

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Poulton on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 5696

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual meeting, Earl Shilton, Jan. 22nd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Schools 5. Please notify Mr. G. Newton, 26 Avenue South, Earl Shilton, Leicester. 5668

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Melton District. — Annual meeting at Melton Mowbray on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells (10) 2.15 to 4, 6.15 to 8.15. Asfordby, Kirby and Waltham bells available from 2 to 3.30. Festival Evensong 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting in Colles Hall 5 o'clock. All are welcome. Names, please, by the 19th, **certain**, to Mr. H. Clayton, 17, Bayswater Road, Melton.—J. H. Cook, Dis. Sec. 5680

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stratton Audley (5 bells), Jan. 22nd, 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Bicester (8) 7.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 17th, to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Chalfont St. Giles, Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m., in Church Hall. Ringing 6 p.m.—W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5681

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Thrapston, Jan. 22nd. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please.—L. R. C. Witton, 4, John's Street, Thrapston.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Annual meeting at Wellingborough on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mrs. J. King, 53, Leys Road, Wellingborough. 5641

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch.—Annual meeting, Culworth, Saturday, Jan 22nd. Service 4 p.m. Please notify Hon. Sec., not later than Tuesday previous, of those requiring tea.—A. E. R. Walker, Hon. Sec., Eydon. Rugby. 5644

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow. Names, by Jan. 19th, please, to Mr. R. H. Duke, Moorland, Prince of Wales Road, Dorchester.—Hayne, Sec. 5663

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Salisbury, Jan. 22nd. Service, St. Thomas', 4. Tea and meeting 4.45. Bells: St. Martin's 1-3.30, 7-8.30; St. Paul's 2-3.45, 8-9; St. Thomas' 6-8. Names for tea, by Jan. 19th, please, to Miss Eloie, 66, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 5604

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—Annual meeting at Poole on Jan. 22nd. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4. Address by the Rector of Poole. Tea for those who notify, by Jan. 19th, I. Davis, of Restormel, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, Dorset.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual District meeting, Jan. 22nd, at Immanuel, Streatham (8). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 in Church Hall. Names, by Wednesday previous, please, to Mrs. O. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath. Business includes nominations for general officers. St. Leonard's bells (8) after.—W. Parrott. Hon. Sec. 5625

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, New Alresford, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Bell Hotel. Names, by previous Wednesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 5684

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Next general meeting at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, Leeds, on Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. General committee meet 3 p.m. in Church Schools. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) 5 p.m. on same premises. Names, by 20th, to A. Johnson, 7, Weetwood Lane, Leeds 16. Service 4.15 p.m. General meeting in Schools after tea.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 5626

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Numbers for tea, by Jan. 26th, to H. J. Millatt, 46, Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester. 5679

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Derby, Jan. 29th, 3.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 25th, to Mr. Wm. Parsons, 14, Bedford Street, Derby.—M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 5695

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 29th. 5767

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Wickhambreaux, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 26th, to Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury.—B. J. Luck. 5686

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) in Church Hall. Names for tea, not later than Monday, Jan. 24th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5690

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Jan. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss G. Friswell, 43, Casimir Road, Clapton, E.5. 5691

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. Mary de Castro, Leicester. Further details to follow. 5689

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, by Jan. 24th, to Mrs. Jenkins, 27, Park Square, Newport, Mon. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 5666

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY.—Meeting at Bearstead (6), Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3 p.m. Non-members cordially invited. Names for tea (4.45), by Tuesday, Jan. 25th, to Pamela Butcher, Butcher's Lane, Mereworth. 5674

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Annual, St. Edmund's, Northampton, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30. Branch committee 3.30, at Buildings. Names for tea, by Jan. 24th, to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 5667

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. John's, Peterborough. St. Mary's bells 2.30-3.30 p.m. and during evening if required. Service St. John's 4 p.m. (Ad-

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dress by Rev. F. Stallard, Rural Dean.) Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea essential, by Jan. 25th, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 5665

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Uppingham (8), on Sat., Jan. 29th. Names for tea, Tuesday, 25th, to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Oakham, Rutland. 5672

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester on Jan. 29th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. V. Burt, Church Cottage, Towcester.—W. A. Yates. 5685

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, CLEWER, WINDSOR.—Annual dinner and social, Jan. 29th, 7.30 p.m., at Thames Hotel, Windsor. Tickets can be obtained, at 11s. 6d. each, from W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough, before Jan. 25th. 5682

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Wellington, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Parish Hall. Names, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. A. Pritchard, 51, Hadley Park Road, Hadley. Wrockwardine also in evening if required. 5539

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Mildenhall, Jan. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cafes nearby. Supporting District members will be appreciated. —Miss E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 5698

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THE VILLAGE WITH A 'WHITE' CHRISTMAS

THE North Berkshire village of Appleton was one of the few villages that this year was able to boast of a 'White' Christmas. For when the church's ten bells rang out on the Eve and the Day eight of the ringers were Whites and six members of this ringing family shared in the charming custom of touring the houses ringing carols on handbells on Christmas Eve. Their foreman was 77-year-old Mr. Richard White, who has rung Appleton bells from the age of eleven.

Appleton is famed throughout the Exercise for two long record peals. In 1922 a peal of Stedman Caters of 21,363 changes was rung in this church in 12 hours 25 minutes, and in 1932 a peal of Grandsire Caters of 16,271 changes in 9 hours and 20 minutes. Mr. Richard White took part in both. He was born at The Greyhound at Besselsleigh and came to Appleton as a child. His grandfather, founder of the bell-hanging firm, was a ringer, so was Richard's father.

Mr. Richard White left Appleton School at eleven to enter the bell-hanging business. Now, only he and his son, Francis (35), remain in it. He has hung bells in almost every English county. Many Oxford colleges and churches have received his skilled attention—and the job means much more than putting bells into position!

Of St. Lawrence's Church, Appleton, it dates from the 12th century, the nave, north aisle and font being original; the chancel has a 13th century priest's door. The oak rafters of the nave are 15th century, as are three stained glass armorial shields in a window. There is a gruesome-figured brass to a man who died in 1518, his widow seeking solace in a nunnery. Far more beautiful is the finely carved canopied altar tomb of Sir John Fettiplace (died 1593), whom Elizabeth knighted at Woodstock. The Fettiplaces held Appleton Manor from 1564 until 1634. On one of the church pillars is painted a tribute to Sir Richard Fettiplace for 'his good gift.' This refers to the provision made by Sir Richard and Bessels Fettiplace for the teaching of Appleton and Besselsleigh children 'in good manners and learning.'

Many ringers who have visited Appleton for the Ringing Days and on other occasions know of the three interesting inns in the village. The Plough is dated 1683, but its main chimney with a big oven below is probably Elizabethan. The Post Office is in a cottage bearing the date 1690 and over the porch is coloured parget-work. The sub-postmaster is Mr. George Holifield, a name familiar to readers of this journal, who has shared with the White family many of their peals.

There was a time when Appleton was famed for its brass band, which among its functions was to play to church the members of the Appleton Club every Whit Thursday, prior to their Feast in and about The Three Horseshoes Inn. Mr. Richard White was a member of this band and he tells the story that he had almost mastered the cornet when, about 1911, the instrumentalists broke association — no fault, however, of Mr. White and his cornet playing!

Of the famed sons of Appleton was Edmund Dickinson, alchemist and court physician to Charles II. and James II.; he was the son of the Rev. William Dickinson. King Charles had a laboratory built for Dickinson below the royal bedchamber, with a private staircase thereto so that the King could watch experiments. Dickinson firmly believed the philosopher's elixir (of life) to be attainable; he also published among other books a work illustrating the connection between heathen mythologies and Scripture history.

For this picture of Appleton, one of the villages of Britain revered by all ringers, we are indebted largely to 'The Reading Mercury.' Their article concludes: 'A true village still, Appleton, one of the comparative few remaining in Berkshire; small wonder that the bells sound out so gladly from St. Laurence's tower.'

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of January 22nd, 1915

DEATH OF MISS MARGERY SAMPSON

First Lady Ringer in Scotland

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Miss Margery Fletcher, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Sampson, of Edinburgh . . . at the early age of 24 years. . . .

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Fred Dunkerley	2	John Worth	8
Wilfred Stevenson	3	Alan J. Brown	9
John E. Bibby	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	10
Basil Jones	5	Peter Laflin	11
C. Kenneth Lewis	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Kenneth Lewis. Conducted by John Worth.
The first peal of Surprise Maximus to be rung in the Tittums.
Rung for the engagement of Alan Wainwright to Anne Worth, of Macclesfield.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 40¼ cwt.

Wilfred L. Robinson	*Treble*	Norman Chaddock	7
*David Armstrong	2	*Gordon K. Chaddock	8
*Fred Jackson	3	*Dennis Holland	9
*Dennis Chapman	4	*Barry Holland	10
*Elizabeth Bate	5	Rev. G. Gordon Graham	11
John E. Turley	6	Herbert O. Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest Morris. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.
* First peal on 12 bells. First peal of Plain Bob Maximus by all the band.
Rung on St. John's Day to mark the 150th anniversary of the casting of the back 10 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

DALTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat. Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*Brenda Fairer	*Treble*	Stanley Richardson	6
John Bagnall	2	James E. Burles	7
James Mossop	3	Frederick H. Crawley	8
Graham McKay	4	Harold Wilson	9
†Alan Capstick	5	*James Dickenson	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by James E. Burles.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal and for the Association.
Rung to welcome the New Year.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D.

*Edmund Malin	*Treble*	Jeffrey B. Webb	6
Albert E. Thompson	2	†Peter Beresford	7
†Joan Beresford	3	John A. L. Thompson	8
J. Edward Cawser	4	*Dennis Beresford	9
Harold Taylor	5	‡George E. Oliver	*Tenor*

Composed by John A. Burford. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal. ‡ First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.' First peal of Royal on the recast bells and of Surprise in the tower.

LLANDAFF, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.).

*Thomas Yeomans	*Treble*	Sidney J. Philbrick	6
†Jean M. Powell	2	Ivor H. Trueman	7
Jacqueline S. Evans	3	William E. Thompsett	8
Jack R. Worrall	4	David J. King	9
Frederick J. Bailey	5	*Robert E. Coles	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.
* 25th peal together. † First ten-bell peal. The first peal on the bells since their restoration by Mears and Stainbank.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt.

Mark S. Lancefield	*Treble*	*Geoffrey Pearson	6
Thomas E. Sone	2	Robert Swift	7
Peter N. Bond	3	Mark W. Marshall	8
Albert J. Lancefield	4	Thomas Cullingworth	9
Frederick G. Huckstepp	5	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Thomas E. Sone.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Surprise Royal as conductor.
A 42nd birthday compliment to Mr. A. Patrick Cannon.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

William Clover	*Treble*	Arthur G. Bason	5
Raymond G. Lofty	2	George Sayer	6
Henry Tooke	3	Eileen Bracey	7
Charles H. Moore	4	F. Nolan Golden	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Eileen Bracey.
First peal as conductor.
Rung in honour of the 25 years' priesthood of the Rector (the Rev. R. G. Heawood).

COWBRIDGE, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Jack R. Worrall	*Treble*	Frederick J. Bailey	5
*Jennifer M. Stephens	2	Trevor M. Roderick	6
*Keith G. Jones	3	A. Ryan Price	7
Jean M. Powell	4	Robert E. Coles	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Jack R. Worrall.
* First peal of Major. This peal ends a sequence of 30 unsuccessful peal attempts for Miss Jean M. Powell.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 29, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Mrs. E. Chandler	*Treble*	John D. Rock	5
Austin T. Wingate	2	Reginald T. Jones	6
Wilfrid F. Moreton	3	William E. Thompsett	7
Frederick R. Harris	4	Leslie Evans	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Morton.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor, on the bells and for the Guild.

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FAIRFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	*HENRY KIRK	5
*BRIAN WOODRUFFE	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	6
*WILLIAM A. SMITH	3	*ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	7
*MRS. A. RICHARDSON	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JEAN POWELL	*Treble*	A. RYAN PRICE	5
DAVID KING	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
*GLYN F. JENKINS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Surprise.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ROSEMARY JARRETT	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
JOHN BOURNE	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
*PHILIP MORGAN	3	REGINALD T. JONES	7
JOHN D. ROCK	4	LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Major.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

RODERICK W. PIPE	*Treble*	PATRICIA M. CLARKE	5
*CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	2	FREDERICK J. CRAPNELL	6
GEORGE W. PIPE	3	JAMES BENNETT	7
DIANA M. MATTHEW	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* First peal and first attempt.

CLIFTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

STANLEY H. WALLIS	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	5
*GEOFFREY MAYES	2	JOHN CHURCH	6
†ARTHUR W. DILLEY	3	PERCY W. TOMPKINS	7
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS. Conducted by LEWIS H. BYWATERS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal on 8 bells. First peal on the bells since the restoration.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	JACK ASHCROFT	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	7
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Joyce Coxall, a member of the local band, and Eric Baxendale.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 UNION TRIPLES
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in F.

*JANET L. ADAMSON	*Treble*	JEFFERY C. BIRT	5
†WILLIAM F. BUTLER	2	MICHAEL HATCHETT	6
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	†WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
GEORGE GILBERT	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM.
* First peal. † 50th peal together. First peal of Union Triples for all the band.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

LAURENCE WALMSLEY	*Treble*	STANLEY WALMSLEY	5
*HARRY CALDERBANK	2	E. ROGER MARTIN	6
THOMAS BARKER	3	FRANK STEAD	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	JOHN JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by FRANK STEAD.
* First peal of Major.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Charles S. Clarke, who had been a ringer here for 55 years. Also to the memory of the Rev. C. E. Haworth, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Darwen, and former Vicar of this parish.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	6
BETTY TESTER	3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	7
EDWARD JENNER	4	JOHN W. MEADE	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by ARTHUR F. LEWRY.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 MACCLESFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

ALAN J. BROWN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
JOHN WORTH	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. DRIVER. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
This method is now rung for the first time.
Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hibbert.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

*T. MAUREEN LLOYD	*Treble*	*RICHARD J. CARTER	5
*ANDREW R. CARTER	2	ALAN CATTELL	6
*T. EDWARD HAROLD	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
†CECIL H. F. KNIGHT	4	COLIN P. WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. † First of Major 'inside.' Marks the 50th anniversary of the record 17,104 in the same method, conducted by the same composer.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANCIS KIRK	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
ELSIE K. FULTON	2	*PETER J. COLES	6
*MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALICK CUTLER	7
MRS. T. J. LOCK	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
* First peal of Surprise.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Thurstans' Five-part. Tenor 20 cwt.

*George E. Braithwaite	*Treble*	John F. Wood	5
James W. Metcalfe	2	Peter Crook, sen.	6
James Skeats	3	Alan Pendlebury	7
Joseph Thornley	4	Richard P. Davis	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.

* 75th peal.

A farewell peal to the ringer of the 7th, who is joining H.M. Forces, and a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tompkins.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Royal Foundation Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

Victor A. Perry	*Treble*	Harold Haynes	5
Ernest G. Orland	2	Michael F. Amos	6
A. John Hobley	3	George W. Holland	7
John G. Underwood	4	William Yates	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by William Yates.

The first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by all the band.

Rung to mark the beginning of the cathedral year—the 1,300th anniversary of the planting of the church in the place where Peterborough Cathedral now stands.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

Ernest J. Mundy	*Treble*	Norman J. Smith	5
Robin G. Leale	2	E. Winifred Keys	6
*Robert Wake	3	Brian J. Luff	7
Frederick W. Burnett	4	Roger Baldwin	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal in the method. First on tower bells and of Major as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's Four-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in G.

Sheila Barker	*Treble*	Charles H. Moore	5
*Michael J. Day	2	Raymond G. Lofty	6
William Clover	3	Eileen Bracey	7
Henry Tooke	4	John Moore	*Tenor*

Conducted by Eileen Bracey.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung in honour of the engagement between John Moore, of Heston, and Eileen Bracey, of Hethersett.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Fri., Jan. 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

Dennis Chapman	*Treble*	Howard Scott	5
*Mrs. Norman Chaddock	2	George W. Massey	6
Elizabeth Bate	3	†Frederick J. Jackson	7
W. Eric Critchley	4	‡Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Norman Chaddock.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major. ‡ 200th peal (89th as conductor).

BUCKLEBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

Alice Talbot	*Treble*	George Stocker	5
Arthur W. Davis	2	Reginald F. Crook	6
Stella Davis	3	George Davis	7
Mrs. C. Pearce	4	Thomas Goddard	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Davis.

Specially arranged and rung on the 100th birthday of Mrs. G. Davis, mother of the 2nd and 3rd ringers and grandmother of the conductor.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and All Souls,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

Maurice Selby	*Treble*	†J. David Clarke	5
Clement Glenn	2	G. Ronald Edwards	6
Joan E. Hoodless	3	Allan Simpson	7
*Peter Giles	4	Arthur E. Hoodless	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clement Glenn.

* First peal. † First peal on 8 bells and in the method.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

Arthur H. Beamish	*Treble*	Hubert E. Ashley	5
Margaret E. L. Beamish	2	James L. Garner-Hayward	6
James Draycott	3	James F. Clarke	7
Dorothy E. Beamish	4	John A. L. Thompson	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur H. Beamish.

First peal of Surprise as conductor.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

Alexander S. Watt	*Treble*	David G. Gallop	5
Shirley V. Rymer	2	John D. Rock	6
Ruth M. K. How	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	7
David A. Edwards	4	Rodney B. Meadows	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Rodney B. Meadows.

KNEBWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Chris. W. Woolley	*Treble*	J. Desmond Painter	5
Eric Edmondson	2	William T. Cook	6
Chris. M. P. Johnson	3	Wilfred L. Robinson	7
Brian J. Stafford	4	Brian D. Threlfall	*Tenor*

Composed by Y. Green. Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 23, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Brian Elsmore	*Treble*	Leslie Evans	4
Austin T. Wingate	2	Reginald T. Jones	5
*Mrs. E. Chandler	3	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bridget,
A PEAL OF 5040 COURT BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Freda Taysom	*Treble*	Philip G. Morgan	4
Josephine Green	2	Charles G. Jones	5
Mollie Tilbury	3	Reginald T. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor in the method by all the band. Believed to be the first peal of Minor in the method for the Guild.

GRAVELEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Single Oxford Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

REX M. DIXON	*Treble*	MAURICE A. COLLINGS	4
*ALAN J. TUTTLE	2	DEREK P. JONES	5
PHILIP MEHEW	3	STEPHEN J. IVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal 'inside,' aged 14.
A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

WIVENHOE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 24, 1954, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

FRANK G. OLIVER	*Treble*	†FRANK PIKE	4
*BERNARD FAIRHEAD	2	†ERIC SPARLING	5
HARRY J. MILLATT	3	GEORGE N. ORMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY J. MILLATT.

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

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*BETTY A. TESTER	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	†COLIN A. TESTER	5
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in five methods.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents each of Grandsire and Plain Bob and two of April Day. Tenor 16 cwt. (approx.) in E flat.

*TERENCE H. SMITH	*Treble*	GORDON H. LANE	3
*ROGER L. NUTT	2	WALTER G. LANE	4
		*D KEITH LANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.

* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to D. Keith Lane on his joining the R.A.F.

MARTIN-BY-TIMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Cambridge Surprise, and one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob and Norwich Surprise. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

FRED INGALL	*Treble*	LOUIS WILLDERS	4
PETER MASON	2	W. ROBERT PARKER	5
AMOS INGALL	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY R. PARKER.

NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, in 2 Hours and 22 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 15 different six-scores. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	*GEORGE DAVIS	3
JOHN D. ROCK	2	*AUSTIN T. WINGATE	4
		*WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BATHAMPTON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's, with all calls being singles. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	*Treble*	S. ARTHUR READ	4
WILLIAM H. HURFORD	2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS	5
ERIC NAYLOR	3	WILLIAM F. J. COPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

In memoriam William Hawkins.



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FARNINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Mary R. Andrews .. ..*Treble*	*Brian P. Hargrove .. 4
Beverley A. Thompson .. 2	†Ian H. Oram 5
D. Mary Ward 3	John L. Morris .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by John L. Morris.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Plain Bob and three each of Single Court and Single Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

William R. Marsh .. ..*Treble*	Walter Weston 4
Neville Whitney 2	*Frederick B. Boyfield .. 5
Henry P. Collin 3	James H. Musson .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
* First peal.

WAREHORNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents of Cambridge and one extent each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

Maisie Vantom .. .. ..*Treble*	John R. Cooper 4
Richard J. Lancefield .. 2	Albert J. Lancefield .. 5
Geoffrey Pearson 3	Mark S. Lancefield ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.

WESTONING, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Stephen J. Ivin .. ..*Treble*	Andrew C. Sinfield .. 4
Ronald J. Sharp 2	*Dennis Knox 5
*John W. V. Sinfield .. 3	*Derek P. Jones .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* First peal in seven Plain methods.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*John Hall .. .. ..*Treble*	Jack Bray 4
C. Aubrey Harrison .. 2	Harry Hall 5
Ronald Chafer 3	George W. Moody .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal.

BINSTED, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes.*
At the Church of The Holy Cross.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

Shelagh R. Collins .. ..*Treble*	*Roland W. Morant .. 4
Eileen M. Turner 2	*E. John Wells 5
Monica E. Collins .. 3	A. Patrick Cannon ..*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* 50th peal together. Mr. R. W. Morant's 50th peal in 1954. The first peal on these bells since 1914.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

David Nicholls .. ..*Treble*	Wilfred G. Saunders .. 4
*David Vokes 2	Cedric F. W. Phillippo.. 5
T. Charles Browne .. 3	Frank C. J. Arnold .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Cedric F. W. Phillippo.
* First peal of Minor.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Old Oxford, Willesden, College Bob IV., Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, College Exercise and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

Peter J. Came .. .. ..*Treble*	*Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 4
Mary Dowsett 2	Peter J. Eves 5
Ivan J. M. Saunders .. 3	Joe E. G. Roast .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal in seven methods.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

Michael Cleeves .. ..*Treble*	David Stubbings 4
Jane Thorpe 2	William J. Ridgman .. 5
*Jill Martin 3	Eustace W. Bullman ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Eustace W. Bullman.
* First peal 'inside' in the method.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. B. James' Composition. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

William Green .. ..*Treble*	William R. Parker 4
Bertie Bee 2	Peter Mason 5
Amos Ingall 3	Louis Willders .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis Willders.
Rung for the wedding this day of Miss H. Crompton, a chorister, and Mr. G. Speed, a ringer at this church.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Geoffrey Dodds .. ..*Treble*	Joyce Dodds 4
*Jean M. Abercrombie .. 2	Gillian R. Lamont 5
*Meriel Hawksley 3	William T. Cook .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by William T. Cook.
* First peal on tower bells
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 21 cwt.

*Geof. R. Marchant (14) *Treble*	*Dennis G. Miller (17) .. 4
*Michael J. Stone (16) .. 2	Cecil T. Clarke 5
*Clive E. Marchant (18) 3	Ronald D. Short .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Ronald D. Short.
* First peal of Minor. First of Minor on the bells.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

Frederick Watson .. ..*Treble*	John Vernon 4
*John Smith 2	Alfred Ballard 5
Roger Hayward 3	Frank K. Measures ..*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank K. Measures.
* First peal in seven methods.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent and Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

WILLIAM WENBAN .. ..*Treble*	†JOHN SCHOFIELD 4
*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 2	JOHN R. MAYNE 5
D. KAY ADKINS 3	HAROLD E. CLAYTON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

KENNETH W. GRAHAM ..*Treble*	ROYSTON WILMORE 4
ARTHUR D. SAYER 2	JULIAN PAWLEY 5
*MRS. A. D. SAYER 3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.'

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of 120, 10 different calings. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER ..*Treble*	WILLIAM L. EXTON 4
GEORGE E. FOSTER 2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER .. 5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS .. 3	CHARLES J. COPP .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

First peal of Stedman as conductor.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Hooper.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

KENNETH MEDWAY .. ..*Treble*	RONALD H. GARDENER .. 4
*MARJORIE LEGG 2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS .. 5
†JOHN KINGSNORTH 3	GEORGE PRESCOTT .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* 50th peal. † First peal.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four methods: one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob (C.C.C. (Nos. 58, 151, 150, 36, 28). Tenor 15 cwt.

*JOHN S. HARRISON .. ..*Treble*	ALAN TAYLOR 4
†ELISABETH GRIME 2	MAURICE BAILEY 5
W. RODNEY HARRISON .. 3	JACK BAILEY .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE BAILEY.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal in four methods 'inside.'

A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Joan Bailey, daughter of the tenor ringer and sister of the conductor.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On. Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

ROY A. WARD .. .. ..*Treble*	ROBERT L. PIRON 4
REV. CHRIS. G. WOODHEAD 2	RICHARD W. STEPHENS .. 5
DAPHNE J. HARE 3	J. MICHAEL STEPHENS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

Rung for the birth of a son (Richard Lovelace) to Mr. and Mrs. D. Johnston, of Highampton, Devon.

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Mr. Thomas H. Francis was elected Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths last Saturday. He succeeds Mr. Frank J. Hawthorne. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next issue.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs. E. J. Davis, mother of Miss Stella Davis, a vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has just celebrated her 100th birthday. She lives with her daughter at Bucklebury, Berks. Mrs. Davis is the widow of Mr. George Davis, a bellringer. She was organist and choirmistress at St. Mary's, Bucklebury, for about 50 years and was also a teacher, the same profession as her parents.

Employes of Vauxhall Motors, Ltd., Luton, rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor at Maulden, Beds, on January 1st.

Miss Priscilla Oakeshott and Miss Janet Godfrey are the first ladies to have rung in a quarter peal at Silsoe, Beds.

The Right Rev. Gerald Alexander Ellison, the Bishop of Willesden, who has been appointed Bishop of Chester, has rung at least one peal. The bells of the Chester Diocese, we are sure, will give him a cordial welcome at his enthronement.

The band which Mr. James E. Burles gathered together for the peal at Dalton-in-Furness on New Year's Day comprised four Cumberlands, five from Lancashire and one from Westmorland. They were honoured at the festive board afterwards by Mr. Thomas Metcalf, the leader at Dalton, Miss E. Suart and Mr. Albert Crawley, as well as the secretary, Mr. Nicholas Newby.

Familiarity with a notice seems to breed contempt! Although we state in black type 'Notices of meetings must be received on the Monday preceding publication,' an increasing number, some regular offenders, regard Tuesday as the last time. The cost of disorganisation far outweighs the charge for these notices. Some we realise are unavoidable but others could be prevented by running a deposit account with 'The Ringing World.'

The first girl bellringer at Terling, Essex, Miss Jennifer Bird, has married Mr. J. F. Copsey, of Romford. After the ceremony at Terling by the Rev. F. J. McBride, the bride handed her bouquet of red roses to one of the three bridesmaids, and in her gown of white lace and tulle and wearing a pearl tiara, she went to the belfry to ring a touch.

Miss Eileen Bracey had never called a touch of Major until she conducted a peal of Plain Bob at Hethersett on December 18th. We congratulate her on her engagement.

Mr. E. Roger Martin and Mr. John Jackson have now 'circled' 'Higher Walton tower. The occasion was the first peal of Treble Bob conducted by Mr. Frank Stead, which took place on January 1st.

Before ringing the peal at Binsted, Hants, the band spent two hours greasing the bells, tightening up nuts and adjusting ropes, etc. This made a big difference to the 'go' of the bells, as they have only been rung on a few occasions since the war.

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. John Henry Myhill, of Chelmsford, who is one of the only two surviving members of the band formed at All Saints' Church, Springfield, in 1920. There was a golden wedding quarter of Plain Bob Minor in his honour.

When the ringers of the peal of Union Triples at Farnham Royal, Bucks, on New Year's Day descended the belfry they were met by the verger with the following remarks: 'Thank you for that lovely music. How nice to hear some really good ringing. And what lovely music it was! What was it?' 'Isn't that sufficient justification for ringing a peal of Union Triples?' asks the conductor.

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PEAL RINGING IN HEREFORDSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

IF we leave out Rutland on account of its small size and few rings of bells (only 22), Hereford ranks with Northampton as having the smallest number of rings of eight and ten compared with its total number. There are only two tens and eleven eights out of a grand total of 91, i.e., just over 14 per cent. Northamptonshire's two tens and 26 eights out of 198 give it likewise a percentage of just over 14. Another very noticeable fact about the peals is that more than a third of the 6-bell towers recorded their first peal in the years 1908 and 1909—21 out of the 61, in fact; whilst if we include the years from 1907 to 1914, the total is nearly two-thirds—38 out of the 61. It looks as if somebody was out to 'capture' a whole host of 'firsts on the bells'! It certainly shows that ringing was very flourishing in the county at that time—probably more so than at any other time up to the last ten years. Recently, only seven out of the 59 6-bell towers where peals have been rung have not appeared in the lists since the war. The two 6-bell towers which are still virgin territory are Much Cowarne and Frome Bishop, by the way.

And now for details. Bridstow is easily the leader as far as numbers of peals are concerned. It was a 6-bell tower when the first peal was rung in 1909, and very popular, too, for 33 peals were rung there before the bells were augmented in 1923 (there was a gap between 1914 and 1919). It became just as popular with eight bells and 62 peals were rung from 1924 to 1938. There have been 11 since the war, making a grand total of 106—the only 'centenarian' in the county. There are only three other towers which have passed the 50 mark—all with eight bells. Clifford has a total of 64 peals: six were rung between 1897 and 1909, 49 from 1919 to 1939, and there have been nine in the past ten years. At the moment, therefore, the tower is not appearing quite as often in the peal lists as it did between the wars. Ross has 54, commencing in 1882. Actually there was an earlier peal here on February 11th, 1851, which is probably the first peal rung in the county. Between 1882 and 1914, 19 peals were rung; between 1920 and 1938, 28; and since the war, seven (the last in 1951). The third tower, Colwall, has just reached the 50 mark. Here, again, the tower was an early visitor to the peal list, for the name appeared first in 1884. Twenty-three were rung up to 1911; 18 from 1919 to 1937, eight from 1945 to 1950, and one in 1953. So there appears to be a waning of interest here at the moment as far as peal ringing is concerned.

THE TWO TEN-BELL TOWERS

The two 10-bell towers are Hereford Cathedral and Leominster. The former has only recorded 12 peals, spread out fairly evenly over the years from 1898. There have been two since the war. The latter has 25 peals, commencing in 1894. Since nine of these have been rung since 1946, the average is rather higher at the moment than at any previous time. There were three before the first war and 13 between the wars.

The remaining 8-bell towers are all between 31 and 15. Since they are so few, they can be individually mentioned. Practically all are enjoying as much peal ringing at the moment as at any time in their history. Burghill has 31 (the first in 1895—11 since the war); Eardisland (very recently augmented) has 30 (24 on the original six between 1908 and 1949, and six on the eight the last two years—there have been 18 in all since 1943); Hereford, All Saints', has 26 (first in 1914, 10 since 1946); Holm Lacy has 27 (first in 1895, six since the war); Ledbury has 17 (commencing 1897 with a gap from 1932 to 1950, but three since then); Lugwardine has 26 (six on the original six bells from 1904 to 1922, nine on the eight from 1927 to 1939, and there have been 11 since 1945); finally Presteigh has 15 (two in 1908 to begin with, and seven since the war).

As may be expected in this largely 6-bell county, some of the 6-bell towers have records as good as their more fortunate(!) brethren. None have reached the 50 mark, but Mathon is very close, having had 48 peals. There was a gap after the first peal in 1896 until 1909, but ringing has been very consistent since then, with a higher average before the first war than since (15 in five years as compared with one a year since). Actually, this tower is well ahead of all the others, for Lyonshall comes next with 28, 15 in the years 1925 to 1939 and 13 since 1943. Four other towers are in the 20s—Marden (23), mostly in the years 1920 to 1939 (only two since the war, both in 1949); Kimbolton (24), spread evenly since 1922 (although the first peal was in 1909); Almeley (22), 12 since the war; and Holmer (21), most in the 1930's and only one, in 1948, since the war. The majority of the 6-bell towers have peal totals between 10 and 20—28 of the remaining 52 towers. As I have already said, only seven have not appeared in the lists since the war, and of these six recorded their last peals between 1936 and 1939. The seventh, King's Capel, has been silent since 1929.

As for the 5-bell towers, 14 out of the 18 have had peals rung on them, which means that only six out of the 91 towers in the county are peal-less. These four are Hereford, St. Peter, Kentchurch, Linton and Winforton. One of the 5-bell towers has recorded 17 peals, which is a very respectable total for such towers and amongst the highest in the land (see the article on Essex). This tower is Whitney, and all were rung between 1927 and 1940, but there have been none since the war. Norton Canon has eight—the first in 1912 (which was the first peal to be rung in any of the 5-bell towers in the county) and the remainder between 1924 and 1940. Actually, only five peals have been rung since the war on the bells of this group of towers, three of them this year.

So much for Herefordshire.

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THEBERTON, SUFFOLK, WANT TO HEAR THEIR BELLS AGAIN

The small village of Theberton, Suffolk, want to hear their bells again, and the first step was taken on New Year's Eve, when the Bell Fund was inaugurated by a social and dance. The Leiston ringers attended and rang touches on handbells.

Theberton has five bells. A new frame and fittings are required and also a treble bell to make a six. The cost will be £900.

Outside help would be much appreciated and donations, large or small, may be sent to 'The Theberton Bell Fund,' c/o A. R. Bridges, Post Office, Theberton, Leiston, Suffolk.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Recordings were taken of the ringing at Stroud, Glos, at the annual meeting of the Stroud District, and also interviews with several ringers. It was not the B.B.C. but a local recording enthusiast, Mr. Watkins, of Paganhill.

Friends of his met at Macclesfield on December 20th intending to honour the 60th birthday of Mr. E. Jenkins, of Oldham, with a peal of Stedman Caters. Unfortunately the company met three short. Three of the local band were enlisted and 'a happy birthday' was announced by a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Royal.

When Mr. E. K. Walton, a master at Oundle School and a ringer at the Parish Church attends Oundle Branch meetings he is invariably accompanied by 'Sister'—a real huskie who is a great friend of all ringers. Members of the Guild are expecting to hear something more about 'Sister' and her companions when Mr. Walton's book, 'Two Years in the Antarctic,' is published on February 1st by the Lutterworth Press. Mr. Walton's father is Vicar of Bromley and preached to the Kent County Association at their meeting last Easter Monday.

Mr. Harold J. Poole heads the list of peal ringers for 1954 with 125 peals. Mr. G. E. Fearn is second with 122. List next week.

With the peal of Plain Bob Maximus at Sheffield on December 27th, Mr. Norman Chaddock has conducted peals of Plain Bob in Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. Peals in this family were accomplished by this peal by Messrs. Wilfred L. Robinson, John E. Turley, Dennis Holland, Barry Holland, the Rev. G. G. Graham and Herbert O. Chaddock.

'Happy birthday and Happy New Year.'—This dual congratulation came to Mary Garland, of Woodchester, Glos. Mary was 13 years old when shortly before midnight she was one of the band that rang out 1954. She was 14 when, a few minutes after midnight, the bells came round. Woodchester have a number of young ringers, and parents and friends were among the interested spectators.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow has retired as hon. secretary of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association, a post he has held for ten years. His reports and letters will be much missed in this office.

It was intended to ring a peal at Madeley, Staffs. on December 27th, for the wedding of Mr. F. W. Grocott and Miss J. Kinkman. The late arrival of one of the band necessitated ringing being limited to a quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor. The company was F. E. Wilshaw (conductor) 1, June M. Henshaw 2, C. H. Page 3, A. Lambert 4, E. H. Edge 5, O. M. Slaney 6. First of Surprise Minor for 4 and 6.

Mrs. Chaddock made her first attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Rotherham Parish Church on New Year's Eve, when due to a fault on the 7th clapper balance weight, after 1¼ hours' ringing, 'Stand' was regretfully called. Though Mrs. Chaddock has not rung many peals, she has been a pillar of strength to Mr. Norman Chaddock, particularly in the encouragement and training of young ringers in the Rotherham area.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

New Badge of Office for Master

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on January 1st at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, the Master, Mr. Albert Walker, presiding.

Before commencing the ordinary business of the meeting the chairman referred to the passing of George Garrison, an original member of the Erdington Parish Church band. He was an excellent ringer and a painstaking striker. A high-class joiner by trade, the table in Erdington belfry would remain for many years as an example of his work The members stood in silence as a last token of respect.

The president and the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. The whole of the existing officers were also re-elected, as follows:—Master, Mr. Albert Walker; Ringing Master, Mr. John Pinfold; trustees, Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P. and Mr. Ernest T. Allaway; auditors, Mr. Henry H. Fearn and Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway; Central Council representatives, Mr. Frank E. Haynes and Mr. George E. Fearn; librarian, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George E. Fearn.

Mr. Frank E. Haynes was chosen to occupy the chair at the Henry Johnson Dinner and Bicentenary Celebration, which will be held on March 5th. The secretary reported that the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress have promised to attend.

The following new members were elected:—Messrs. Paul J. Rigby, William J. V. Conduct, Leonard W. Conduct and William Shelton (all of Erdington) and Brian Downie (Aston).

Formal notice of motion was given that new rules would be presented for consideration at the next meeting, and it was decided to distribute draft copies of the proposed rules to the towers in the Diocese.

The next meeting will take place at Aston Parish Church on April 2nd.

The new Master's badge of office was shown and greatly admired. The design, which is the work of Miss Muriel Reay, depicts St. Martin's Church, and also incorporates the Arms of the Diocese.

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Peals.—Eardisland 4s., Newport 4s., Weedon Bec 3s., Bathampton 3s., Hersham 3s., Bletchingley 3s., Bucklebury 5s., Sheffield 5s., Conisbrough 2s., St. Ippolyts 3s., Tilney 3s., Bulwell 3s. 6d., Kingstone 3s., Clodock 3s., Escrick 4s., Bethersden 3s.

Quarter peals.—Hereford 4s., Clerkenwell 2s. 6d., Whitstable 2s. 6d., Clifton, Notts, 1s. 6d., Otley 3s., Sherburn-in-Elmet 1s. 6d., Blunsdon 3s., Stoke Poges 2s., Walthamstow 4s., Publow 2s., Twerton-on-Avon 3s., Mitcham 3s., Westminster Abbey 2s., Wimbledon 2s. 6d., Thorley 2s., Trull 1s. 6d., Mountsorrel 2s. 6d.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

New Secretary for South and West District

Over 40 ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the South and West District held at Uxbridge on January 8th. The Rev. Harold Dunning, Vicar of St. Margaret's, conducted the Guild service.

The Vicar took the chair at the annual business meeting, supported by Miss Townsend, churchwarden, and Mr. Liversidge, organist. For the first time since the Guild annual meeting the general secretary of the Guild, Mr. E. C. S. Turner, was able to attend a meeting, and he and Mrs. Turner were most welcome. Mr. Turner was discharged from hospital recently and was warmly congratulated on his recovery.

The accounts were accepted and showed a balance of over £18 going to the Central Fund. The secretary, Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, reported a fall in the number of peals and quarter peals rung in this District compared with the previous year. The methods rung in peals ranged from London Surprise Royal to Spliced Doubles in 45 methods. Only one first peal (by G. Thrush, of Cranford) was recorded. The leading conductor was R. F. B. Speed, who conducted five peals. Ten meetings had been held. Twenty-one ringing and three honorary members had joined the Association in 1954. The report concluded with thanks to the incumbents who had extended to the Association the hospitality of their towers, to the local bands and to the ladies who had brightened the meetings and made them so much more enjoyable by providing and serving tea.

Several offices changed hands. The newcomers were: F. C. Price, Deputy Ringing Master; J. D. Rock, hon. secretary (address: 346, Staines Road, Bedfont); F. A. Finch, assistant secretary; and J. B. Sansom and Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, Central Committee.

The retiring officers—R. F. B. Speed, F. W. Goodfellow, D. R. Judd and T. Collins—were thanked for their past services. Mr. Goodfellow, who had served as hon. secretary for ten years altogether, said one of the things he had enjoyed most during his term of office was the friendliness of ringers. It was a precious thing, this friendliness, and they must cherish it and guard it carefully and do nothing to spoil or damage it. He thought one way they could advance the feeling of brotherhood in ringing circles was for Associations and Guilds to meet together occasionally. He himself had arranged many joint meetings, several of which were now firmly established as annual events.

A brief but lively discussion on recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' commenced by Mr. Tony Price's reference to the Central Council's ban on Minor, Bob Triples and Doubles. He and Mr. E. C. S. Turner supported Mr. Blagrove. There seemed to be a desire in certain quarters to ban anything! Mr. C. C. Mayne referred to the glorious peal of Triples rang at Exeter Cathedral but banned because ringers exchanged ropes.

Thanks were accorded to all who had helped to make the meeting a happy and successful one, and a welcome extended to the visitors. The Vicar replied to the thanks, and Mr. W. Hibbert, general secretary of the Oxford Guild, for the visitors. The latter drew attention to the 100th birthday of one of their honorary members, Mrs. Davis.

Some very good ringing (at times!) took place at St. Margaret's in the afternoon, and after tea the ten at St. John's, Hillingdon, were put to good use.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

To-morrow's District Meeting at Melton Mowbray

A special effort is being made by the Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild to attract the interest of local clergy and churchpeople in the affairs of the Guild.

The incumbents of all the churches in the district with bells have been circularised and invited to attend the meeting themselves and to bring with them if possible their churchwardens, members of their parochial church councils, and any others interested.

It is hoped that the service in Melton's lovely parish church at 4 p.m. will be an occasion of great praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God. The Vicar of Melton, Canon C. M. S. Clarke, has shown great interest in the arrangements and has invited all visiting clergy to robe for the service.

The Melton District ringers would very much appreciate the support of as many ringers as possible, both in and outside the district.

5,184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT MAJOR

By NOLAN GOLDEN

Composer's 12-part No. 14 in the method; 110 singles.

1	6	2 3 4 5 6
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S	S	3 2 6 5 4

A=S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S8, S12

Eleven times repeated, omitting the single at 4 in all but the seventh part. Reduced to 5,072 by omitting the singles at 1 in the second and third courses of any one part.

[If the bobs are called at 12 in the first and at 6 in the second and third courses instead of the last four singles, the composition contains all combinations of 4–5–6 in 5–6 in the minimum number of courses.]

BIDDENDEN YOUTHS

On New Year's Eve the resuscitated Ancient Society of Biddenden Youths held their annual dinner and meeting. After a short ring members and guests (29 in all) met at the Chequers for a very fine dinner prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Wren.

The main points of interest in the after-dinner speeches were: A very hearty welcome by the Youths to their new president and Rector (the Rev. A. B. Richardson); the necessity of simplicity and sincerity in church work and worship; the New Year message of Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, hon. secretary K.C.A.C.R., who unfortunately was unable to attend; the support and interest of the layman in bellringing affairs and a warning to ringers not to become absorbed only in bellringing but to keep an open mind in relationship with the church.

The following officers were elected:—Ringing Master, Mr. S. G. Waters; Vice-Ringing Master, Mr. H. Deacon; hon. secretary, Mr. H. G. Payne.

At 11.15 p.m. the company returned to the belfry, where the New Year was rung in by Harry Baker and ringers in traditional style.

BRISTOL DIOCESE AND ELECTRONIC BELLS

The following announcement appears in the 'Bristol Diocesan Gazette':—

Electric Bells: Within the last three years faculties have been granted for the introduction of electronic bells into churches in this diocese, and one for the retention of electronic bells illegally introduced many years ago. Lest it should be thought that this indicates that a favourable view is taken of such applications, the Chancellor desires it to be stated that there were exceptional circumstances in each case which are unlikely to recur, and that further faculties to introduce electronic bells are unlikely to be granted.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHY NOT A REUNION?

Dear Sir,—How interesting was the peal with eight old friends of the late W. Pye, but how much more so if Albert Coles could fix a reunion of the old peals band—Grimwood, Nudds, Hewitt and others and invite the Editor. What a page we should get of 'off the record' tales! The late Mr. Goldsmith often said if he could have had a day or two with the Rev. F. E. Robinson how interesting he could have made his book.—Yours sincerely,

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

MR. FRED G. MAY

Dear Sir,—I was most interested to read the letter from your South African correspondent regarding Mr. Fred G. May. A few years ago, when browsing in the well-known second-hand bookshops in the Steep Hill at Lincoln, I bought an excellent copy of 'The Clavis' reprint, clearly inscribed on the flyleaf, 'F. G. May.' I at once connected it with Bristol, and many times have wondered how the book came to be in Lincoln. There is a cutting from the old 'Bell News' inside, a poem, by A. P. H. (I presume Sir Arthur Heywood), entitled 'In Memoriam, Henry Johnson,' and dated Jan. 7th, 1890. I wonder if Mr. May is one of those who remember Henry Johnson in the flesh? If Mr. May would like to have his book I should be delighted to restore it to him if he would get in touch with me.

On New Year's Eve in Gloucester I was privileged to have half an hour's chat with Mr. Sydney Romans, first Master of St. Michael's Juniors, who told me of the early days of the brothers James. Perhaps he too has met and rung with Mr. May.—Yours sincerely,

K. S. B. CROFT.

70, Sydney Road, Southampton.

A PEAL FOR BIRMINGHAM

Dear Sir,—After reading the article on 'Knowing What is Going On' from 'The Ringing World,' November 19th, 1954, from the brilliant pen of Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. C. K. Lewis and myself discussed the question of the very rigid mould of form and limited musical plan of Surprise Royal and Maximus, the outcome of which Mr. C. K. Lewis produced the following, which was duly rung at St. Michael's, Macclesfield, on December 27th, 1954.

If E. C. S. will get his Birmingham friends to try out the same I am sure he will agree that the musical field for Royal and Maximus has not yet been fully developed.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN WORTH.

Macclesfield.

5,280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

By C. K. LEWIS

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SUTTON, CAMBS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Darby 1, D. Knights 2, D. Murfet 3, L. Lightfoot 4, C. Gimbert 5, S. Shipp (cond.) 6. For Communion service, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the 3rd ringer.

IDENTICAL

Dear Sir,—I should like to thank your correspondents, Messrs. Pink and Tipler, for their remarks concerning the methods recently published as Netherton and Moorside Surprise Major. They are indeed identical with the methods previously published as Oxfordshire and Quinton Surprise Major respectively.

I make no apology for this oversight. To keep track of all these methods one requires either a prodigious memory or else an equally prodigious filing system, neither of which, unfortunately, I possess.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

THANK YOU, DURBAN

Dear Sir,—I should like to express through your journal my thanks for the kindness of the Durban (S.A.) ringers in ensuring that I had a ring on both their rings during my recent visit to that country. As you will doubtless be aware, Durban has two rings of bells, the ten bells at St. Mary's and an eight-bell ring at St. Paul's, both of which go very well and which, if I remember rightly, are supplied by Taylor's.

I should like to express my thanks to Mr. Chambers for the trouble he went to in meeting me and taking me to both these towers. Mr. Chambers is extremely enthusiastic and is building up a band of young ringers who, with a little more practice, should do well, and it is to be hoped we'll see some quarter peals rung by them appearing in 'The Ringing World.' I am sure that Mr. Chambers will be more than pleased to welcome any ringers who are vising Durban from this country.—Yours faithfully,

J. R. COTTERILL, M.I.E.E.

West Bromwich.

REGULAR AND IRREGULAR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Felstead seems to have taken up a lot of paper in replying to Mr. Blagrove and myself. The part of his letter which interested me most was his reason for changing his opinion about irregular methods, 'easier composition, easier conducting, symmetry, music, etc.'

Personally, I do not think that these are reasons. I think that they are just excuses. Mr. Felstead and a small number of other people believe that they are right in thinking that methods with Plain Bob lead ends are superior to those without them, and so, when asked why they are superior, they fall back on the old excuses.

I will quote only one example. Taking Bob Minor, if we have fifths made at the half lead instead of firsts we get Double Bob Minor, a regular, musical method. If, however, we make thirds instead of fifths we get Wakefield College Bob, an irregular method. A 720 of this can be easily obtained, and is just as musical as a 720 of Bob Minor. The plain course is quite symmetrical, and, in any case, should asymmetry be classed as a great fault?

Mr. Felstead states that members of the committee must abide by the Rules and Decisions, but what happens if an occasion arises where they want a rule changed. It is just brought up as a recommendation from the committee that such and such a rule should be changed, and it is carried.

I'm afraid that the views of the Methods Committee are the views of a minority, and I advise ringers for their ultimate own good that they should advise their Central Council representatives accordingly.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM BUTLER.

Clewer, Windsor.

OPPOSITION TO METHODS COMMITTEE ASKED TO COMBINE

Dear Sir,—I must congratulate Mr. Blagrove on his excellent, well-reasoned reply to Mr. Felstead's defence of his change of attitude over the last ten years. Mr. Blagrove earnestly appeals to ringers to get their Council delegates to vote against the Methods Committee's motion that peals containing methods not in their Collection be excluded from the analysis, or whatever similar form the motion may take. I heartily endorse this appeal, but it is not easy to persuade representatives who are the die-hards of orthodoxy to vote according to their consciences, or the known wishes of the great majority of the ringers they represent. Another difficulty is that most Associations only hold a general meeting once a year, and if that happens to fall after Whitsun this year, it is impossible to get one's representatives 'briefed' before the Council meets without calling a special meeting.

I urge all ringers who resent the present restrictive practices of the Council, in conformity with the dictates of the Methods Committee, to take the practical step of requesting an extraordinary meeting of their Association, so that these questions can be given proper consideration and their delegates **instructed** how to vote, instead of passively saying 'Yes,' as has happened with Major, Minor, Triples, etc., in the past, or voting according to their own personal views. If some of the ringers who consistently criticise the Methods Committee would pull together in this way and turn up in sufficient strength to get their wishes carried out, then all this animosity would cease, as they would have no grievance. What a grand example of democracy it would be if, say, the Winchester Guild instructed Mr. Felstead (as their representative) to vote against the Doubles Collection he had helped to prepare!

I have re-read Mr. Felstead's reply to Mr. Butler and I can see no **sound** reason whatever for his acceptance of the 'Council's' views. His sole argument seems to be that Plain Bob lead heads make for 'easier composition, easier conducting, symmetry of the method, music, etc.' (whatever etc. means!).

(i).—Easier composition. Why does he stand up for easier composition at a time when composers are competing with each other to produce peals under the most difficult conditions? With so many methods 'worked out' surely something which will allow opportunities to composers of the future should be encouraged.

(ii).—Easier conducting.—Conductors are of varying abilities, and some revel in tackling extremely difficult compositions. There is plenty for the average conductor. Why not permit the wizards to continue to advance their artistry if they wish?

(iii).—Symmetry of the method. Is there any **sound** reason why a method must be symmetrical? Mr. Felstead doesn't suggest **one.**

(iv).—Music. As far as Triples is concerned all 5,040 rows have to appear, so it cannot apply here. In Major there are numerous methods regarded as legitimate whose music is abominable, whereas irregular methods can often produce much better music. He cannot generalise truthfully on this issue, either.

No, sir, I consider Mr. Felstead's attempted vindication wholly unconvincing. I wonder whether he has **honestly** changed his opinions, or merely meekly accepted certain orthodox rules!—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, 480 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire): B. Harfield (first away from a covering bell) 1, Agnes F. Millam 2, Edna M. Everest 3, Valerie Mepham 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, M. Truran (first quarter) 6. First in three methods by all. For the Christmas festival.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Miss Joan Hills, who is now living in Grays, Essex, after sojourning in Australia, informs us that the first quarter peal of Stedman Triples in New South Wales has been rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. The band consisted of John Sheehy 1, Lawrence Curran 2, Joan Gray 3, John Cummins 4, Edmund Fowell 5, Phillip Gray (conductor) 6, Thomas Goodyer 7, Charles Dennehy 8. This was the first of Stedman Triples for all except Mr. and Mrs. Gray and was rung while they were up from Melbourne to see the Test Match.

There have been two notable deaths recently in New South Wales. One was Jack McNamara, a very old member of St. Mary's of about the time of 'Grandfather MacDonald.' Jack died at the home run by the Little Sisters of the Poor, at Randwick, having been almost blind for some time. He did manage to take the treble for a few rounds on the day the Queen landed in Sydney and to the best of Miss Hills' knowledge that was the last time he put hand to rope. The other death was Jim Arkell, captain of St. Paul's, West Maitland. The Arkells had been connected with Maitland tower for many years, and Jim had a son and daughter who were ringers. Jim died in Sydney after having been seriously ill for six months. May they both rest in peace.

Christchurch St. Lawrence, Sydney, must be rather unique in that four out of their five members are ladies. The fifth is tower captain—Justin Buckley! Mr. A. R. ('Bob') Botting, of All Saints', Parramatta, has retired from active ringing now, but Harry Short of that tower is gradually returning to good health and taking his place in ringing circles once more.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A very encouraging start to the year's activities was made at Dore Parish Church, Sheffield on New Year's Day, when one of the most pleasant of recent meetings was held.

Although this musical ring of eight had not been rung for some time previously, the bells handled very easily, thanks to some special attention by the Society's president, Mr. H. O. Chaddock, on the previous Saturday and Wednesday.

Some 30 ringers attended and a good variety of Plain and Surprise Major methods was rung, also Minor, Triples rounds and Treble Bob Major, the Ringing Master, Mr. John J. L. Gilbert, officiating in his usual courteous and efficient manner.

Cups of tea were prepared and served in the comfortable Church Hall by Mrs. N. and Mrs. H. O. Chaddock. At the very short business meeting a special welcome was extended to friends from Derby, and to Mr. G. W. Massey, from Frome, Somerset. It was announced that the next meeting would be at Sheffield (St. Marie's in the afternoon and Cathedral at night) on February 5th.

ST. MARTIN'S, DORKING

Every New Year's Eve the St. Martin's, Dorking, bellringers are entertained to supper by the Church Council. The catering arrangements are always in the capable hands of Miss B. Dowling, assisted by other lady ringers, and this year's feast was enjoyed by a company of 17 ringers and relations, and including a churchwarden, Mr. F. S. Pickford.

The Vicar, the Rev. K. D. Evans, thanked the ringers for their very regular Sunday ringing and confirmed that the rehanging of the bells will commence soon, following the granting of the faculty.

Mr. Albert Harman was again elected captain, Miss E. Clear secretary, and Mrs. Clark treasurer. Good progress has been made with method ringing during the year and several quarter peals rung by a local company. It is hoped that after the bells are rehung some more recruits will be attracted to the art.

A. P. C.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Twenty-One Years a Secretary

For the 21st year in succession Mr. S. T. Price was elected secretary and treasurer of the Stroud Branch on December 18th at Stroud, and in acknowledging his re-election, he mentioned that during that period he had missed only one local ringers' meeting—when he was in hospital in 1946.

The past year has been a memorable one for him as a few months ago he was married. The members' friendship and appreciation was expressed by Mr. Leslie Barry, the Master of the Association, when he presented Mr. Price with a fountain pen, and a purse for his wife.

About 50 ringers attended during the day and there was ringing at the Stroud tower both in the afternoon and evening. Clergy who officiated at a ringers' service were the Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Maltin), the curate (the Rev. E. Hoskin) and the Rev. P. A. Hippisley-Smith.

After tea in the Church Institute the Master presided over the annual meeting at which satisfactory reports were presented.

The secretary stated that during the year there had been nine meetings in the Branch with an average attendance of 18. Membership had kept at a steady level. He spoke of the progress of the Eastington band, who were ringing a more advanced method.

Members stood in silence in memory of the late Mrs. A. Sheppard, of Chalford, and during the meeting mention was made of three ringers who have died during the year—Messrs. R. Sharpe, G. E. Risbey and W. Banyard.

Mr. T. Boreham, of Cheltenham, gave a report on the Central Council meeting at Newcastle and there was a short discussion on several points.

Branch officers elected were: Miss D. Sheppard, chairman; Mr. S. T. Price, secretary; Mr. F. Ponting, management committee; Mr. S. T. Price, Ringing Master; with tower representatives en bloc.

It was agreed to hold the next three meetings at Painswick, Haresfield and Stonehouse.

Mr. F. Ponting thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. T. Pritchard for local arrangements, and the ladies who had served tea.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Members attending the Guild's annual meeting at Halifax Parish Church on January 1st were the guests of the Archdeacon, the Ven. E. Treacy, at the House of the Good Shepherd. A hearty vote of thanks to him was proposed by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. P. Birkett, and to the Sister-in-Charge for the excellent tea provided.

Acknowledging the vote, the Archdeacon said he was very pleased to entertain the Guild. 'The ringers,' he added, 'are the faithful few in a busy world, doing their work in the call to worship.'

The Archdeacon presided at the business meeting, during which the secretary reviewed the year. Six successful meetings had been held and also a summer trip. The general standard of ringing continued to improve, expenditure had increased and income was lower but a good working balance remained in hand. The Guild had lost a good friend by the departure of the chairman; they wished him well in his new surroundings. Unfortunately their parent tower had made little headway in securing a team to man the bells.

The officers were re-elected. A collection taken for the Fabric Fund, in return for the hospitality, amounted to £1 15s.

Methods rung during the day included Bristol and Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters. A good lower in peal on the back eight concluded the meeting.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Aylesbeare Branch Score Three Peals in a Day

Arrangements were originally suggested for four peals on Boxing Day but this was immediately floored by the two conductors, who intimated that holiday for most meant work for them, and to get three peals necessitated starting work before 5 a.m., so three it was.

The company collected at East Budleigh and together with excessive rations for the day left for Aylesbeare at 8.45 a.m., where freshness was most necessary for the 21 Doubles methods arranged. After a very short break, on they went to Cadeleigh for Minor, where a 'first as conductor' was scored by the 'tenor specialist.' The last 15 minutes were difficult because the ropes were almost invisible by darkness approaching, but fortunately the ringers' white shirts saved the situation. After consuming food by the light of torches the journey to Calverleigh was undertaken, where another 'first' for all was successful.

TWO DEVON OUTINGS

A number of ringers, drawn mainly from Teignmouth, Devon, held a successful half-day excursion on Boxing Day. Leaving soon after lunch, the first call was at Powderham, where the ringing was much enjoyed on the handy light six. Two other six-bell towers were later visited, Kenn and Kenton, some difficulty being experienced at the latter tower in finding the key. The weather was all that could be desired and the afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed.

On New Year's Day another very pleasant afternoon was spent at Dean Prior, where the ringing was confined to Plain Bob Doubles, and where the less experienced ringers did very creditably. From here a move was made to the adjoining parish of Nattery and its ring of five bells and long draught. The ringing here was limited to half an hour, this concluding with a good six-score of Grandsire Doubles. After an excellent tea at Buckfastleigh a pleasant hour was later spent with handbells. Mr. E. M. Atkins and Mrs. D. E. Hood were responsible for the Boxing Day arrangements whilst Mr. A. L. Bennett (who acted as host) was responsible for the New Year's Day programme. Both events were thoroughly enjoyed.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Sevenoaks Had Larger Meeting Than Anticipated

The Tonbridge District started the year well with a good meeting at Sevenoaks on January 1st, thanks to the co-operation of the Whitechapel Foundry, who repaired the clapper which broke on Christmas Day and returned it in good time for the meeting.

Ringing continued in various methods from 3 p.m. until 4.30 p.m., when the Rector, the Rev. E. M. T. McLellan, conducted the service, basing his brief address on the words 'In sincerity and in truth.'

As 32 people had notified for tea, the local secretary catered for 50 and was not too happy when 62 turned up, but as most of the defaulters were not members of the District the matter was not dwelt upon at the meeting which followed tea.

Sevenoaks is faced with the task of raising £24,000 for repairs to the Parish Church and the provision of a new roof. A collection was taken at tea and that, together with the 1s. charged for tea, enabled the ringers to hand the sum of £5 to the Rector as a donation to the Repair Fund.

After tea ringing was resumed and catered for all tastes until 8.30 p.m., when a broken rope brought the meeting to a rather abrupt conclusion.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. G. Davis 1, Miss K. Tooze 2, Miss B. Russell 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, H. J. Merrett 6.

BENSON, OXON.—On Dec. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Cherrell 1, F. Godden 2, P. Wilson (first 'inside') 3, J. Godman 4, S. R. Tuckwell 5, R. Wells 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, W. Fulker 8.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: I. Polle (first quarter) 1, W. H. Prior 2, P. Jarvis 3, W. C. Marshall 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, H. Jarvis 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of 1954.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: B. Sheppard 1, J. Vincent 2, W. Trueman 3, J. Manners 4, A. Peake 5, B. Bladon (cond.) 6. First in method by all and by a local band. A 21st birthday compliment to B. Bladon.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS. — At St. Paul's Church, on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. L. Roobottom 1, W. J. Leach 2, G. Harrison 3, P. Foster 4, D. T. Gardiner 5, A. G. Foster 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, E. J. White 8.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major in 6 methods (London, Rutland, Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire): J. E. Rootes 1, S. H. Hoare 2, C. W. Woolley 3, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 4, R. Rowley (first of Spliced Surprise) 5, A. Cutler 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, G. W. Seaman 8.

CARDIFF, GLAM.—On Dec. 23rd, at the Church of St. John, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. R. Worrall (cond.) 1, T. Yeomans 2, Jennifer M. Stephens 3, Jean M. Powell 4, F. J. Bailey 5, A. R. Price 6, W. E. Thompsett 7, R. E. Coles 8. Rung in honour of the 77th birthday of Seymour R. Earker, local tower captain, after an unsuccessful attempt at Double Norwich.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.1.—At St. James' Church, on Jan. 2nd, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Friswell 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, E. Pryor 3, W. Jarvis 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, R. Newman 6, W. Prockson 7, H. Barnard 8.

CLIFTON, NOTTS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Colton 1, Miss M. Hill 2, Miss J. E. Hoodless 3, G. Payne 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, S. Adams 6.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Cuthbert's, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Rickaby (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. M. Cooke 2, Miss M. Reed 3, D. R. Airey 4, Dr. J. Moor 5, T. Hill 6, T. Cooke (cond.) 7, M. Stewart (first on 8 bells) 8.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Dec. 31st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. C. Stacey 1, F. A. Staveley 2, J. McCluskey 3, E. Short 4, H. Wagstaffe 5, H. Ashton 6, D. A. Chapman (cond.) 7, W. E. Critchley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. Holmes. Also to mark the passing of 1954.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hobson (first quarter) 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 3, J. Lindsey 4, J. H. Musson 5, C. Wilkinson 6.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On Dec. 23rd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, Susan Harrop 2, J. Michael Harrop 3, A. H. Hawcroft 4, T. D. Leask 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. First quarter by all the band in the method.

GREAT GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Drury 1, C. Kennington 2, G. I. Rusby 3, J. B. Budd (cond.) 4, F. Kennington 5, W. Mumby 6, S. Bromfield 7, H. Hadwick 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Frank Kennington.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Hurst 1, S. Buckland 2, Mrs. Roberts 3, Mrs. Levett 4, R. G. Roberts 5, C. A. Levett (cond.) 6, W. Levett 7. Longest length by 1, 2 and 3.

HEREFORD. — On Jan. 5th, at the Cathedral Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Davis (first quarter) 1, Miss R. Jarrett 2, A. W. Davis 3, P. Morgan 4, A. T. Wingate 5, R. T. Jones 6, W. F. Moreton (cond.) 7, W. Gittins (first quarter) 8.

HESTON, MIDDX.—On Dec. 31st, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Stokes 1, W. Webb 2, D. Howell 3, C. Newnes 4, Miss A. Garnett 5, J. Sansom (cond.) 6, E. Gladman 7, J. Ricketts 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 25th, 720 Netherscale and 552 Norwich: L. Fidler 1, P. W. Croft 2, E. W. Winters 3, C. M. Orme 4, D. P. Jones 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung on the back 6.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Dec. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: T. Holmes 1, Roselyn Crewe 2, E. C. Crewe 3, R. W. Hindc 4, R. G. Corby 5, B. Harris (cond.) 6. Rung for the christening of Ruth Harris, daughter of the conductor, on this day.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Wright 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, R. Brown 5, Dr. C. E. Wright 6, F. V. Gant (cond.) 7, A. J. Salisbury 8. Rung, with the congratulations of the band, for the engagement of A. J. Salisbury and Miss V. Maller.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. S. Peacock 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, S. Gilbert (first in method as cond.) 5, A. T. Howes 6. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 6.

KIRTON, LINCS.—On Dec. 29th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Bamber 1, Miss R. Brown 2, A. Young 3, F. Bishop 4, P. Reynolds 5, J. R. Young 6, D. Flatters 7, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for the Rev. A. F. Collyer, late Vicar. Also on Dec. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Flintham 1, Miss R. Brown 2, F. Bishop 3, A. Young 4, J. R. Young 5, P. Renolds 6, D. Flatters 7, A. E. Flatters (cond.) 8. Birthday compliment to grandchildren of 5 and 8.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. St. Bartholomew, April Day, Grandsire, Plain Bob): W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, E. Morris 6

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Dec. 26th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: B. Townsend (first of Major) 1, F. A. Sedgwick (first of Surprise) 2, P. Beresford 3, J. E. Cawser 4, Miss J. Beresford 5, J. B. Webb 6, D. Beresford 7, G. F. Oliver (cond.) 8.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE. — On Dec. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: G. Hughes 1, B. Jones 2, F. Wilshaw 3, Junc M. Henshaw 4, Anne Worth 5, G. Farrer 6, John Worth 7, H. Farrer 8. A. A. Potts 9, J. W. Whittaker 10. A 60th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Jenkins, of Oldham.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Wallis 1, A. L. Ford 2, F. R. Evans 3, W. Izzard 4, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 5, C. D. Mann 6, G. Olney 7. All the band are employed at Vauxhall Motors Ltd., Luton.

MICKLETON, GLOS.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. F. Mills 1, J. R. Niblett 2, J. W. Kinchin 3, R. F. Kibblewhite 4, F. G. Kinchin 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6, S. Loynes 7, F. Powell 8. First of Triples for 1, 2, 3 and 4.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman, 120 each of St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob and 840 Grandsire): J. Uden 1, W. E. Eveleigh 2, H. Allen 3, M. Harbott 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, N. Small 6. First in 5 methods by all.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET. — On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (St. Blaize, Northrepps, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Fortune and Grandsire): H. Hardwidge (first away from tenor) 1, L. Derrick (cond.) 2, Mrs. R. Quint 3, M. Horseman 4, C. Kortright 5, Mrs. D. Strong (first quarter) 6. Rung for the Carol Service.

OTLEY, YORKS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Stewart 1, A. Cooper 2, C. Mountain 3, J. Mountain 4, Miss B. Pickles 5, L. Cooper (cond.) 6. Covered by M. Duxbury and P. Whitaker. Rung as a compliment to Miss B. Pickles on attaining 21 years.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Whitemore 1, F. G. Leaker 2, F. C. Moyford (cond.) 3, J. M. Stallard 4, A. A. Hilliar 5, L. Bates 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. William Whiting, an old ringer of Publow, aged 81 years.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Yelling (first quarter) 1, R. Thatcher 2, D. Yelling (first quarter) 3, D. Hoare (cond.) 4, F. Carter 5, A. Jones 6

ROADE, NORTHANTS. — On Dec. 28th, 1,260 Place Bob Doubles: J. King 1, A. Osborne 2, I. J. Dickin (cond.) 3, K. D. Perkins 4, A. C. Cozens 5.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At All Saints', Hamer, on Dec. 19th, 1,080 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Lord 1, Margaret Buckley 2, A. Hilton 3, K. Abbott 4, I. W. Taylor 5, J. Taylor 6. Rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. R. Worrall, M.A.).

RUGBY, WARW.—On Dec. 24th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Norfolk, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Rev. P. H. Goodrich (first quarter) 1, G. A. Peck 2, C. Underwood 3, E. G. Orland (cond.) 4, S. Osborne 5. Rung for the Blessing of the Crib Service.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Dec. 30th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Jennifer Stratford 1, Christine Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, R. Hall 4, M. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. E. Coleman, wife of the sexton.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Westwood 1, C. P. Parker 2, Miss M. E. Moody 3, Wm. B. Cartwright 4, A. Cox 5, J. Eastwood 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Old Doubles, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire): Miss P. Render (lead), D. Barker 1, D. Ruckledge 2, E. M. Bradley 4, Miss D. M. Hawley 4, A. Sheppard (cond.) 5, J. Potts 6. Rung for the Epiphany.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 18th, 1,440 Minor (720 Double Oxford, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): C. D. Mann 1, D. R. Brazier 2, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 3, T. P. Harris 4, A. C. Sinfield 5, S. J. Ivin 6. For the wedding of Mr. A. G. Shillingford and Miss Ruth Baldwin, a former ringer. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. D. Mann 1, D. R. Brazier 2, T. P. Harris 3, R. J. Sharp 4, A. C. Sinfield 5, S. J. Ivin (first in method as cond.) 6. A first birthday compliment to David Brazier, son of the 2nd ringer. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (April Day, Plain Bob, Grandsire): Priscilla Oakeshott 1, T. P. Harris 2, G. F. Olney 3, D. R. Brazier 4, J. F. Olney (first as cond.) 5, Janet Godfrey 6. First quarter 1 and 6.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Thompson 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Miss I. Findlater 4, D. Wight 5, P. Maskrey 6, J. B. Ford 7, Miss A. Dannell 8. First of Stedman by 1, 4, 5, 6 and 8.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Foreman 1, Miss B. Warboys 2, C. Warboys 3, F. Bird (cond.) 4, T. Camp 5, R. Hayden 6. A compliment to the ringer of the treble on having completed 40 years as a chorister.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl Churchill 1, Sylvia Vine 2, R. Baker (first as cond.) 3, B. Vine 4, G. Salter 5, R. Perry 6. Also on Jan. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doris Vine 1, Beryl Churchill 2, B. Vine 3, J. Brewer 4, R. Baker (cond.) 5, R. Perry 6.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. R. Young 1, J. Hobbs 2, T. J. Milsom 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, R. S. N. Brown 6. A farewell to Cedric J. A. Brown, of Corston, on joining the Royal Air Force.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hewitt (first quarter) 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, J. R. Ketteringham (first of Triples as cond.) 5, E. E. Holman 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, F. C. Taylor 8. Rung for Evensong.

WESTMINSTER, W.C.—At the Abbey, on Dec. 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Langdon 1, W. S. Langdon 2, J. F. Smallwood 3, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 4, A. B. Peck 5, H. Belcher 6, J. Phillips 7, R. F. Deal 8.

WHITSTABLE, KENT. — On Dec. 24th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Walker 1, R. Stafford 2, B. Stafford 3, M. Stewart (first quarter) 4, C. Dilnot (cond.) 5, J. Rye 6. To commemorate the naming of the new Church of St. Andrew.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY. — On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Devenish 1, H. Cox 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish 4, M. Sinden 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6. Rung for the 12th birthday of Edmund Jacobs, youngest ringer at St. Mary's.

THE BELLS OF CHERTSEY, SURREY

The western tower with its faced rubble and undressed flints is patched with red brick, but probably contains some of its original material. Ringing is done from the ground floor, which is open to the church and quite near the font.

Brief details of the bells are:—

Treble. G. Mears. 1859.
2. G. Mears. 1859.
3. R. Phelps. 1730.
4. Lester & Pack. 1756.
5. The 'Abbey' bells. 14th century.
6. W. Eldridge. 1712.
7. Robert Mot. 1588.

Tenor. W. Eldridge. 1670. Recast 1859. (20.0.14).

In 1552 it was recorded 'V belles in the steple,' but four of these have probably been recast. The 'Abbey' bell (5th) was fully dealt with in No. 2,174 of this journal. The 7th is known as the 'Armada' bell and is a fine product from the first Whitechapel founder, Robert Mot. The 6th was recast at the Eldridge foundry, not far from the church, in the last few years of its existence. When the bells were made up to eight in 1859 the tenor was found to be cracked, and it was recast by the generosity of Baroness Angela Burdett Coutts, who named it 'Shoshannim.'

Baroness Burdett Coutts was a great lover of church bells and, besides bearing the cost of recasting the tenor, she also helped with the new trebles the same year.

Chertsey is known as the 'Curfew' town of Surrey, not only because of the story 'Curfew shall not ring to-night,' but on account of the fact that curfew is still observed here between Michaelmas and Lady Day. Some years ago, a former resident, Mr. William Kempson, gave £100, the interest on which is to meet the cost of having the bell rung for all time.

In 1898 a chime carillon was given to the church, and this plays four times a day after the clock has ceased striking the hour.

The average age of the back six is 283 years, and the whole octave 236 years.

WM. SHEPHERD.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. V. Ballam 1, A. G. Ballam 2, W. F. Rickwood 3, K. G. Brown 4, E. A. Murrell 5, A. F. Ballam (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. William Leach, a Church worker over twenty years.

He who hesitates will miss his

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BIRTH

DAVEY.—On Jan. 14th, 1955, at the British Military Hospital, Hostert, Germany, to Mary (née Bennett), wife of Corpl. J. Davey, a son (John Henry), brother for Vicky. 5727

ENGAGEMENTS

BAILEY—WALSH.—The engagement is announced between Charles Edward, third son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bailey, Whitchurch, Cardiff, and Freda, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Walsh, Heath, Cardiff. 5716

CHAPMAN—MORRIS.—The engagement is announced between Patrick, second son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Chapman, 8, Ash Road, Kettering, and Joan, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Morris, 32, Sebright Road, Wolverley, Kidderminster, Worcs. 5706

DEATH

BAILEY.—On January 11th, 1955, at St. Helen's Hospital, Ipswich, Norman R. Bailey, aged 67. Deeply mourned by his wife and family and a very large circle of ringing friends. 5771

RETURN THANKS

Mr. Joseph S. Hawkins expresses his sincere thanks to the many friends who have written to him in his recent bereavement. He regrets that it is impossible to thank each one individually. 5704

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—The Branch secretary is now Mr. J. Kinchin, Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby, to whom all correspondence should be addressed.—E. G. Orland. 5715

MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Annual meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 5694

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Annual general meeting at Harlow Town (8) on Saturday, Jan. 22nd at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Queen's Head 5.15 p.m. 5624

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual general meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, Jan. 22nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5659

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, Halstead, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. 5629

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Annual District meeting at Leatherhead on Jan. 22nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall 5.15, with business to follow. 5642

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A.G.M., Hitchin, Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5676

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Saturday, Jan. 22nd, St. George's, Camberwell, 2.45. Service 4. Tea and business, Church Hall 4.45. St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 7.30 to 9. Monday, February 7th, practice, 7.15, St. Mary, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, February 12th, A.G.M., Southwark Cathedral, etc., 3.15. Service 5. Tea and business Chapter House, 5.45. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU 3921. 5700

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Committee meeting, Chalfont St. Peter, Jan. 22nd, 3 p.m., in Church Hall. Ringing 6 p.m.—W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5681

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Jan. 22nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—Hayne, Sec. 5663

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Annual meeting, Andover, January 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in local cafe. 5768

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, New Alresford, Jan. 22nd. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Bell Hotel. 5684

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridgwater, Jan. 29th. Bells 3. Service and tea following. Names for tea, please.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 5714

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — All who wish to try Bedfordshire's heaviest six will be welcome at St. James' Church, Blunham, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, from 6 p.m. Special method: St. James' Youths' Exercise. 5717

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Annual meeting at Stockport St. Mary, Jan. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Please send names for tea, before Jan. 25th, to Mr. A. S. Gordon, 46, Commercial Road, Hazel Grove, Stockport.—C. K. Lewis.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Meeting at St. Luke's, Derby, Jan. 29th, 3.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Jan. 25th, to Mr. Wm. Parsons, 14, Bedford Street, Derby.—M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 5695

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Annual general meeting, Doncaster (8), Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by 26th, to D. A. Chapman, 31, Firbeck Road, Doncaster. —D. E. Smythe, Sec. 5710

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. George's Church, Jesmond, Newcastle, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, at 3 p.m.—George S. Deas, Hon. Sec. 5721

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Annual meeting, Wisbech, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting in belfry at 6. Own arrangements for tea.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5726

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Numbers for tea, by Jan. 26th, to H. J. Millatt, 46, Beaconsfield Avenue, Colchester. 5679

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Ambrose, Saturday, Jan 29th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service (Holy Communion) 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Jan. 25th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. Annual social and dance, Feb. 12th. Tickets 5s. 5718

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Dursley (8), Jan. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea, by Jan. 26th, Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 5708

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 29th. St. Mary's and Stoke bells available 3 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas' available after tea. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 26th, to hon. secretary. Tea at St. Nicolas' Hall.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 5720

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Wickhambreaux, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 26th, to Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury.—B. J. Luck. 5686

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting, St. Alphege's, Greenwich, Saturday, Jan. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) in Church Hall. Names for tea, not later than Monday, Jan. 24th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 5690

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Jan. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss G. Friswell, 43, Casimir Road, Clapton, E.5. 5691

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Old Castle Inn 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 26th, please, to Miss Jeanette M. Simpson, 9, Woodgon Road, Anstey, Leicester. All ringers and friends welcome. 5672

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LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Annual meeting St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (12) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, by Jan. 24th, to Mrs. Jenkins, 27, Park Square, Newport, Mon. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 5666

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Pudsey, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Friday, the 28th, to Mr. G. Benfield, Lane End House, Pudsey. —I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 5703

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Thame on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me by Jan. 26th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame. Tel. Thame 193. 5713

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. John's, Peterborough. St. Mary's bells 2.30-3.30 p.m. and during evening if required. Service St. John's 4 p.m. (Address by Rev. F. Stallard, Rural Dean.) Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea essential, by Jan. 25th, to G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 5665

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Annual meeting, Uppingham (8), on Sat., Jan. 29th. Names for tea, Tuesday, 25th, to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Oakham, Rutland. 5672

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Annual meeting at Towcester on Jan. 29th. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. V. Burt, Church Cottage, Towcester.—W. A. Yates. 5685

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, CLEWER, WINDSOR.—Annual dinner and social, Jan. 29th, 7.30 p.m., at Thames Hotel, Windsor. Tickets can be obtained, at 11s. 6d. each, from W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough, before Jan. 25th. 5682

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Wellington, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Parish Hall. Names, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. A. Pritchard, 51, Hadley Park Road, Hadley. Wrockwardine also in evening if required. 5539

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Annual meeting, Mildenhall, Jan. 29th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Cafes nearby. Supporting District members will be appreciated. —Miss E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 5698

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — 70th birthday celebration, Jan. 29th. Cars available to take ringers to Aldrington, Hurstpierpoint and Keymer towers from St. Peter's Church, Brighton, at 1.45 p.m.—R. W. R. Percy, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5719

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL. — Annual Dinner, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Ringing arrangements: 10-11 a.m., St. John's (6); 11.15 a.m.-12.15 p.m., St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8); 1.45-2.45 p.m., St. Mary's, Redcliffe (12); 3-4 p.m., St. James' (10); 5-6 p.m., St. Michael's (6). Service 6 p.m., Dinner University Refectory, 7.15 p.m. for 7.30. 5709

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Branch annual meeting at All Saints', Basingstoke, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in All Saints' Room. Names, by Tuesday, Jan. 25th, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 5712

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Rededication service, Ardleigh, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at 3 p.m., by the Bishop of Colchester. Tea provided. Bells (8) after.—J. Gould, Dis. Sec. 5702

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for tea, soon as possible, please, to R. L. Price, Schallenge Cottage, Bromyard. 5673

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting, Grimsby (8), Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6. Service 7 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 2nd, to Mr. M. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 5722

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Annual meeting at Grantham (10), Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (followed by business meeting) 5.30 p.m. at Talbot Cafe. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 1st, to J. W. Haw, Hon Sec., 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. 5705

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) from 2.15. Service 4.15: preacher, Rt. Rev. Dr. W. B. Belcher, Assistant Bishop of Norwich. Tea in Denny's New Tea Room (opposite the Mere) 5 p.m. and business meeting. Names for tea by Feb. 2nd. Suffolk ringers specially invited.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 5707

OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — The annual lunch will be held in Oxford on Feb. 5th. Will old members interested please contact Miss P. J. Holborn, 130, Hady Hill, Chesterfield. Details can also be given about the Easter tour. 5761

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 5711

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD — Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 2nd, to Mr. Lygo, Kelvinside, Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent.— C. W. Towers. 5769

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Winchester. Bells: Cathedral (12) available for 2 hours after evensong, 6.15–8.15 approx.: St. Maurice's (6), 1.30–2.30 and 8.30–9. Business meeting in St. Maurice's Hall 3, followed by tea at 4.15. Service in Cathedral 5.15. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 5728

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—A social evening will be held in the Mechanics' Institute, Hazel Grove, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 7 to 10.30. Dancing, games, Norbury handbell ringers, etc. Licensed bar. All welcome. Tickets, price 3s. 6d. (including refreshments), from C. K. Lewis, 6, Princes Road, Altrincham, before Feb. 7th.—C. K. Lewis. 5725

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next committee meeting will be held at Preston on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Parish Church bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church School, Avenham Lane, 5 p.m. Names for tea to be sent before Tuesday, Feb. 8th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston. —F. Dunkerley, Sec. 5770

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). —The 67th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner and Bi-centenary Celebration will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 5th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Mr. Frank E. Haynes, M.A. Early application for tickets, accompanied by remittance (15s.), should be made to George E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR. 1025. 5701

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RINGING GIANTS OF 1954

THIS week we publish the records presented to date to this office of those peal ringers who during 1954 rang 40 or more peals. To the modest performer these feats are outstanding. There are many who enjoy their ringing and cheerfully stand in a peal attempt, but there is no measure of reasonable certainty about their chances of success. With the great men, failures are relatively few. What is the secret? First and foremost, the answer is the conductor, and whatever view one may take of the giants of the past, we have to-day conductors of outstanding merit who would rival any who have gone before. And their ability is in no sense confined to standard methods or the popular Surprise methods. It is the ability to see a mistake before it is committed that has gained for these men their reputation. This may sound Irish to some, but this sense of anticipation of the frailty of the novice or the weak member of the band enables peals not only to be scored but also a high standard of striking to be maintained. Behind these front rank conductors there is that glint of determination in their eyes and failure will not be countenanced. The story is told of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who so specialised in Stedman Triples that he would leave nothing to chance and, to the annoyance of experienced peal ringers, would mechanically chant towards the end of the peal 'Quick' or 'Slow' as they came down to thirds place. We can understand the sense of irritation among the hardened peal ringers constituting the band. But Mr. Robinson reached his goal of a thousand peals in an age when the material in many of his bands was not first rate. We do not suggest that our modern masters go to the extent of the reverend gentleman, but they are men who have completely mastered their method and failures are very rarely due to 'Mr. Bob.' Such failures they would possibly regard as a sign of senility!

Another thing is the composition of these peal bands, who week after week adorn our columns with their performances. Of the first ten names of leading ringers of 1954, only one, and he is tenth on the list, is not ringing regularly either at Leicester or Birmingham. In both these centres the list of peals in 1954 reveals an indication to be venturesome—to try something that has never been accomplished before. This is not ringing for the novice. Each centre without much trouble can place in the field a 12-bell team of men of experience. While these bands are proficient to the last man or woman, they are in no sense closed shops. Most months the name of a visiting ringer from another part of the country is included, to gain the experience and fellowship that is offered.

Now it would be wrong to assume that the talent of the country is focused in these two areas, and even a glance at the names of those who have rung 40 peals or over must not in any sense be interpreted that they are the cream of English ringing to-day. They would be the last even to hint at any suggestion. Neither, for example, do the names of all the great conductors appear in the list. Hardly one of the brilliant band of ringers that has been associated with Mr. C. K. Lewis has this year reached the 40 mark. Another one of our outstanding conductors, Mr. R. F. B. Speed, has for two years reached the 39 peal mark, and the contribution of his band to our columns is invariably peals of quality. We have a number of other men of genius among our conductors who do not essay to accumulate peals in quantity, but reveal their ability by once a month or even less attempts.

The amazing thing is the consistency of our two leading peal ringers. Since 1948 Mr. G. E. Fearn, of Birmingham, has rung 758 peals, an average of 108.28 peals a year. Mr. Harold J. Poole, of Leicester, has in six years rung 638 peals, giving an average of 106.3 peals a year. In one year he reached the prodigious total of 143. Mrs. Poole had also an exceptional year with 119 peals, thus beating the record of Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, who in 1949 rang 113 peals and was the first woman to ring more than 100 peals. Mrs. Poole also rang 100 peals during the year with her husband. It is interesting to note that she has since the beginning of 1951 rung 300 peals, a great performance in four years. Miss Muriel Reay is another outstanding peal ringer with a total of 245 collected in the last three years. She did not appear in the list in 1951.

Among the others with substantial totals for the last four years are Mr. Wilfrid F. Moreton with 278, Mr. Peter J. Staniforth with 257, Mr. Brian G. Warwick with 250, and Mr. John Pinfold with 212. Mr. Peter Border has earned a place among the giants with 207 peals in the last three years. As a conductor his total last year was 44, being exceeded only by Mr. Harold J. Poole.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

EDWIN C. BIRKETT	*Treble*	*ARTHUR G. MASON	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	8
BASIL JONES	3	PETER LAFLIN	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOHN WORTH	10
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	11
HENRY O. BAKER	6	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. The first peal of Yorkshire Maximus in the 'Tittums' position.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

GILLIAN R. PARSONS	*Treble*	JOHN S. MASON	6
*KATHLEEN E. WELLER	2	DAVID E. PARSONS	7
FRANK E. DARBY	3	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	9
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	4	JOHN E. CHILCOTT	8
JOYCE A. ENGLAND	5	JOHN PHILLIPS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.
* First Surprise peal and of Royal.
Rung to honour the engagement of David E. Parsons and Joyce A. England, both members of the St. Mary's, Beddington, Society; also a birthday compliment to Miss England.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
ROBIN G. TURNER	2	†C. MICHAEL ORME	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	8
DENIS A. FRITH	4	*PHILIP MEHEW	9
*DAVID K. WALKLATE	5	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First of Surprise Royal. † First on ten bells. 25th peal together for 7 and tenor and 9 and tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*DEREK WEBSTER	*Treble*	ALAN CATTELL	5
†BETTY BUTLER	2	HAROLD MARCON	6
MADELINE SMITH	3	PHILIP WEBSTER	7
†GEORGE BUTLER	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 19 cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK	*Treble*	G. FREDERICK JAMES	5
JAMES P. BLOND	2	CLAUDE CORDEROY	6
MRS. A. E. LOCK	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	7
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	4	CECIL CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
Rung for the wedding of Miss J. Taylor and Mr. R. Thompson.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 20, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5152 ULLENHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*ANN R. BARR	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
MICHAEL G. MORTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method (Tipler's C 42/1).

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 30, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5152 BROMFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	PETER BORDER	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

ALLEN MORGAN	*Treble*	REGINALD WOODYATT	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	THOMAS W. LEWIS	6
*WALTER H. RAXTER	3	CYRIL TANSELL	7
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B flat.

*PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	LEONARD TUFFREY	5
MURIEL REAY	2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
MICHAEL G. MORTON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., Jan. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 NECHELLS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

PETER J. MORTON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST, PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5152 OLTON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Claudia A. Critchley	*Treble*	Edwin G. Buck	5
*Patricia Hutton	2	*Colin Harwood	6
G. William Critchley	3	Jack S. Dear	7
John Church	4	*R. Thomas Newman	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by R. Thomas Newman.
* First peal of Superlative.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Frank E. Walker	*Treble*	Robert Collins	5
Ralph Bird	2	Doris E. Colgate	6
Arthur G. Mason	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
John E. Cannell	4	Herbert E. Audsley	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.

ESCRICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

Harold Walker	*Treble*	Bert Sutton	5
Fred Terry	2	Sedman H. Steel	6
Edward M. Bradley	3	Alan Sheppard	7
D. Margaret Hawley	4	*John Potts	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bert Sutton.
* First peal on eight.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 24 Minutes,
At the Bell Tower,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 36 cwt.

Mrs. John Thomas	*Treble*	Wilfred J. Newman	5
John Thomas	2	Gerald C. Hemming	6
Ivor Goulter	3	Geoffrey J. Hemming	7
C. Arthur Manning	4	R. Roger Savory	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On. Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 32 Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

Peter Laflin	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Alan J. Brown	6
Basil Jones	3	Joseph W. Whittaker	7
Alan A. Potts	4	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
Rung after meeting short for Royal, Mr. J. Worth kindly standing down.

NORTH LOPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Leonard King	*Treble*	Frank C. J. Arnold	5
Wilfrid G. Saunders	2	Dr. Paul H. A. Jonason	6
Betty Syrett	3	H. William Barrett	7
John R. Smith	4	Cedric F. W. Phillippo	*Tenor*

Composed by B. Annable. Conducted by Cedric F. W. Phillippo.
First peal of Major as conductor.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

Charles C. Rawding	*Treble*	*Roy Withyman	5
Bernard H. Dalton	2	William A. Holmes	6
Harold Barsley	3	Horace Bennett	7
W. Allan Richardson	4	C. Harold Whitton	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by C. Harold Whitton.
* First peal of Major.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wystan,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

Mrs. S. H. Jones	*Treble*	Sydney H. Jones	5
Rhoda Hemming	2	Walter J. Cope	6
Joan Beresford	3	George E. Oliver	7
Walter G. Soar	4	Joseph W. Cotton	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Oliver.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Jan. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
At the Roman Catholic Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

Peter J. Morton	*Treble*	Peter Border	5
*Maureen M. Fellcws	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
George E. Fearn	3	Rodney B. Meadows	7
Evelyn M. Fletcher	4	Michael G. Morton	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Jan. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Royal Foundation Church of St. Mary-de-Castro,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

E. Charles Turner	*Treble*	Harry Poyner	5
Mrs. B. G. Warwick	2	Joseph Wm. Cotton	6
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	John A. Acres	7
Ernest Rawson	4	Peter J. Staniforth	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Harry Poyner.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 BEDFORDSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

Stephen Ivin	*Treble*	John W. Sinfield	5
Charles H. Harding	2	Bryan Pattison	6
Andrew C. Sinfield	3	Lewis H. Bywaters	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	C. Edward Jeffries	*Tenor*

Composed by Dennis Knox. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
The first peal in the method. 75th peal on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Sydney Sharp, 54 years a ringer at this church.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*W. Arthur Crowder	*Treble*	†Gwen I. Rusby	5
H. Leslie Pask	2	John Freeman	6
Sydney A. Chambers	3	John Walden	7
Frank G. Bloomfield	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. Lewis. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Bristol Surprise 'inside.' First Surprise peal of the bells.

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BERKHAMSTED, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*Geoffrey A. Rees ..	..*Treble*	Walter Ayre	5
†Geoffrey S. Duncan ..	2	Augustine V. Good ..	6
Olive M. Johnson ..	3	Bertram C. Johnson ..	7
Pamela A. Martin ..	4	Derek E. Latchford ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Pamela A. Martin.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*David T. Parker ..	..*Treble*	Frank Reynolds	5
Jean C. Brown	2	Arthur T. Parker	6
Anne P. Brown	3	†Alan J. Brown	7
Ruth M. Jackson	4	†Alan N. Brown ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Alan N. Brown.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. First peal as conductor. Alan N. Brown has now 'circled the tower.'

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-without-the-Walls,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

George F. Sperring ..	*Treble*	Christopher Gudgeon ..	5
Samuel Jones, jun.	2	*Edward V. Rodenhurst	6
Dennis H. B. Millward	3	John W. Griffiths ..	7
Robert W. Hinde	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* 60th peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.
A birthday peal for Mr. S. Jones, who has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

LAMBOURN, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Minster Church of SS. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt.

Patricia A. Gaunt ..	*Treble*	Cyril Lewington	5
*Ian Taylor	2	Frank Lewis	6
†Michael Maisey	3	Reginald W. Rex	7
‡John Castell	4	Harold P. Reed	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by Harold P. Reed.
* First peal. † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight bells.

OVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Peter Nash	..*Treble*	†Ronald F. Diserens ..	5
Albert Diserens	2	*J. Michael Lakin ..	6
*†Mrs. P. Lewington ..	3	*John N. Diserens ..	7
*Geoffrey K. Dodd ..	4	Noel J. Diserens	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
* First peal of Bristol. † 50th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 27, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 38 six-scores (10 callings), 2 Morris's arrangements. Tenor 9 cwt.

Leslie H. Colcombe ..	*Treble*	Thomas J. Gundy	4
Derek G. Clarke	2	Aubrey J. Probert	5
Reginald G. Powell ..	3	Richard A. Colcombe ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald G. Powell.

WENDOVER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 31, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 1,680 each of Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb.

Leslie Andrews	*Treble*	Walter Lee	4
*Keith Vaughan	2	Arthur J. White	5
Bernard C. Collins ..	3	*Dennis Harding	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bernard C. Collins.
* First peal.
The New Year was rung in with this peal.

CLODOCK, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Clydog,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb.

Allen Colcombe	*Treble*	Leslie H. Colcombe ..	4
Derek G. Clarke	2	Aubrey J. Probert	5
Reginald G. Powell ..	3	Thomas J. Gundy	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald G. Powell.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

CUXTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 10 exents of Grandsire and eight extents each of St. Martin's, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Stedman. Tenor 8 cwt.

G. J. Butcher (Stedman)	*Treble*	T. A. Cross (Plain Bob) ..	3
J. L. Morris (St. Martin's)	2	C. S. Jarrett (St. Simon's)	4

G. Kenward (Grandsire) .. *Tenor*
The first two 120's were Grandsire, non-conducted, and each member of the band conducted the eight extents of the method shown against his name. First peal in five Doubles methods by all the band and on the bells.

EASTNOR, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents of St. Martin's and Reverse St. Bartholomew, six extents of April Day and Grandsire, and 12 extents of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

James Ranford	*Treble*	James Ward	4
C. William Nutt	2	Frederick Merrick	5
Roland Lewis	3	Jack Merrick	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. William Nutt.
The first peal in six methods of Doubles by all the band.

DILHORNE, STOKE-ON-TRENT.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*Arthur Gaunt	..*Treble*	Alan Lambert	4
Frederick E. Wilshaw	2	†Ewart H. Edge	5
Charles H. Page	3	O. Michael Slaney ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick E. Wilshaw.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. F. W. Grocott and Miss June Kirkman, who were married at Eccles, Lancs, on December 18th, 1954.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In three methods, viz., 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob, 2,160 Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

A. Raymond Tonks ..	..*Treble*	William A. Wood	4
E. Charles Turner ..	2	Joseph W. Cotton	5
William T. Goadby ..	3	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, married at Ibstock this day.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 33 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral and Fotheringay Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow and Bogedone Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN .. .. ..*Treble*	ERIC SIMPSON 4
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON .. 5
NEIL D. LOMAS 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

Rung to celebrate of the coming-of-age of A. Neville Brown, brother of the treble ringer.

SUTTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS ..*Treble*	*LESLIE LIGHTFOOT 4
CLAUDE GIMBERT 2	GEORGE A. WALKER .. 5
*DONALD MURFET 3	STANLEY SHIPP .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

A farewell peal to Donald Murfet on joining H.M. Forces.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Mon., Jan. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD, BIDSTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

BRUCE A. CRITTEN .. ..*Treble*	STANLEY D. SUTTON 4
*A. RAYMOND M. WATKIN 2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN .. 5
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON .. 3	THOMAS ROGERS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS ROGERS.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. E. Rowland, organist at Bidston for the past 15 years, who was interred this day.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Jan. 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 240's, 20 by Morris and one by Pitman, each extent called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST PIMLOTT .. ..*Treble*	LEONARD COPNALL 4
*NEIL D. LOMAS 2	ARTHUR STREET 5
ROBERT BARRATT 3	GEORGE BARBER .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.

* First peal of Doubles.

NEWBOROUGH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Jan. 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 4 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury; 14 six-scores Grandsire; and 16 six-scores of Stedman. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM ..*Treble*	DOROTHY T. GARDINER .. 3
BARNABAS G. KEY 2	*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT .. 4
ALAN G. FOSTER .. ..*Tenor*	

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.

* First peal of Doubles and in five methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

Rung to welcome Susan Patricia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Allden, born January 3rd.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*BETTY BARBER .. .. ..*Treble*	GEORGE A. WALKER .. 4
STANLEY SHIPP 2	ARTHUR YARROW 5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal.



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BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

One extent each of Durham, Surfleet, Beverley, Bourne, Ipswich, York and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	†DEREK P. JONES	4
*C. MICHAEL ORME	2	*PHILIP MEHEW	5
BRYAN PATTISON	3	*STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods. † 75th peal.
Rung for the Feast of the Epiphany.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt. in G sharp.

MIRIAM A. HIGDON	*Treble*	G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	4
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	J. SPENCER BARNES	5
A. SPENCER BROTHERS	3	DAVID HEIGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HEIGHTON.
The conductor has now 'completed the circle' twice.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE RICH	*Treble*	LESLIE HOUGHTON	4
EDWARD GREENACRE	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
*JOHN WILSON	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

* First peal of Minor.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

MICHAEL SAGE	*Treble*	NEIL D. LOMAS	4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	5
ARTHUR RHODES	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

Rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to John Wheadon, of this tower, and as a farewell to the Rev. W. Tyson, who recently relinquished the curacy of this parish for that of Astbury.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER V. HARRUP	*Treble*	JOHN WARD	4
T. REGINALD DENNIS	2	DENNIS E. PEPPER	5
STANLEY W. DASH	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Gipson.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different 720's—C.C.C. 59, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69.
Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B.

*DEREK P. JONES	*Treble*	†THOMAS P. HARRIS	4
*C. MICHAEL ORME	2	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	5
†DESMOND R. BRAZIER	3	*STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. † First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells

A 19th birthday compliment to J. F. Olney, a Sunday service ringer at the above church; also to Mr. C. B. Jones, the father of the conductor.

SNODLAND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY SPRINGATE	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	4
IAN H. ORAM	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
TREVOR A. CROSS	3	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Bob and five extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

PETER JARVIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	4
HARRY BAKER	2	WILFRED W. RING	5
*WILLIAM H. PRIOR	3	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

* First peal in two methods.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Jarvis, father of the treble ringer.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Oxford and Double Court.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	4
RONALD CHAFER	2	HARRY HALL	5
JACK BRAY	3	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY	*Treble*	*WILLIAM HEATON	4
JAMES SCHOFIELD	2	GORDON WHEWELL	5
LEONARD WALSH	3	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

* First peal.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents (viz., 1 One-part and C.C.C. Nos. 48, 50, 34, 36, 29, 28). Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

PERCY WESTON	*Treble*	ELISABETH GRIME	4
JOHN S. HARRISON	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
MAURICE BAILEY	3	DAVID J. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE BAILEY.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES E. DICKINSON	*Treble*	FRANK BIRKETT	4
ALAN CAPSTICK	2	RAYMOND SUART	5
JAMES E. BURLES	3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.

First peal in five methods for all.
Rung for Epiphany Sunday.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Kent Treble Bob and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob (C.C.C. Nos. 151, 150, 102, 103, 51). Tenor 9 cwt.

ELISABETH GRIMES	*Treble*	*JOHN S. HARRISON	4
JACK BAILEY	2	†W. RODNEY HARRISON	5
MAURICE BAILEY	3	ALAN TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. RODNEY HARRISON.

* First peal in four methods 'Inside.' † 50th peal.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HIPPOLYTUS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of Norwich, Netherseale and Bourne and one extent of Cambridge. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FRANK W. CROFT	*Treble*	†ROY HEAD	4
*MARION JACKSON	2	†KENNETH C. TIMBURY ..	5
*ALFRED C. HARRIS	3	PETER W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER W. CROFT.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal in four Surprise methods. First in four Surprise methods as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Cherry, of Great Wymondley.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

RONALD RUSSELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	2	ROBIN J. WORSDALL	5
LOUIS WILLDERS	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

NORTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. (approx.).

CYRIL J. SMITH	*Treble*	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ..	4
STANLEY H. WALLIS ..	2	ALAN S. SMITH	5
C. HENRY HARDING	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.

First peal on the bells since augmentation.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. J. Nixseaman, Rector of Northill, and to mark his completion of 46 years in Holy Orders.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor size 15 in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK ..	1—2	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	5—6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH ..	3—4	HAROLD J. POOLE	7—8
JOHN A. ACRES	9—10		

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 200th peal for the Guild.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT 27, CHALK HILL ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB MAJOR

Being 1,728 changes of Plain Bob and 3,456 of Little Bob, 215 changes of method. Tenor size 15 in C.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT ..	1—2	BERT GOGLE	5—6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3—4	ARTHUR G. BASON	7—8

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Jan. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 36, WINTON AVENUE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor size 17 in A.

HARRY POYNER	1—2	ERNEST MORRIS	5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3—4	*JOHN A. ACRES	7—8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Triples 'in hand.'

Specially arranged and rung to mark the 90th birthday of Mr. John O. Lancashire, many years a leading ringer of St. Martin's Cathedral, Leicester.

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Congratulations to Mr. F. Oakshott, of Christ Church, Epsom, who was appointed an M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

Mr. Ernest J. Gale (79), of St. Albans, a well-known Herts and Peterborough ringer, died last week.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Former Master of the Bristol University Society, Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts sailed for Australia last Saturday to accept a teaching post at Adelaide. Taught to ring at Christ Church, Swindon, she rang her first peal at the age of 16 on November 19th, 1948, at Stratton-St. Margaret. A good heavy-bell ringer, her best performance was to ring the 35 cwt. tenor at Westbury to a peal of Stedman Triples. Good wishes and Godspeed were expressed to her at the Swindon Branch meeting at Rodbourne Cheney on January 8th, by Mr. W. H. Trueman.

Young Essex ringers rang a peal in 21 Minor methods at Purleigh on January 15th. It was the 60th peal for Mr. Peter J. Came, who has now been ringing for five years.

Christmas, 1954, was the 50th, as a ringer, for Mr. Leonard Fidler, tower captain at Hitchin. The only festivals he missed ringing were two during the first world war.

Mr. Edwin C. Birkett stood in at the last moment for the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Liverpool on January 15th. The thanks of the band are expressed to him for his sporting gesture.

Mr. Thomas Wyatt, of Leamington Spa, and Mr. George E. Symonds, of Ipswich, are the only two survivors of a peal at St. Peter's, Walworth, rung by the Waterloo Society, London, on October 14th, 1899. It is gratifying to note that both are still actively ringing.

The quarter of Little Bob Major rung at Henfield, Sussex, on January 16th, was finished by candlelight. The high wind caused a failure of the ordinary luminant. Fortunately a candle was lit before the attempt was started. A gloomy but successful finish.

Leighton Buzzard ringers are planning a great welcome home for Miss Valerie Willard when she arrives in England on the 'Orontes' from Australia on February 5th. Arrangements include a quarter peal in her honour. As our readers know, Valerie did not neglect her ringing during her tour of duty in Australia. The local band hope she will be able to stay with them for some time to make up for the loss of William Morris, now on National Service.

Two Reading ringers scored their 50th peal at Overton—Mrs. Pat Lewington and Mr. Ronald F. Diserens.

The six young ringers who rang in Christmas and the New Year at St. Mary's Church, Shareshill (Staffs), are the youngest band ever to be trained to ring at this tower, their average age being 13 years. They have been learning for 11 months and are now practising Grandsire each Monday night.

Throughout his 76 years Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire, the well-known Lancashire ringer, has never had a birthday compliment by peal or quarter peal paid him on the actual day until this year, when a quarter of Stedman Triples was rung at Worsley, his own tower, on January 2nd.

Veteran Cumberland, Mr. Tom Bevan, did not enjoy his chops at the Society's dinner last October, and he told the annual meeting in forthright terms what he thought of them. Culinary experts among the ladies had no complaints and in the discussion that ensued endeavoured to explain to Tom the special way the chops were treated. However, the Society decided to revert to a chicken dinner this year —and no boiling fowls!

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PEAL RINGERS OF 1954

Another Close Race for Leadership

Mr. Harold J. Poole repeated his success of 1953 by leading the list of peal ringers for 1954 with the magnificent total of 125 peals. The previous year he scored 103. Mr. George E. Fearn was close behind with 122. He has, however, the distinction of ringing most tower-bell peals, as none of his peals this year were 'in hand.'

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole had the distinction of being the first man and wife to ring over 100 peals in a year. Mrs. Poole had the high total of 119. Scoring for the first time more than 100 peals in a year was Mr. John A. Acres, of Leicester, with 106; last year he had a modest 55.

Miss Muriel Reay had another good year with 77 peals. In the last three years she has rung 255 peals, compared with 259 by Mrs. Poole.

One of the most successful of our conductors to-day is Mr. Peter Border. Of his 95 peals in 1954 he conducted 44, being second to Mr. H. J. Poole, who scored 92. Mr. Nolan Golden conducted 43.

Leading peal ringer in the South of England was Mr. A. Patrick Cannon with 63. These were rung in 58 different towers. Newcomers to our list this year are Mr. Roland W. Morant, of East Horsley, Surrey, with 50, Mr. Derek P. Jones, now of Derby, with 43, and Mr. John R. Cooper, of Ashford, with 41.

	Tower	Hand	Total
Harold J. Poole ..	121 (90)	4 (2)	125
George E. Fearn ..	122 (20)		122
Mrs. H. J. Poole ..	119		119
John A. Acres ..	100 (1)	4 (3)	106
Peter Border	91 (41)	4 (3)	95
Clifford A. Barron ..	81 (15)		81
Arthur V. Pearson ..	80 (13)		80
Miss Muriel Reay ..	77		77
S. Anthony Jesson ..	70		70
J. Frederick Milner ..	64 (2)		64
A. Patrick Cannon ..	63 (39)		63
Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	55 (27)	6 (4)	61
Mrs. B. G. Warwick	61		61
George W. Pipe ..	56 (20)		56
Peter J. Staniforth ..	52 (25)	4 (1)	56
W. J. Ridgman ..	46 (23)	5 (3)	51
Roland W. Morant ..	50		50
Nolan Golden ..	46 (40)	3 (3)	49
Ernest W. Rawson ..	49		49
Brian G. Warwick ..	46 (18)	3 (2)	49
H. William Barrett ..	44 (4)	3	47
Albert J. Lancefield	45 (1)		45
Ralph G. Edwards ..	44		44
John R. Mayne ..	44 (19)		44
John Pinfold	44		44
John Worth	43 (19)		43
Derek P. Jones ..	42 (18)	1 (1)	43
J. W. Cotton	42 (2)		42
John R. Cooper ..	41		41
Bert Gogle	37	3	40
John W. Blythe ..	40 (21)		40
Terry R. Hampton ..	40		40

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Mary-atte-Bow was visited by the Northern District for their annual meeting on January 15th. Methods ranged from call changes to Cambridge Major.

After tea was taken in the Church Hall came the business meeting with the Master, Mr. C. A. Hughes, in the chair. Three new ringing members were elected, viz.: Mr. J. MacPhail (Stratford), Mr. S. Nelson and Mr. M. Rowe (Ilford).

Officers elected for the coming year were:—Master, Mr. C. A. Hughes; secretary, Mr. L. W. Bullock; treasurer, Mr. E. E. Holman; steward, Mr. J. Hales; auditors, Mr. J. Barrance and Mr. H. Corney; committee, Mr. E. D. Smith and Mrs. M. M. Osborne.

Further ringing was obtained from 7 until 8.30 p.m. at All Saints', West Ham. L. W. B.

ANOTHER COLUMN OF BELFRY GOSSIP

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Grantham, Lincs, on January 8th, for the Derbyshire Association. It was the 25th together by C. Michael Orme and Derek J. Jones and also Philip Mehew and Derek P. Jones.

By ringing the tenor to a peal at St. Wystan's, Repton, on January 8th, Mr. J. W. Cotton has 'completed the circle' at this tower. This is the eighth tower in the district at which he has performed this feat.

The 83rd birthday of Mr. John Wheadon was celebrated by a peal at his tower, Wilmslow, Cheshire, on January 5th. He kindly stood down from the peal to enable a visitor to ring. John, his friends will be pleased to know, is feeling fitter than he did 12 months ago.

Mrs. Skyrme, a friend of Talgarth ringers, who accompanied them on many of their outings until recent years, celebrated her 90th birthday on January 11th. An extra 30 changes were added to the quarter peal of Grandsire (1,290) to represent her age. Afterwards the ringers were entertained at Mrs. Skyrme's house, and her health was proposed by Mr. S. V. Edwards.

NOTICE

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The peal at Colne, Lancs, recorded this week, is the first since November, 1936. An attempt last year was lost through a broken rope. Illness this time caused a late withdrawal and the band had to be content with Minor. Colne ringers received the visitors most cordially and their wives provided a splendid tea after the peal.

For the second year in succession Mr. George E. Symonds and three members of his family have rung carols and Christmas hymn tunes on two octaves of handbells at St. Mary's Church, Over Stoke, Ipswich. The church was lit by 500 candles, which was the only lighting for the evening service. In addition to socials they have performed at gatherings of old age pensioners, blind persons and at hospitals. The applause amply repaid their endeavours.

During the presentation of a cheque for £110 to Canon D. M. M. Bartlett and Mrs. Bartlett, of Ripon, in honour of their golden wedding on January 10th, the bells of the Cathedral were rung and 'fired,' an unexpected and much appreciated compliment from the ringers. Canon Bartlett learned to ring when a curate at Leeds Parish Church over 50 years ago. A gifted all-rounder, Canon Bartlett is a skilful artist, a good all-round musician, a student of many languages, a former player of several games and an expert on gipsy lore.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Crewe Branch Plan to Reach Every Tower

More than 50 ringers and friends sat down to tea at the annual meeting of the Crewe Branch, held at Crewe on January 15th, the atrocious weather, however, reducing the attendance. Despite the breaking of the treble stay, everyone present enjoyed the ringing, which was directed by Mr. Ivor Nichols (Branch Ringing Master). The Guild Office was sung by the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Gentry) and the address was given by the Rev. Mr. Christopher, Vicar of Bradfield Green and Church Minshull.

The business meeting provided lively discussion on two propositions. The Branch hon. secretary (Mr. Wilf. Kerr), in a report of the year's activities, said Sunday service ringing—the Guild's first essential—had been well maintained, with very few exceptions, which he hoped, with the adoption of one of the propositions, would soon be rectified.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. F. Stenson) reported a slight increase on the year's working and a substantial balance of £6 12s., sufficient for any ordinary needs.

All the Branch officials were re-elected, and a new post, 'The Ringing World' representative, to boost the ringers' paper, went to Mr. Stenson, who made a strong appeal for its support.

The first controversial proposition, from St. Mary's, Wistaston, was submitted by Mr. Derek Smith and Mr. Ivor Nichols, which read: 'To ensure that all towers in the Crewe Branch are visited regularly they should be divided into two groups; each group of towers to be visited alternative years.' This was adopted in principle, as also was a further proposition by Mr. Ken Mackintosh for better distribution and use of Branch instructors and Ringing Master, that a panel be formed who will work out and share their instruction to its best advantage.

An omnibus vote of thanks was passed to all officers for their services during the past year, and to everyone who in any way had contributed to the success and pleasure of the meeting.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

First Visit to Bushbury

For the first time in its history the Society visited St. Mary's, Bushbury, on January 8th, the occasion being the winter meeting. There was a time when this beautiful ancient church was in a rural setting, a reminder of which was the nearby buildings of a once large farm. Today extensive housing estates spread out where previously were rolling meadows.

The tower of Bushbury Church contains a pleasing ring of six bells (tenor 10 cwt.), which have recently been rehung. The enthusiastic local band had gone to great pains to ensure the success of the meeting, including the provision of a bountiful tea.

The well-attended service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Crathorne), and the two churchwardens (Messrs. Slater and Stoker) were also present. In his address Mr. Crathorne spoke from the words of St. Paul: 'Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as unto the Lord.' Every church service, he said, actually started in the belfry with the service ringing.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. Dennis Holden, Ringing Master, and it was particularly gratifying to see the large numbers of young ringers present.

The thanks of those attending the meeting are due to the Vicar, Messrs. Harrison and Dean and members of the local band, Mr. Elton, the organist, Mr. Bates and the lady helpers for their part in making the occasion so enjoyable. The attendance was 70. F. B.

CUMBERLANDS ELECT A NEW MASTER

The wintry weather on January 15th reduced the attendance at the annual meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths held in the Vestry Hall of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. Mr. Frank E. Hawthorne, the retiring Master, presided at the outset, supported by Mr. Peter N. Bond (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Deal (hon. auditor). Apologies included those of Mr. George Cross and Mr. W. R. Winterton, the latter being an influenza victim.

The secretary, in his report, stated it had, in general, been quite a successful year. The number of new members, 26, showed a decrease from last year and there was obvious room for action in this direction. He appealed to younger members, in particular, to invite their ringing friends to become members. Eight peals had been rung.

Quarterly meetings had been held at Sevenoaks, Windsor and Croydon. The first two were quite successful but the Croydon meeting was a dismal failure. For the last-named, excellent local arrangements were made by Miss Pat Steere. Two very successful joint meetings had been held with the Middlesex County Association.

Service ringing at St. Martin's and Shoreditch had been well maintained, although so far the hope of ringing for Sunday service at both towers had not been realised. Regular handbell practices by the St. Martin's band under Mr. Francis had resulted in a peal of Bob Major.

During the year the Society had lost by death the following members: Messrs. W. J. Bunce (Ruislip), F. J. Russell (Bray), J. F. Priest (Wanstead), W. C. Parker (Staines) and F. Blondell (late of Guildford). The meeting stood in silent remembrance of these former members.

The treasurer's report was presented by Mrs. Deal, which showed that the year started with £125 in hand and concluded with £120. A profit of £1 4s. 11d. was made on the annual dinner. A donation of £2 had been paid to St. Ann's, Highgate.

The report and accounts were adopted.

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members were elected:—Miss J. Besant (St. Martin's, Epsom), Robin Turner and Gordon Whewell (Accrington), A. Ward (Manchester), A. W. Stone (Ashton-under-Lyne), G. E. Verrall, F. W. Burnett, R. Baldwin and R. H. Smith (Portsmouth) and Miss A. Rawson (Horsham).

Before vacating the chair the Master thanked the members for rallying round him during the past year. He had not been able to do all he anticipated doing for various reasons beyond his control, but he had had a very happy year.

A ballot was taken for the two nominees for the Mastership—Mr. T. H. Francis and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne. Mr. Francis was elected and he promised to do what he could to maintain the tradition of the Society.

Other officers elected were:—Hon. secretary, Mr. P. N. Bond; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. R. Winterton, senior steward, Mr. F. J. Matthews, junior steward, Mr. R. Ling; trustees, Mr. C. J. Matthews and Mr. F. E. Hawthorne; hon. auditors, Mrs. Deal and Mr. H. E. Audsley.

Meetings suggested were:—March 26th, Richmond and Kingston; June 4th, Wrotham and Meopham; September 10th, Dunstable or Leighton Buzzard. There were also two joint meetings with the Middlesex County Association on the programme.

The meeting favoured a dinner being held at the Old Bell on the first Saturday in October. Both the seating arrangements and the menu at the last dinner were criticised and the committee of officers responsible for the arrangements promised to consider the points raised.

Mr. G. Carter said some years aga a new rule book was mooted. He asked what progress had been made.

The Master said the book was almost completed in manuscript form. Mr. Ling had done most of the research but had experienced some difficulty in the years between 1800 and 1900.

Mr. F. E. Hawthorne submitted a brief report on the Central Council meeting at Newcastle. The motion on synthetic bells submitted by the Society was received very favourably and was slightly amended.

Mrs. Francis asked if any members were interested in a quarter peal at Shoreditch on the second and fourth Sundays at 5.15 p.m. to communicate with her or the officers.

The Master called attention to the monthly practices of the Society at St. Martin's on the first Wednesday in each month at 6.30 p.m. These practices, he said, were held for the promotion of 10- and 12-bell ringing.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents of St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Giles', Cripplegate, for the use of the bells that afternoon, and to the ladies of St. Martin's canteen for preparing tea.

TRIPLE EVENT CELEBRATED AT NORTHILL

To mark the completion of 46 years in the ministry by the Rev. A. J. Nixseaman, a peal was rung at the Parish Church on his birthday. This was also the first peal on the bells since the new treble was added, the last peal having been rung 22 years previously.

Afterwards the peal band, together with the local ringers, were entertained to tea at the Crown Inn by the Rector and Mrs. Nixseaman, the highlight being the novel birthday cake complete with ring of bells. This was followed by a social hour where handbell ringing took place in between tales of ringing and ringers of years ago.

The Rector, being an authority on ancient tower clocks, has established beyond doubt that Northill Church clock was made by Thomas Tompson, the father of English clockmakers, who was born at Northill. The band tender their sincere thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Nixseaman for their hospitality and to the local ringers, who had everything in readiness.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO LEICESTER VETERAN

To mark the 90th birthday of that fine old English gentleman — John O. Lancashire — a handbell peal of Cinques was arranged, but owing to the inclement weather one of the band could not 'make it,' so it was decided to ring Stedman Triples, a method much loved by 'John O.' (as he was always affectionately called by his many ringing friends of a decade ago). John O. delved deeply into the intricacies of this method and produced some very 'classic' peals which only an expert could hope to call. John O. with his companions, the late J. Buttery, G. Cleal, S. Cotton, A. Millis and W. Willson, made ringing history by taking part in the 'silent' handbell peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, a record still holding supreme place in this sphere. An architect of no mean ability, he has won several awards for his designs of various churches, inns and houses.

Advancing years have kept him away from the belfry of late years, but his interest in the art remains, and all—old and young—will join in this birthday greeting to him. E. M.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch

At the annual meeting held at Chewton Mendip on January 8th the secretary, Mr. E. J. Chivers, was enabled to report good progress in the Branch. Membership had increased to 158, including a Surprise Major band, and Ashwick tower had been gained, though Clutton had transferred to the Chew Branch.

Midsomer Norton eight (tenor 22 cwt.), silent for six years, have been rehung in a steel frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and were rededicated on November 27th. A new band, mainly of beginners, is being trained by Mr. T. J. Dyke, who arranges a volunteer band in the meanwhile for service ringing.

Kilmersdon six are shortly to be tackled by the same firm, and the band is to be congratulated on having kept up fortnightly practices at other towers. Tower captains and incumbents who kindly permitted ringing by visiting bands were thanked both by the secretary and by Mr. G. Pomeroy on behalf of the Kilmersdon ringers.

Mr. R. Beck proposed that in the interests of economy the sending out of meeting-reminder cards should be discontinued—the notice in 'The Ringing World' should be enough. After some discussion in which it was pointed out that some of the less active towers might not see 'The Ringing World' and so be missed altogether, the motion was lost on the vote.

Eleven new members and five probationers were elected, and the chairman (Mr. J. T. Dyke), secretary (Mr. E. J. Chivers), Ringing Master (Mr. R. Beck) and Press representative (Miss E. D. Overend) were all re-elected. In proposing Mr. Beck from the chair, Mr. Dyke stressed how much the Branch owed to him for the present high standard of ringing and striking.

The coming year's meetings were arranged for April 23rd, Leigh-on-Mendip; July 9th, East Harptree; October 8th, Chilcompton; January 14th, 1956, Midsomer Norton, subject to the necessary permission. Votes of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. K. Latter), tower captain (Mr. H. Baber), organist, and ladies who prepared tea were passed with enthusiasm. Some good ringing was enjoyed on the famous Chewton Mendip eight.

E. D. O.

Favourable View of Service Ringing in Bath District

Reporting on the general activities of the Bath Branch at the annual meeting on January 8th, at St. Michael's, Bath, Mr. S. S. Woodburn (hon. secretary and treasurer) stated one must take a fairly favourable view, especially of the service ringing. The pride of place must go this year to St. Michael's, Twerton, where Mr. R. Fry had done a tremendous job in starting from scratch and getting to the stage of ringing quarter peals with local talent; also ringing twice on Sunday and establishing a regular weekly practice.

Mr. G. Hawkins and Mr. H. Newman, of St. Michael's with St. Paul's, Broad Street, and St. Matthew's, Widcombe, respectively, were both doing a grand job of work.

Reporting on the three quarterly meetings, Mr. Woodburn mentioned the success of the meeting at Weston, the first since the addition of two new bells. This was attended by between 140 and 150 members, and the newly-appointed Master, the Rev. Hurst Bannister, gave the address.

Officers re-elected at the meeting were:—the Rev. E. J. Rowe, chairman; Mr. S. S. Woodburn, secretary, Ringing Master and representative on the general committee; Mr. T. J. Hayward, treasurer.

The meeting was preceded by a service held at St. Michael's with St. Paul's, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. H. G. Sargent.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MR. BLAGROVE'S REPLY TO MR. FELSTEAD

Dear Sir,—Some portions of the letter on page 843 should never have been written, for it is purely destructive criticism. To say that the rules of the Central Council are harmful to the majority and good only for the minority is sheer nonsense. What good has it done to bar Bob Triples, etc., from the analysis? If it stops ringers from ringing a 5,040 which contains **360 double changes,** then a lot of good. Minor is highly debatable, but is it not better to have a rule which covers all from 6 to 12 as nobody quarrels with this rule for 8 upwards? Now the sheep, this is intended to be a nasty one, but Mr. Blagrove ought to attend the next Central Council meeting as an observer. He will soon realise that the officers and delegates are men with minds of their own. Were it not for the Central Council 'The Ringing World' would not exist. Does F. T. B. want this, or what does he wish the Central Council to do? May I say I am not a member of this body and never likely to be. If one is fair then it must be admitted that the Central Council has done good. People used to ring 21/240's and call it a peal of Minor. **Would anyone do it to-day?**

The Editorial of December 31st points out what some of these officials do, viz., spend a lot of their time and money on doing the work of the Central Council. So for a change let us give them a pat on the back and make them feel that their work is appreciated. You cannot get the best out of a body by using destructive criticism; then let us be fair and this will be welcomed. Best wishes, Mr. Blagrove, for 1955.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

SORRY, PAT!

Dear Sir,—May I point out that the footnote to the peal of Minor rung at Seal Chart, Kent, on December 28th, 1954, as being the quickest peal on the bells, is incorrect.

A band, of which I was a member, rang a seven-method peal of Minor there on January 17th, 1948, in 2 hours 30 minutes, conducted by Robert Collins, of Sevenoaks, Kent. This was one minute quicker than the report of the peal in 'The Ringing World' of January 14th.

May I dare to say, 'Sorry, Pat,' but we beat you by one minute.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST J. LADD.

Tunbridge Wells.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World' of Jan. 29th, 1915

MEMORABLE GATHERING AT KELLY, DEVON

An interesting and memorable gathering took place at Kelly House, Devon, on Thursday of last week, when the Rev. Maitland Kelly, president of the Devonshire Guild, entertained to supper the past and present ringers of the parish. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of the first six-score of Grandsire Doubles rung on the bells of the Parish Church, and also in Devon by men of the county. Two of the original band, besides Mr. Kelly, were present, Messrs. John and Edwin Yole. Among the guests was Mr. John Trelawny, son of the late Col. H. R. Trelawny, who 50 years ago trained a band of scientific change ringers, one of whom, Mr. William Johns, was present.

After supper . . . a six-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung by a band composed as follows: John Yole 1, Rev. Maitland Kelly (conductor) 2, Abel Johns 3, William Johns 4, John Johns 5, Edwin Yole 6. The performance was a creditable one, especially when it is remembered that some of those who took part in it had not handled a rope for many years.

RANG HIS GREAT-GRANDFATHER'S BELL

Dear Sir,—It seems to me that everybody is going in for records and I thought I would have a go.

I went to ring a peal at Halifax Parish Church in 1907 and when we finished one of the ringers said that he had seen that my great-grandfather had rung a peal at Keighley. He wanted me to get a band together and ring another this year and to have the privilege of standing in the attempt. This was done and I rang the same bell as my great-grandfather. Can anyone beat this?—Yours truly,

JOE HARDCASTLE.

Bradford, Yorks.

DOCTORS AND PEAL RINGING

The following appeared in 'The Lancet' after the recent 'Doctors' Peal.'

Bells are proverbially sound, those other inhabitants of belfries, bats, are, by the same authority, cracked. To embark on the three hours of rope-pulling, which makes up a peal, called for the former quality in the ringers; but at moments our aching backs and increasingly be-blistered hands made it seem likely that we had a lot in common with the bats.

Misgivings were banished, however, by the joy of achievement; the bells in their courses, an intricate eight-fold chain, came into their last lead, and the first peal of Bob Major by doctors was down in the records. The beer which filled such a long-felt want—and how pleasant is the feel of glass in the fingers after so much hemp—set the seal to our satisfaction. And, after all, as someone remarked, dissecting our victory, 'Change-ringing is very like my out-patients, same old faces in a slightly different order, with a new one making the occasional bob.'

THEIR SUNDAY RINGING WOULD EQUAL NINE PEALS

Dear Sir,—During 1954 a record has been kept of the changes rung for Sunday services and special services at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Dallington, Northampton. The total was 46,662, and has been performed mainly by the local band and only on odd occasions have visitors been present. Changes have been rung for every Sunday morning and evening service except on one occasion, when rounds and call changes were rung in the evening. These, and also those rung for weddings and practice, have not been recorded.

The ringing has been restricted owing to the poor condition of the bells. The longest touch has been 1,080 Plain Bob Minor in the early part of the year.—Yours sincerely,

E. NOBLES (Tower Captain).

Dallington.

CLAIM WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—Re peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Leigh, Lancs, on December 13th, 1954, and published in 'The Ringing World' on December 31st, I wish to withdraw the footnote claiming it to be the first peal in the method on the bells. Mr. J. Leatherbarrow, of Newchurch, has informed me that a peal in that method was rung there in 1924. I did take the precaution of asking one of the local band, who said he had no knowledge of one being rung in that method.—Yours faithfully,

PETER CROOK.

Bolton.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

North-East Branch Annual Meeting

Representatives of seven Branch towers and visitors from Exeter attended the annual meeting of the North-East Branch at Silverton on January 8th. The Rev. J. H. Jones, Branch chairman, presided, supported by Prebendary E. V. Cox (president), Mr. E. J. Taylor (general secretary) and the Rector of Silverton (the Rev. W. V. Sanderson).

In his report, Mr. W. Ware (secretary and treasurer) stated that there was a balance in hand of £41 13s. 1d. in the general fund. There were now 78 performing members, many of whom were very young and needed every encouragement from the more experienced to learn the art of change ringing.

The Branch officers were elected as follows: Chairman, the Rev. J. H. Jones; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. H. Ware; Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Selley; general committee, Messrs. A. G. Selley, W. Richards and D. Bellamy.

New members elected were: Mrs. W. Richards, Messrs. E. Hart, Jeremy Furbew, Terence Furbew, Michael Bunce (Silverton), R. Bend (Bradninch) and A. T. Muttey (Huntsham).

Prebendary E. V. Cox presented certificates to K. Snell, J. and T. Furbew, M. O. Bunce and E. Hart. The president spoke of the loss sustained by the Branch on the passing of Rev. F. W. Carter, and the meeting stood in silence.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Silverton for conducting the service and giving an address, the local ringers, and the ladies (Mesdames A. G. Selley, W. E. Richards, E. Hart, W. J. Richards and Miss E. K. Hutchings) who supplied the tea.

Ringing in the standard methods was under the guidance of the Ringing Master, Mr. A. G. Selley.

Tiverton Ringers' Supper

After a lapse of many years, St. Peter's Society of Change Ringers, Tiverton, have revived their annual New Year's supper. A company of 25 included the Rector (Canon R. C. Worsley) and Mr. R. K. Giles (people's warden).

Responding to the health of the ringers, proposed by Mr. Giles, Mr. A. W. Payne (hon. secretary) mentioned the progress made by the Society through the untiring efforts of the captain, Mr. J. Upton, in maintaining a feeling of good fellowship, Mr. E. W. Richards (vice-captain) and Mr. P. Mayne (steeplekeeper).

Mr. E. J. Taylor, general secretary of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers, proposed the health of the guests, and the Rector, in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the ringers for the way they discharged their duties and also for the warm welcome they extended to visiting ringers at all times.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

A biting wind, frost and snow greeted the 31 members and friends who attended the annual meeting of the North Norfolk Branch at Wymondham. The Vicar (the Rev. J. G. Tansley Thomas), who was not able to be present, sent a message of welcome by the curate, who conducted the service. Miss Sinclair was at the organ.

The business meeting followed a good tea. Two honorary members and five ringing members were elected, including Miss Mary Clover, the first lady ringer of the Wymondham company.

Reference was made to the great loss the Branch and the Wroxham company have sustained in the death of Mr. G. Bailey last October and the members present stood in silence to his memory. The sum of £1 1s. was collected for the Association Belfry Repair Fund. The next meeting will be held at Mulbarton on April 30th, and the Association's outing will be to Oxford on June 25th.

EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN

By P. AMOS

THE area around Kettering is generally considered a hive of ringing activity, but it is not without its 'dead wood.' Within some six miles of Kettering are two 6-bell towers where, to those who have taken up ringing during the past 25 years, very little is known owing to the need of a bellhanger; both have comparatively light sixes.

The first of these is Cransley, with its village inn, the Three Cranes, some three miles to the west of Kettering. Some with long memories may recall the famous choir of this village giving several broadcasts before the war. On one occasion a band of district ringers managed to raise the six bells prior to one of the broadcasts to put them over the air. But alas! How many listeners realised the state of these bells? The treble and fourth are both cracked in the crown (the treble having been plated both sides of the crack) and to ring them is next to impossible. I did manage at the end of the war to get 120 on them after a fashion, not knowing which bell was going to cast-wheel next, or rope land round someone's neck. All six bells were cast in 1683 by the Bagleys, of Chacombe—founders of many bells in the Midlands. The tenor is 8¼ cwt. They are hung in an oak frame (which is still good for many years) set cornerways. The steeple looks strong enough for a ring of eight bells (tenor a ton).

With a church so well known to radio listeners and a Vicar who is a Diocesan adviser on music, it seems inconsistent and incredible that six bells could hang unrung for so many years. A peal was rung on them in 1910. Since the close of the 1914-18 war, almost silence has reigned in the steeple of this stately church. The oak frame was installed by Taylors, of Loughborough, in 1870.

A little further to the north-west is Harrington, where the tower is practically detached (except for a small corridor) from the rest of the church. The last peal was rung on these six bells (with a tenor of eight cwt.) in 1926. All the bells were cast by Thomas Mears, of London, in 1817. They have been unrung since 1933. What the present Vicar intends to do about them I have no information, but two very stubborn predecessors (as well as one or two laity) would not hear of a restoration—'a chiming apparatus was good enough for them,' and 'bells were only a luxury.'

All the bells' headstocks are worm-eaten—that of treble being cracked right across the centre from bearing to bearing. In 1929 (the only time I rang at Harrington) it was apparent that a bellhanger would soon have to be called in.

Orton, close by, has one bell by Edward Arnold, 1775, in its fairly large tower. Un-co-operative incumbents have been the cause of ringing inactivity (or only lukewarm activity) in yet another 6-bell steeple on Kettering's doorstep—that of Thorpe Malsor, where bells and bellringers to some of these incumbents have been frowned upon over a long period. I only remember two occasions when it was possible to try out these bells, and I must say I was not very impressed by their tone. The treble and fifth were recast by Barwells, of Birmingham, 56 years ago. The tenor is seven cwt. The steeple is one of a chain of steeples on a ridge of hills which form landmarks for several miles around.

Loddington steeple, not far away, is a fine structure, but with only three very light bells—all by Robert Taylor, of St. Neots, 1803. The present firm of John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, rehung them in their old oak frame in 1933. Owing to their exposure—no louvres to keep out birds or rain—the oak frame and fittings look as if they have not seen a bellhanger since about 1833. The tenor is not more than 6-6¼ cwt.; there is easily room to hang three more trebles here! Even two would be a great improvement and make a handy little five.

Broughton, close by, will soon be claimed among the list of unknown belfries (to the rising generation, at least) if something is not soon done in the way of restoration. No ringing meetings have been held in this 5-bell steeple for some few years now. The oak frame dates from 1709. The tenor is around 10 cwt., 38 inches diameter across the lip.

A similar case nearby was Walgrave, whose five bells hung derelict from 1900 to 1937. Unknown to many is Old—on all road signposts, maps, buses, Post Office Guides, as well as official electoral and other directories, OLD it is! But to generations past this village was always known as Wold—some still insist on calling it Wold, which, they say, sounds better. Actually, it is on a wold! The Rev. A. G. Thurlow (so well known to ringers of East Anglia) was related to the last resident incumbent—the late Rev. J. Goddard. To-day, Old is joined with the parishes of Walgrave and Hannington.

SOMEBODY THOUGHT OF US!

'As we sit in our comfortable armchairs before the blazing fire this Christmas Day, while the church bells ring merrily through the clean, frosty air across the snow (or, as the case may be, in a torrential downpour through the "smog"), let us remember the bell-ringers, straining at the ropes, sweating and breathing hard—all of them, from tinkling treble to deep-throated tenor, skilfully striving with "round" and "change," "double," "triple" "cater" and "cinque," through Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman, to sound the traditional melody of Christmastide and to ring the changes of the dying year.'
—'Justice of the Peace and Local Government Review.'

There are five bells in its tower, hung in an oak frame set cornerways—part of which requires replacing on which the treble is hung. A few years ago I tried patching them up to at least make them chimable for a time. The third, having the best headstock, was able to be made ringable. At harvest festival, 1950, a team, including myself, did, in fact, ring them up, and with hard work managed to ring a few 120's. Others have tried twice since but, alas! they forgot the oil can or to take a spanner. The bells certainly need rehanging on completely new fittings—it may be possible to repair the frame where the treble hangs.

The fourth is an old bell by Henry Jordon, of London (1442-1470), unfortunately not very good toned, but capable of tuning and quarter-turning. The next oldest is the third, dated 1631, showing all the familiar markings of Hugh Watts, the renowned Leicester founder. This is the best toned bell as well as the only good going one—if all five went the same—I say IF—a peal? Most definitely! Watts also cast the tenor in 1639. This bell of 40 inches diameter across the lip is about 11 cwt. Thomas Russell, of Wootton, Bedfordshire, cast the second in 1723, and Thomas Mears cast the treble in 1825. Apparently the late Rev. Mr. Goddard did not know the full history of the tenor when he penned his notes on these bells, which hang framed on the belfry wall.

The tiny tower of Hannington has two bells—one about 5¼ cwt. by Hugh Watts, dated 1615, and the other by one of the Newcombes, of Leicester—possibly Edward, who in 1590 cast one of the four in the neighbouring tower of Holcot. Both bells were, before 1868, hung with wheels and rope, but to-day only the lighter one is; the other hangs 'dead.' Hannington Church possesses some very interesting architectural features.

A few miles south a sad picture presents itself at Little Harrowden, whose tower not only leans, but is very weak at one corner, due to many years of neglect. A 'stitch in time' may have prevented such a state of affairs. Filth adorns the tower from top to bottom. Under the four bells is a carpet of twigs and dead pigeons, and the frame and fittings are just withered worm-eaten old oak. All four bells were originally 1624, cast by Hugh Watts, but the second had to be recast in 1732. They are a tuneful little four and would, in a new frame after repairs to the tower, with a treble added, make a handy light five; tenor is 7½ to 8 cwt.

Great Harrowden, which actually is the smaller of the two villages, has three bells in a tower which was evidently rebuilt in 1861. They are a minor three (tenor 9½ cwt.). This bell is the only one in Northamptonshire cast by Thomas Clay, a Leicester bellfounder, who had only a short existence—from 1711 to 1715. It is dated 1715. The treble is 16th century, and the second is by Watts, 1629 Wellingborough, only two miles away, is gradually extending nearer towards the Harrowdens, which may one day become suburbs.

A very old bell exists at Hardwick (spelt Hardwycke in some instances). This church is subsiding on one side but happily the tower is not affected. The old bell became cracked about 40 years ago and was scientifically welded by Barimer, of London, in 1926. William Dawe, a Hounslow founder from 1385 to 1418, is said to have cast it about 1395. It has rather tall cannons. To disgrace it are eight tubular bells in this stately little tower in this picturesque small village—a hive for picnickers with its woods close by.

Cranford St. Andrew has four bells with a tenor of approximately 7 cwt. by Watts and inscribed: 'Cum cano busta mori: cum pulpita vivere disce 1624.' ('When I sing of tombs I learn to die: when I sing of pulpits I learn to live.')

(To be continued)

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

35 Years as District Ringing Master

Due to the wintry weather and other causes there was a smaller attendance than usual at the annual meeting of the Ross-on-Wye District held at Ross on January 8th. The Rector (Prebendary G. S. Stockley) conducted the service in Ross Church. Mr. F. C. Rowles acted as organist.

At the business meeting the Rector presided. The District secretary, Mr. W. T. Poston, of Ross, was re-elected. Mr. W. Poston (Bridstow) retired from the office of Ringing Master after 35 years of strenuous service. Prebendary Stockley and Prebendary Potter (Weston) spoke in appreciation of Mr. Poston's work over such a long period. Mr. J. J. Webb, captain of Ross-on-Wye tower, and Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, was elected Ringing Master in his place.

Prebendary Potter thanked the ringers for their generous donation to the work of restoring the bells of Weston-under-Penyard.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Upton Bishop. The secretary read the statement of accounts for 1954, which were adopted. Several new members were elected.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Prebendary Stockley for the use of the bells, the service and for presiding at the meeting.

W. T. P.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX. — On Jan. 2nd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. K. Turnbull 1, Beryl Reynolds (first 'inside') 2, Mary W. Brown 3, H. W. Brown 4, M. W. Stevenson 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of the ringers of the treble and third. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: June Grieveson 1, Beryl Reynolds 2, Mary W. Brown 3, Valerie Mepham 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. First quarter peal in the method by all the band.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET. — On Jan. 3rd, 1,260 Double Oxford Minor: G. Marchant 1, M. Stone 2, C. Marchant 3, D. Miller 4, C. Clarke 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First in the method by all, and on the bells.

BARMING, KENT. — On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Gunner 1, W. Manser 2, L. Colvin 3, W. R. Manser (cond.) 4, C. Ruffle 5, W. T. Grice 6.

BEDWELLTY, MON. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): Diana G. Ward (Stanmore, first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. R. Price 2, A. R. Price (cond.) 3, Jean Powell 4, G. Flower 5, G. Williams 6. Rung for watchnight service.

BURFORD, OXON. — On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. J. Westmacott 1, F. Soden 2, J. W. Dixon 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, W. J. Dixon 5, T. W. Timms 6. F. W. Soden (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. E. A. ('Batty') Aldridge, an old Burford ringer. Also on Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Dixon 1, Jill Hitchcock 2, J. J. Westmacott 3, M. C. F. Collett 4, T. W. Timms 5, F. W. Soden 6, W. J. Dixon (cond.) 7, L. Jewell 8. A farewell to Jill Hitchcock, who is leaving to train as a nurse near Wokingham.

BURNHAM, BUCKS. — On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Lister 1, G. Gilbert 2, W. Birmingham 3, P. Newton 4, Miss A. Smallbone (first of Stedman) 5, T. J. Fowler 6, R. H. Begrie (cond.) 7, E. D. Poole 8.

CATHERINGTON, HANTS. — On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. H. Harding 1, E. J. Harding 2, S. J. Harding 3, J. H. Harding (cond.) 4, C. H. Turner 5, R. Tee 6. First quarter for 1, 4, 5 and 6. Rung for the christening of Christine Anne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harding, and for the engagement of the conductor's sister, Kathleen, to Mr. F. Tribe.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN, LANCS. — On Jan. 1st, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Schofield 1, G. Cheetham 2, T. Halstead 3, D. Sanderson (cond.) 4, C. R. Milthorp 5, H. Sutcliffe 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS. — On Jan. 1st, at the Priory Church of St. Peter, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. M. Knox 1, D. P. Jones 2, A. E. Sharman 3, J. G. Newman 4, J. Ketteringham 5, P. Mehew 6, M. Orme 7, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS. — On Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: S. H. Ashton (first on changing bell) 1, P. W. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, R. Head 4, K. C. Timbury 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX. — On Jan. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): A. J. Butcher (first quarter) 1, D. J. Cornford 2, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 3, C. F. Bonnett 4, F. H. Hicks 5, H. J. Wilde 6. A compliment to the parents of the conductor and treble ringer on their 40th wedding anniversary.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS. — On Jan. 10th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Shellard (first of Treble Bob) 1, M. Saunders 2, B. Saunders 3, E. Lines 4, C. Hinton 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 2nd, 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. Perkins 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX. — On Jan. 16th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: Miss C. M. Jupp 1, Miss F. M. Howell 2, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 3, F. E. Cruttenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, D. J. Parsons 6, E. F. Packham 7, B. W. White (cond.) 8. First in method for all.—Also on Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Newman (first quarter) 1, Miss C. M. Jupp 2, Miss F. M. Howell 3, F. E. Cruttenden 4, F. W. Parsons 5, B. W. White 6, D. J. Parsons (first of Grandsire as cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8.

QUARTER PEALS

KINGSTONE, SOMERSET. — On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Charity (first quarter) 1, R. Dean 2, F. Welch (cond.) 3, T. Hill 4, G. Monkton 5, T. Vickery 6.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS — On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, T. J. Grundy 2, R. Powell (cond.) 3, L. H. Colcombe 4, Ivor G. Jones (first quarter) 5, R. A. Colcombe 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Reed.

LAMBETH, LONDON. — At the Church of St. Mary, on Jan. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. R. L. Blewer 1, T. H. Taffender 2, C. A. Hughes 3, G. A. Harvey 4, N. G. Hollingworth (first in method as cond.) 5, F. P. Mead 6, C. W. Ottley 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

LEWKNOR, OXON. — On Jan. 8th, 1,400 Doubles (120 each St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Plain Bob, 200 April Day, 240 Grandsire): W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, E. Morris 6. First in nine methods by all the band. Rung for the birthday of Miss D. Fulker.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET. — On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Stedman, 620 Grandsire): Mrs. C. Boyce 1, F. A. Strickland 2, R. P. Selway (cond.) 3, A. W. Dyer 4, W. Turk 5, R. Boyce 6. First quarter in two methods by all.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICS. — On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4-6-8 covering: R. Wilmore 1, J. Handford 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, J. Cunnington 4, G. Harrold 5, R. Handford 6, G. J. Lowe 7, C. West 8. First quarter for 2, 6 and 8. Rung for the Bishop of Leicester's first visit.

'TOPIC FOR THE MONTH'

A new feature of a controversial character will be introduced to our readers with the issue of Feb. 4th. The subject for the first number is 'Peals, Public Opinion and Progress.'

NEWPORT, MON. — At St. Woolos' Cathedral on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Williams (first quarter) 1, C. Greedy 2, W. G. Jones 3, W. Phillips 4, P. R. Mason 5, F. Greedy 6, G. F. Jenkins (first of Grandsire as cond.) 7, A. Thomas 8. Rung for the first anniversary of the induction of the Dean of Monmouth.

NORTH OCKENDON, ESSEX. — On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. V. Gant (cond.) 1, A. R. Chapman 2, J. Carrott 3, D. M. Salisbury 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, W. J. Carter 6.

OXFORD. — On Dec. 30th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Sharpe 1, Miss M. R. Cross 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, E. G. Moore 4, W. Holloway 5, Rev. C. E. Wigg 6, A. R. Pink (cond.) 7, W. H. B. Wilkins 8. An 84th birthday compliment to W. H. B. Wilkins. Also at St. Giles' Church on Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. M. Watts (first quarter) 1, P. Walker 2, J. R. Chaundy 3, D. O. Wilks 4, D. H. Niblett 5, E. C. Hughes 6, A. H. Gearing (cond.) 7, J. H. Gardner 8. For Evensong.

PINCHBECK, LINCS. — On Jan. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss C. A. Richardson (first quarter) 1, C. C. Rawding 2, H. Bennett 3, A. R. Withyman 4, M. D. Chamberlain 5, A. D. Mills 6, W. A. Richardson 7, C. H. Whitton (cond.) 8.

PORTSMOUTH. — On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion Parker 1, J. D. Harris 2, R. W. Parker 3, A. York-Bramble 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. T. Greenwood 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. Rung half-muffled for watchnight service.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Parsons 1, A. Wixey 2, F. Tranter (cond.) 3, Clive Wixey 4, Cyril Wixey (first 'inside') 5, S. Pugh 6. First quarter by the Sunday service band. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. Lilian Mayo.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Bob Minor: J. Myhill 1, A. Hume 2, R. Thrift 3, R. Groves 4, E. Runter 5, E. Kemp (cond.) 6.

ST. BEES, CUMBERLAND. — At the Priory Church on Jan. 9th, 1,250 Plain Bob Minor: I. McKay 1, J. R. Mossop 2, J. A. Haile 3, J. A. Rodgers (first 'inside') 4, G. McKay 5, H. Wilson (cond.) 6, G. Rothery 7. Rung for evening service.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, CORNWALL. — On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. A. Birch 1, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 2, A. H. Eplett 3, H. Harper 4, C. Jose 5, Rev. A. S. Roberts 6, A. Carveth 7, D. Burnett 8. Rung to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany.

SNAITH, YORKS. — At the Priory Church on Jan. 11th, 1,440 Minor (one extent each Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor): Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, Mrs. W. Graves 2, Wm. Graves 3, J. J. Taylor 4, Miss M. R. Graves 5, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS. — On Dec. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Lord 1, E. Wakeley 2, Rev. B. F. Sheppard 3, L. Skeggs 4, C. Goodger 5, W. Ransom (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Ernest George Hawkins, former churchwarden and ringer at this church.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Jan. 11th, 1,290 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Smith 1, B. H. Davies 2, D. J. Griffiths 3, S. V. Edwards 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Parry 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. M. Skyrme, a faithful member of St. Gwendoline's Church.

TIRLEY, GLOS.—On Jan. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: C. Tustin 1, T. Steward (cond.) 2, W. Barnfield 3, F. Chamberlain 4, F. Bullock, senr. 5, A. Chamberlain 6. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Ball, also a compliment to the conductor, who has completed 50 years as a ringer at this church.

THURNBY, LEICS. — On Christmas Day, 1,260 Doubles (St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Bott 1, P. Pawley 2, L. Wykes 3, R. Ellwood 4, J. Pawley (cond.) 5, S. Ellwood (first quarter) 6. Rung for Morning Service.

UPCHURCH, KENT.—On Dec. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. B. P. Walker 1, G. A. Naylor 2, E. C. Barton 3, T. A. Cross 4, F. J. Cheal 5, G. Kenward (cond.) 6. An 87th birthday compliment to Mr. William J. Walker, of Upchurch, a well-known peal ringer in Kent.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Christmas Eve, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales (50th quarter) 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. K. Brady 8. Rung for Midnight Mass, with the compliments of the band to Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith on the birth of a son (Michael John) on December 2nd.

WALMER, KENT.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hawkins 1, Miss F. Woodstock 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, A. C. Rye 4, J. F. Penfold 5, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 6, F. A. Rye 7, H. E. Axon 8. Rung on New Year's Eve and as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. & Mrs. E. Well (parents of Mrs. F. W. Lawrence). Also on Jan. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss F. Woodcock 1, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 2, F. A. Rye 3, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 4, A. C. Rye 5, F. W. Lawrence 6, H. E. Axon 7. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Vernon and Miss Pamela Grierson.—Also on Jan. 16th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Hawkins 1, F. R. Hawkins 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, M. R. Hawkins 4, F. A. Rye 5, F. W. Lawrence 6, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 7, P. J. Rye 8. A 21st birthday compliment to M. R. Hawkins.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS. — On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hendy (first quarter) 1, S. A. Higgs (first 'inside') 2, T. T. Walters 3, E. Anstey 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, E. M. Morgan (first quarter) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.—Also on Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Cater (first quarter) 1, S. A. Higgs 2, D. Elliot (first quarter) 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, E. M. Morgan 6.

WORSLEY, LANCS. — At St. Mark's Church on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Pearson 1, N. Barbara Smedley 2, I. P. McEwan 3, A. Pendlebury 4, R. Allred 5, P. Grundy (cond.) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, I. Bentley 8. Rung before evensong by the local band as a 76th birthday compliment to Percy H. Derbyshire, the towerkeeper. Also a farewell to Alan Pendlebury, who is leaving to join the Army for National Service.

OBITUARY

MR. RICHARD DUFFIELD

Mr. 'Dick' Duffield learnt to ring at Sharow, West Yorks, in the year 1911. After the first World War, in which he served with the Royal Engineers, he joined the Ripon Cathedral company of ringers and remained with the band as a most loyal and faithful member until about three years ago, when ill-health compelled him to give up the art which he loved so well. He was a very good fellow, a capable ringer in the simpler methods and a good striker.

He was always punctual, as a steeplekeeper he was efficient, tidy and thorough, as a teacher he was patient and capable, and as an association member was most loyal and faithful.

Dick always underestimated his own capabilities, his modesty kept him in the background, but at the same time it made him a man much respected and well loved.

For some years a very skilful bootmaker, Dick entered the varnish making industry when the demand for hand-made footwear declined, and the writer of this appreciation knew him as a fellow-employee whose devotion to duty and painstaking thoroughness won the respect and admiration of every member of the firm.

He died suddenly on Sunday, January 9th, at the age of 66. With his passing the Church on earth has lost a man whose goodness and integrity made him a fine example to all who knew him. The sympathies of many will be extended to his widow.

The funeral service at Ripon Cathedral was conducted by the Rev. C. D'Aguiar, Minor Canon, assisted by the Dean and the Rev. Canon W. E. Wilkinson, Canon-in-Residence.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by a band of the Cathedral ringers. Amongst the many floral tributes was one in the form of a bell, the tribute of his fellow-ringers to a well-loved friend. R.I.P.

E. H.

MR. ARTHUR RIDYARD

The ringers of Manchester Cathedral regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Ridyard, their Ringing Master, who died at his home on Wednesday, January 19th, aged 67 years. Mr. Ridyard had been a ringer at the Cathedral for the past 30 years and Ringing Master for about 10 years.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Record Peal Remembered

On Boxing Day, December 27th, 1904, at St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston, Leics, there was rung the then world record length of 17,104 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in 10 hours and 35 minutes, composed and conducted by the late William Wilson. Of the band only two are still with us: the ringers of the treble and second, Josiah Morris, of Leicester, and Thomas H. Taffender, of London, respectively. Neither was able to take part in a commemoration peal on that date, and it was most unfortunate that, owing to a broken gudgeon on the second bell at South Wigston, the peal arranged for could not take place. It is hoped, however, that as soon as repairs can be completed such a commemoration peal will be rung.

A peal in the same method was rung on the date nearest possible at Oakham, Rutland, and it was fitting that although neither of the survivors of the original band could be in it, one of their sons—Ernest Morris—was invited to conduct it. He chose to call Mr. William Willson's very fine composition of 5,024, as recorded in the peal columns.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of London Singles, April Day, Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire and 180 Reverse Canterbury): R. Daniels 1, B. Hill 2, R. Line 3, N. Line 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5. For the Christmas festival.

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DEATH

BATEMAN.—On January 19th, 1955, at 3, Stoke Place Cottages, Stoke Green, Slough, William James, beloved father of Gladys E. Barker, passed peacefully to his rest. 5745

IN MEMORIAM

COLES.—In loving memory of C. T. Coles, died February 2nd, 1946, and his beloved son, Fred, killed Tunisia, April, 1943. 5746

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As from January 24th, the address of F. B. Lufkin will be 97, Broad Road, Bocking, near Braintree, Essex. Will conductors ringing peals for the Essex Association please note? 5730

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

Set of 8 handbells for sale. Tenor size 15 in C. Good condition. £20. Further details from Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester (Tel. 5134 or 3219 from 8–5.30). 5765

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MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Annual meeting at Stockport St. Mary, Jan. 29th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 5724

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ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Annual meeting, Wisbech, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.30. Meeting in belfry at 6. Own arrangements for tea.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 5726

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Annual District meeting, St. Peter's, Colchester, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. 5679

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District. — Annual District meeting at Guildford, Saturday, Jan. 29th. St. Mary's and Stoke bells available 3 p.m. Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas' available after tea.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 5720

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — Quarterly meeting, Wickhambreaux, Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, to Mr. S. Walter, The Mill House, Wickhambreaux, Canterbury.—B. J. Luck. 5686

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Annual meeting, St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, Jan. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names for tea to Miss G. Friswell, 43, Casimir Road, Clapton, E.5. 5691

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Annual District meeting, Saturday, Jan. 29th, at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Old Castle Inn 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. 5672

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Thame on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame. Tel. Thame 193. 5713

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Wellington, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., Parish Hall. Wrockwardine also in evening if required. 5539

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Branch annual meeting at All Saints'. Basingstoke, on Saturday, Jan. 29th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in All Saints' Room. 5712

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford, St. Peter's, on Feb. 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea must be sent to me by Wednesday previous.—Bryan Pattison, 51, Winchester Road, Bedford. 5733

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Harbury, Feb. 5th. Ringing 3 p.m., followed by social 7.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 2nd, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 5744

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Joint Branch meeting at Crosthwaite, Keswick, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea essential by Feb. 2nd.—J. W. Brownrigg, Hon. Sec., 14, Greta Hamlet, Keswick. 5762

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—General meeting on rules and instruction. Chester-le-Street, Feb. 5th. Committee 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bells (8) available from 2.30.—D. A. Bayles. 5764

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5736

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Rededication service, Ardleigh, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at 3 p.m., by the Bishop of Colchester. Tea provided. Bells (8) after.—J. Gould, Dis. Sec. 5702

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Feb. 5th, Emmanuel (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., hall at rear of church. Business 6 p.m. —A. Bennett. 5754

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general District meeting at Chobham, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in the new Church Hall 5.15. Tea notification to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham.—J. F. Dodson, Dis. Ringing Master. 5729

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—Annual general meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea please notify, by Thursday, Feb. 3rd, H. G. Thomas, 104, Victoria Road, Bridgnorth. 5742

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names for tea, soon as possible, please, to R. L. Price, Schallenge Cottage, Bromyard. 5673

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The A.G.M. will be held at St. Andrew's, Hertford, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells from 3 p.m.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec. 5752

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford (10) Feb. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford Tel. Watford 7936. 5738

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, Feb. 5th. Ringing at Melling (6 bells) 2.30-4.30. Tea at 5, and ringing after tea at Hornby (8 bells). Names for tea to E. Goth, 14, Main Street, Hornby.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 5743

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Oldham Parish Church, Feb. 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. (front 8 only). Cafes nearby.—F. Pritchard. 5735

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hindley, St. Peter's, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea free. Names to Mr. H. Cooper, 70, Atherton Road, Hindley, near Wigan.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 5737

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Annual meeting, Grimsby (8), Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5.15. Meeting 6. Service 7 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 2nd, to Mr. M. Mingay, 394, Wellington Street, Grimsby. 5722

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Annual meeting at Grantham (10), Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (followed by business meeting) 5.30 p.m. at Talbot Cafe. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Feb. 1st, to J. W. Haw, Hon Sec., 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. 5705

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Tunstall, Feb. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea; cafe near church.—E. H. Edge, Sec. 5761

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Diss on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) from 2.15. Service 4.15; preacher, Rt. Rev. Dr. W. B. Belcher, Assistant Bishop of Norwich. Tea in Denny's New Tea Room (opposite the Mere) 5 p.m. and business meeting. Names for tea by Feb. 2nd. Suffolk ringers specially invited.—A. G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 5707

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Brightwalton on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Usual arrangements. Farnborough bells after tea. Notify me for tea by Feb. 2nd. —Mrs. A. D. Cooper, 35, Henwick Lane, Thatcham. Newbury, Berks. 5749

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Calverton, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 5756

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting at Wokingham on Feb. 5th. Service All Saints' 4 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church House 5 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Notify for tea by Feb. 1st.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 5734

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Meeting, Hinton Waldrist, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Hon. Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 5711

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Ravensthorpe, Feb. 5th. Names for tea, by Feb. 2nd, to D. Payne, The Chequers Inn, Ravensthorpe, Northampton. 5753

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Meeting at Potterne, Feb. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to F. Slatford, Daubeny Corner, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5739

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sheffield, Feb. 5th. St. Marie's (8) 3 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) after tea. For tea in the Wolstenholme Hall 5 p.m., notify H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8. —N. Chaddock, Sec. 5723

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.— Nottingham District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Radcliffe-on-Trent. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 2nd, to Mr. Lygo, Kelvinside, Granfield Avenue, Radcliffe-on-Trent.—C. W. Towers. 5769

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting, Horsham (8) Saturday, Feb. 5th. Names for tea, by Feb. 2nd, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 5732

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Alton and Petersfield District. — Annual meeting at Petersfield on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, and business meeting. Numbers for tea by 2nd.—C. E. Bassett, Warsash, Hants. 5755

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District. — Annual meeting, Newport, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mrs. A. Guy, 3, Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport. 5760

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Winchester. Bells: Cathedral (12) available for 2 hours after evensong, 6.15–8.15 approx.; St. Maurice's (6), 1.30–2.30 and 8.30–9. Business meeting in St. Maurice's Hall 3, followed by tea at 4.15. Service in Cathedral 5.15. Names by previous Wednesday to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 5728

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, February 7th, practice, 7.15, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, February 12th, A.G.M., Southwark Cathedral, etc., 3.15. Service 5. Tea and business Chapter House, 5.45. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 5700

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Feb. 12th, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6. Ringing, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 4 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 5750

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—A social evening will be held in the Mechanics' Institute, Hazel Grove, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 7 to 10.30. Dancing, games, Norbury handbell ringers, etc. Licensed bar. All welcome. Tickets, price 3s. 6d. (including refreshments), from C. K. Lewis, 6, Princes Road, Altrincham, before Feb. 7th.—C. K. Lewis. 5725

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District annual meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing 2.30-4.30 p.m. only. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Owen Hall at 5.15 p.m., followed by social evening. Tea 2s. Social (including refreshments) 2s. All notifications for tea, **not later** than previous Thursday, to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 114, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5731

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Annual meeting, Church Stretton, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 5741

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Hereford, Feb. 12th. Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) bells available 2.30 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6.30 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 8th to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 5766

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at East Farleigh, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 5759

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Dedication of recast ring of 8 at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3.30 p.m. A tea (free) provided only to those who send names, by Feb. 8th, to Major C. Rook, 6, Manningham Road, Bolton. 5763

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next committee meeting will be held at Preston on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Parish Church bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea in Church School, Avenham Lane, 5 p.m. Names for tea to be sent before Tuesday, Feb. 8th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston. —F. Dunkerley, Sec. 5770

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, Feb. 7th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 5751

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Chepstow, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 8th.—J. S. Evans. 5758

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch. — Meeting, Willoughby, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Names for tea to me by Saturday, Feb. 5th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 5748

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). —The 67th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner and Bi-centenary Celebration will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 5th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Mr. Frank E. Haynes, M.A. Early application for tickets, accompanied by remittance (15s.), should be made to George E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR. 1025. 5701

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Rung at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on December 20th, 1954.

WALLSALL, STAFFS.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles. Marie B. Hughes (first quarter) 1, Samela Thomas 2, Stella Hughes (cond.) 3, Rosemary Smith (first 'inside') 4, G. W. Hughes 5, Jill Fisher 6.

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Rung at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on November 8th, 1954.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 24th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: M. Lakin 1, Miss B. R. Pittaway 2, T. Parrot 3, W. Young 4, G. Noice 5, W. C. Lampard 6, A. Tumber 7, P. Nash 8, J. A. C. King (cond.) 9, C. Haines 10. Rung for Christmas. Also on Dec. 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss B. R. Pittaway 1, W. C. Lampard 2, T. Parrot 3, W. Young 4, G. Noice 5, H. Cook 6, P. Nash 7, J. A. C. King (cond.) 8, M. Lakin 9, C. Haines 10. Rung half-muffled for the old year.

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TOPIC FOR THE MONTH

Peals, Public Opinion and Progress

THE recent gallant attempt to ring the extent in the Major stage has focused widespread attention on peal ringing, both throughout the Exercise and among the public at large. The effect is something that any ringer, genuinely concerned in the welfare of our art, can hardly afford to disregard.

Although the Exercise and the public take rather different views of peal ringing, yet the two aspects should be considered jointly as well as independently, if any balanced conclusion is to be reached. Firstly, then, the independent views:—

To the public ear, church bell ringing is, of course, no novelty. And to the majority of people who regard its sounds as being forced upon their attention, it is (let us face it) 'just an unwelcome jangle of noise.' Indeed, this seems to have been so since the earliest days of ringing, though to a less degree then. Yet, of course, there have been and still are many who say they enjoy nothing more than 'the sound of the bells,' particularly under such conditions they describe as 'across the fields at eventide,' and so on. Nevertheless, very few of the uninitiated listening public appreciate that change ringing is an orderly process, and that it produces, for example, a fresh order of bell-sounds at every complete 'round.' Even musicians may be found who will confess that, until their attention had been drawn to the fact, they had not realised that the bells were being rung in sequence of varying orders. In general, the public is ear-conscious only of a rather (to them) 'monotonous, disturbing and unnecessary noise.'

The more built-up the area where the ringing is, the more prevalent may be this viewpoint. The important question is whether the degree of prevalence is rising within more recent years. Some observers will say that it is, and among their reasons is that of the absorption of leisure by the ever-increasing number of 'other interests,' such as listening, in the home, to gramophone, radio and television; when the sounds of prolonged bell-ringing could well prove an unwelcome distraction.

So far, reference has been intended only as to ringing such as on practice nights; and to those who love their art it may be incredible (unless they know of actual cases) that hostility should exist even to this shorter-than-peals ringing. But how much more does this 'feeling' arise when the 'nuisance' continues incessantly for three hours or more? This section of public opinion came out in protest, as we know, when the recent record length attempt was made. (The fact that every precaution was there taken to eliminate 'nuisance' to those in the vicinity did not weigh with them in their argument against peal ringing.) The tragic aspect of this is that the propaganda value of the 'attempt' towards recruiting for the Exercise was somewhat offset by this public outcry against peal ringing in general.

On the other hand, it is an undoubted fact that as the public is becoming more ringing-conscious, so the interest of a minority is being fostered in this, their national art, through more frequent and better-informed references in the Press, and through the medium of radio and television. This tender plant of public interest needs to be cultivated if the Exercise is to make unhampered progress. Consideration of the second independent viewpoint, that of the Exercise itself, may help to indicate a means of such cultivation.

What is the view of the Exercise generally of peal ringing as now practised? Although there are many of us who have only an occasional opportunity to enjoy ringing a peal, yet we appreciate its value, not only as to practice, but also as an accomplishment. Those, however, who are prolific peal ringers are, of course, entitled to respect for their opinions, which include views that peal ringing:—

1. Introduces an element of true sportsmanship (in the best sense), i.e., calls for a genuine team-effort to achieve what is not always a foregone conclusion!
2. Develops the powers of concentration which are so essential in good ringing.
3. 'Fixes' the method for the inexpert, by reason of the lengthier repetitive work-out entailed.
4. Induces a quasi-automatic condition of that part of the mind working away at the method itself, thus enabling greater attention to be fixed on the quality of the striking. In other words, playing the 'music as written.'
5. Promotes healthy rivalry between tower bands and ringing associations in raising the standard of ringing.
6. In improving the standard of ringing it thus enhances the performance of the service rendered in ringing for divine worship.

But is there not another side to this picture? Consider these points:—

7. Has too frequent peal ringing in some towers led to its being banned therein?
8. Has the consequent disappointment among the band led to a falling off in their interest and their attendance?
9. Has this, in turn, adversely affected service ringing, the prime objective?
10. In how many districts is it a fact that while there is little or no objection to the 1¼ to 2 hours' ringing on practice nights, there persists a strong objection to the 3 hours' or more ringing of a peal at other times, except on very special occasions?
11. Is it not the case that, in some towers where, in order to secure local toleration of protracted ringing that is 'soft-pedalled,' the bells have been 'boxed-in,' sometimes by a local amateur, and thus often have their tonal and resonant qualities spoilt?
12. Are full-length peals always rung from the 'proper' motives, for example, for some religious or national or Exercise cause?

The reader may perhaps be best able to answer these questions; but it is not without significance that at a recent Association annual dinner in London the Master of the Ancient Society observed that before a peal is to be attempted the question should be asked as to whether the peal would be 'in the interest of the Church and the advancement of the art of ringing.'

The final consideration of these two aspects, jointly, may yield a practical issue. Those of us whose ringing experiences stretch to the pre-Kaiser-war years, and who have enjoyed meeting ringers in many parts of the British Isles since those times, will have gathered various views and impressions on this question of peal ringing, a few of which have occasionally been expressed in these columns. Some of these views bear directly upon the factor of **length**, and upon the issues listed above; for example:—

2, 3 & 4 above. The view is that desirable objectives such as these are reached well within the space of even a quarter peal.

1, 5 & 6 above. Attainable, as are 2, 3 and 4 above, in performances of less than three hours' duration.

7, 8 & 9 above. Unfortunately—Yes, Yes, and Yes.

10 above. Quite a few. In some towers the practice night occasionally includes a quarter peal, as does also the service ringing. The result is of vital importance. Especially where this idea is introduced into peal banned towers, the lost advantages of 1 to 6 inclusive, above, are largely recovered.

11 above. Where this is achieved by proper means and because the sound otherwise beats down upon a nearby hospital or something of that sort, well and good; otherwise the practice is to be deprecated. Shorter periods of ringing suggest themselves as the real remedy.

12 above. Normally such occasions are not ill-served by performances that do not extend to periods of at least three hours!

Remedies. The general impression derived from these considerations is that the time has come to consider a compromise measure, for the 'ordinary run' of peal attempts. Briefly, the suggestion is that the official length of the standard peal should be set at approximately, but not less than, 3,000 changes. The average time would then be short

of two hours by about 10 minutes. The present length of a quarter peal approximately would become the new 'half-peal,' about 1,500, and occupying a period short of one hour by about 5 minutes. The present 720, or extent in the Minor stage, would become the new 'quarter peal,' occupying an average of about 25 minutes. The 5,000 length would still be accorded an official place, as a 'long peal,' which category would include all lengths above 5,000. Long peals would be reserved for very special occasions or for objection free and, of course, for record performances. The proposals may be more readily appreciated, perhaps in tabular form:—

Category	Length (minimum)	Average duration	Notes
Peal	3,000	1 hr. 50 mins.	The new 'standard'
Half peal	1,500	55 mins.	Replacing present 'quarter peal'
Quarter peal	720 minor 750 above	25 mins. 27 mins.	Mainly in Minor only
Long peal	5,000 upwards (Extent of 5,040 in Triples)	Depending on length — 3 hours plus	Only for special occasions or objection free areas

The proposals appear not only to eliminate the named drawbacks, but also to retain the acknowledged advantages of peal ringing as hitherto practised. In addition they appear to open up new vistas for the composer!

The essential objective is the cultivation of the sympathy and not the hostility of the general public towards ringing, in their increasing awareness of its nature and of its importance to the Church and the Exercise.

But what are your views? If the proposals are considered to be favourable for advancing the art and its service to the Church, the matter calls for consideration at Central Council level. It's up to you!

A. Y.-B.

[Editorial Note: Your views are welcomed, on a postcard addressed to the Editor, and headed 'Peals.' Name and address must be given. A selection of comments and opinions will be published during the ensuing month.]

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	*Anthony Ager	6
*Evelyn M. Fletcher	2	Arthur V. Pearson	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Bryan D. A. Woolley	8
John Pinfold	4	Ralph G. Edwards	9
George E. Fearn	5	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by A. V. Pearson. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal 'inside.' 100th peal as conductor.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb.

William W. T. Daniell	*Treble*	Eric Sutton	6
Brian Bladon	2	W. Bertram Kynaston	7
Pauline Manning	3	Albert M. Tyler	8
Anthony R. Peake	4	Thomas Townsend	9
*Francis G. Wilton	5	Enid Lloyd Roberts	*Tenor*

Composed by G. R. Fardon. Conducted by W. Bertram Kynaston.
* First peal of Caters. Rung as a farewell to Miss Enid Lloyd Roberts, who is leaving for Australia.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 39¼ cwt. in C.

Frederick E. Wilshaw	*Treble*	Dennis H. B. Millward	6
Bessie A. Carter	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	7
A. Edward Reeves	3	Frederick G. Beddow	8
Alfred S. Bayley	4	John N. Lindon	9
John F. Butler	5	Clifford A. Barron	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. Trollope. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sylvia Beddow, a ringer at this church.

STEPNEY, LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 28¾ cwt.

Brooke K. Lunn	*Treble*	John S. Mason	6
John Chilcott	2	James Phillips	7
Selwyn H. Dearden	3	George W. Cecil	8
Thomas G. Fox	4	John Phillips	9
John Waters	5	James Bullock	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles W. Roberts. Conducted by John Phillips.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 28, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

*Jean C. Brown	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
*Ruth M. Jackson	2	*A. Neville Brown	6
*Basil Jones	3	*Alan J. Brown	7
Edward Jenkins	4	Peter Laflin	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Edward Jenkins.
* First peal in the method and on the bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to A. N. Brown.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in F.

John W. Meade	*Treble*	Ivan A. C. Butcher	5
Arthur F. Lewry	2	Reginald E. Lambert	6
*Patricia M. Howard	3	Colin A. Tester	7
Betty A. Tester	4	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal of Major 'inside.'

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS Mary and Thomas of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25½ cwt. in D.

*Dennis W. Yaxley	*Treble*	F. Nolan Golden	5
William Clover	2	Arthur G. Bason	6
Henry Tooke	3	George Sayer	7
Raymond G. Lofty	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed by John R. Pritchard. Conducted by William Clover.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Mary Clover, ringer at the above church and daughter of the conductor.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDGAR J. SMITH	*Treble*	WILLIAM JUDGE	5
WILLIAM YATES	2	FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5088 WITTON SURPRISE MAJOR

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

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
PETER BORDER	3	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

*KATHLEEN M. PROCTOR	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
*NANCY E. MARKLEW	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Kathleen M. Proctor.

BLOCKLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16¼ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5
*JOY WORTHINGTON	2	RALPH HARRIS	6
R. ROGER SAVORY	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	ALFRED T. WORTHINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.
This is believed to be the first peal on the bells for over 20 years.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

H. G. REYNOLDS	*Treble*	†H. S. JAMES	5
R. W. PANKHURST	2	*A. A. PRICE	6
*O. WOOD	3	F. H. DALLAWAY	7
G. BEENEY	4	W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. H. DALLAWAY.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples and first on eight bells. First peal on the bells for over 30 years.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. J. G. Downward, and Mrs. Downward, who will shortly be leaving to take up another appointment in Devon; also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ERIC HORNBY	*Treble*	WILLIAM ALLMAN	5
CECIL RADDON	2	HENRY PARKER	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	HAROLD WORRALL	7
FREDERICK JACKSON	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Middleton's. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

CUTHBERT W. POWELL	*Treble*	ROGER KEELEY	5
*MRS. C. W. POWELL	2	WALTER H. POOLE	6
CANON C. CAREW COX	3	*HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
HENRY G. KEELEY	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CUTHBERT W. POWELL.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

*MARION J. PARKER	*Treble*	NORMAN J. SMITH	5
RUSSELL H. R. PARKER	2	BRIAN J. LUFF	6
E. WINIFRED KEYS	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	4	ROGER BALDWIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal. First peal of Major in the method as conductor. The ringer of the 4th has now 'circled this tower' to a peal. A 15th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARIE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Tenor 25¾ cwt. in D.

HENRY HURST	*Treble*	BARRY HOLLAND	5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	2	JOHN SEGAR	6
IAN HOLLAND	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
SAM SCATTERGOOD	4	GORDON K. CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
Rung in memory of Sergt. George William Brothwell, R.A.F., killed in action over Germany January 15th, 1943, brother-in-law of the conductor and former ringer at Whiston, Yorkshire.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

GEOFFREY PEARSON	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
BARBARA MITCHELL	2	*MARK W. MARSHALL	6
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	3	*MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
JOHN R. COOPER	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* 100th peal together.
Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of deep respect to the Rev. J. N. Wells, Vicar of Wye.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA,
A PEAL OF 5056 YARDLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. in F sharp.

ALBERT H. FITTER	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED MAJOR

Being 1,280 changes of Double Bob, 2,560 of Plain Bob and 1,280 of Little Bob, 319 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
CHARLES H. MOORE	2	BERT GOGLE	6
*WALTER J. HOUGHTON	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in three Major methods.
Rung in honour of the engagement of Mr. John Moore and Miss Eileen G. Bracey.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5152 ICKNIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
EDGAR C. SHEPPARD	3	PETER BORDER	7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

HARRY HALL	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	FRANK LORD	6
RONALD CHAFER	3	PHILIP BARNES	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JACK BRAY.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
DENNIS BERESFORD	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
TREVOR A. CROSS	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

COLE ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' Transposition. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	CLEMENT GLENN	5
RHODA HEMMINGS	2	*DOROTHY T. GARDINER	6
JOAN E. HOODLESS	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
ALLAN SIMPSON	4	JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples, completing the range from Doubles to Cinques.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*SHEILA R. GREEN	*Treble*	DEREK RILEY	5
†FRANK W. TOMLIN	2	HARRY TURNER	6
CHRISTINE M. FORD	3	BERTRAM C. HINES	7
*SIDNEY T. FORD	4	JOHN H. SITCH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HARRY TURNER.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung with the good wishes of the company to Canon M. N. Lake and Mrs. Lake, who are leaving Loughton for Stansted, Essex.

5,040 SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

By C. KENNETH LEWIS

23456	M	W	H	Methods	As rung at Worsley.
52436		—		XYXYXXXXX	YYYYYCCCC
34625	—	—		XXXXXYXXY	CCCCCYYYY
62345		—	—	XYXYXYXXY	CYCYCYYYY
36245				XXXXXXXXX	CCCCCCCCC
24365		—	—	XXXXXYXYY	YYYYYYYYY
32465			—	XYXYXYXYX	CYCYCYCYC
43265			—	XYXYXYXYX	CYCYCYCYC

Repeated.
X=Cambridge or Yorkshire.
In second half ring C for first lead of Y.

Rung at Worsley, Lancashire, for the Chester Diocesan Guild, Oct. 9th, 1954.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE OXFORD COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

HARRY SPRINGATE	*Treble*	JOHN E. CANNELL	5
GEORGE KENWARD	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
RALPH BIRD	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 2nd.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt.

DONALD COOMBES	*Treble*	FRANK C. MAY	5
BERNARD SADLER	2	PHILIP SADLER	6
LAWRENCE J. BEAL	3	BARRY COOK	7
ERNEST W. FURBANK	4	*FRANK B. LUFKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
*90th peal on the bells, of which he has conducted 75.
Rung as a farewell to Frank B. Lufkin, who is leaving the district.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,280 London, 1,280 Rutland, and 320 each of Bristol, Pudsey, Lindum, Wembley, Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Cambridge and Superlative, with 139 changes of method. Tenor 23¼ cwt. in F.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	PETER BORDER	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
First peal of 10 Spliced for the Guild and by all the band except the ringer of the 6th.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	*ERIC COOKE	6
PETER COXALL	3	JAMES W. GROUNDS	7
DOREEN DUTTON	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First Surprise peal.
Rung for the engagement of the Rev. D. Shiress, curate of Christ Church, and Miss Julia Jones, of Southport. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Beddows, daughter of Fred Beddows, of Shrewsbury.

THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 SOMERSET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
GEOFFREY PEARSON	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal in the method for the Association and by all the band except T. Cullingworth.

AMPTHILL, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Seven extents: (1) London and Wells, (2) Bourne, (3) York, (4) Durham, (5) Beverley, (6) Surfleet, (7) Cambridge. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	JOHN W. SINFIELD	4
RONALD J. SHARP	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
JAMES G. NEWMAN	3	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Arranged for W. N. PARK, of Darlington.
Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TROWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 10, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five Plain Bob (seven callings). Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*VIVIENNE M. HORTON ..*Treble*	DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 4
†PETER J. SKINNER 2	*CHARLES W. WALKLATE .. 5
DENIS R. CARLISLE .. 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal of Minor in two methods. † First peal 'inside' and of Minor.

BRAILSFORD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 11, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one extent of Stedman, three extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, four extents each of All Saints, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, six extents of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and eight extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*VIVIENNE HORTON ..*Treble*	*DAVID K. WALKLATE .. 3
*ALAN FOSTER 2	*SAMPSON WALKLATE .. 4
DEREK P. JONES .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal in ten methods. First peal of Doubles in ten methods for the Association.

SANDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 18 methods, viz. (1) College Bob IV., Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob: (3) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's; (4) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (5) Double Court; (6) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS ..*Treble*	PETER J. CAME 4
*MARY DOWSETT 2	†JOE E. G. ROAST 5
PETER J. EVES 3	DENIS A. S. SYMONDS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in 18 methods. † 75th peal. First peal in 18 methods on the bells.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 2,160 Oxford Treble Bob and 2,160 Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

GORDON WALFORD .. ..*Treble*	GEOFFREY GAMMON .. 4
STANLEY BRISTOW .. 2	WILLIAM GIGG 5
ARTHUR REED 3	WILLIAM SLOCOMBE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SLOCOMBE.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*JOYCE LUCK .. .. ..*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 4
†MARY ARKINSTALL 2	LEONARD G. TOSELAND .. 5
‡GORDON GEARY 3	BURLEY P. MORRIS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BURLEY P. MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Minor. Rung as a compliment to Patrick Chapman and Joan Morris on their engagement.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

FREDERICK WATSON ..*Treble*	GRAHAM T. BALL 4
JOHN VERNON 2	JOHN A. SMITH 5
*JOHN A. W. BAYLESS .. 3	C. ROGER HAYWARD .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. ROGER HAYWARD.

* First peal.



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GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and four extents of Kent Treble Bob Minor. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*OWEN T. NORTHWOOD	*Treble*	†RALPH ELKINGTON	4
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
ERNEST J. JELLEY	3	‡PETER R. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER R. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal on six bells. ‡ First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 21 methods, viz. (1) London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (2) College Bob IV., Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (4) Thelwall, Double Oxford, Childwall and St. Clement's; (5) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob; (7) Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	4
PETER J. CAME	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
PETER J. EVES	3	DENIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal in 21 methods by all the band and on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Denis A. S. Symonds.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Jan. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

ROBERT G. LAY	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. MORRIS	4
BARBARA A. MITCHELL	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	5
FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Hedley R. Wilds, Vicar of this parish, who is to be Rector of Farnham.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

STANLEY BRISTOW	*Treble*	PHYLLIS NORMAN	4
GORDON WALFORD	2	GEOFFREY GAMMON	5
MARGARET ALDERMAN	3	WILLIAM SLOCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SLOCOMBE.

Rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Ralph Bowman as Vicar.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and one extent of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

*JOHN R. PRENTICE	*Treble*	HARRY D. LISTER	4
RONALD W. STEWARD	2	GEORGE W. WATERMAN	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First attempt for a peal. The ringer of the second bell has completed the 'circle of this tower' to peals.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Jan. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz., Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London, each called differently.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE	4
RICHARD BUSBY	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
*DAVID ROBINSON	3	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

* First peal.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

C. JACK GIBSON	*Treble*	JACK PILGRIM	4
ARTHUR LING	2	PETER S. BEDFORD	5
RAYMOND PECK	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to Norman R. Bailey, who rang his last peal in this tower.

KINTBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*GILLIAN E. BROWN	*Treble*	†C. JOHN CASTELL	4
*PATRICIA A. GAUNT	2	†MICHAEL H. MAISEY	5
†GILBERT J. TOWNSEND	3	HAROLD P. REED	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in two methods. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In four methods, being 1,200 each of Old, St. Martin's and St. Simon's Bob and 1,440 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*RACHEL M. SNELL	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PAGE	4
†SHELAGH R. COLLINS	2	†EWART H. EDGE	5
†ALAN LAMBERT	3	*GEORGE W. BIDDULPH	*Tenor*

Conducted by EWART H. EDGE.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles in four methods. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

Rung in memoriam Mr. F. W. Wells, many years ringer at Longton, interred the previous day.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

H. DAVID HOLLAND	*Treble*	IAN M. HOLLAND	4
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	2	GORDON K. CHADDOCK	5
WILLIAM HOLLAND	3	BARRY HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

First peal in more than one method by all except the ringer of the 2nd.
A second birthday compliment to Miss Pamela Holland.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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PAMELA A. MARTIN	1—2	WALTER AYRE	3—4
		*DEREK E. LATCHFORD	5—6

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

St. Mary's, Beddington

There are enterprising ringers at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Beddington. To enable local folk and others to know the story of their bells and something about ringing generally, an interesting and illustrated booklet has been published (price 1s., from Mr. F. Jennings, 28, Cedars Road, Beddington).

We strongly commend to those contemplating writing and publishing a booklet about their bells, the incorporation of notes on bells and ringing. These simple explanations answer many of the layman's questions and stimulate interest in our art. A glossary of some of the terms used in ringing adds to the attractiveness of the booklet. To budding composers we call attention to the definition of a composer, 'One who understands the science of permutation and proof in order to obtain on paper the required number of changes.'

Epitaph On a Ringer

Mr. Charles Kippin, sen., of Beddington, Surrey, sends us the following epitaph on a ringer:—

Here lies an old ringer beneath the cold clay
Who rang many peals, both serious and gay.
Through Grandsire and Stedman
With ease he could range,
Till Death called a 'Bob'
Which brought round the last change.

The following lines were written on a belfry door by an irate professor whose studies were disturbed by the local bellringers:—

Disturbers of the human peace
Whose chimes are always ringing,
I wish the ropes were round your necks,
And you were from them swinging.

Ladies' Guild at Canterbury

Despite the wet afternoon of January 22nd the meeting at Canterbury Cathedral was well attended—about 50 people sitting down to tea.

The ringers attended Evensong in the choir, and Canon Standen welcomed them to the Cathedral before reading the second lesson.

After tea Mrs. Mitchell expressed thanks to the Dean and Chapter, and to Mr. Bert Luck for making the arrangements. When the gentlemen had returned to the belfry the president of the Branch, Mrs. Mitchell, took the chair for the meeting. New members were elected, a number of whom were present. It was decided that the present officers should stand for 1955, Miss Ruth Stafford being added to the committee. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Wrotham on March 19th.

Returning to the tower to join the men, methods up to Cambridge Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques were attempted, and during rounds on the 12 some of the ladies tried their strength on the back end. M. T.

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A Christmas Grab

Eight young ringers from St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, Little Aston and Lichfield Cathedral had a ringing outing on December 28th. Their correspondent writes:—

Just off the main Watling Street, on the opposite side of Hinckley, lies the small village of Burton Hastings. Here we enjoyed ringing on the excellent five of St. Botolph's Church (tenor 6¾ cwt. in B).

We found the six at Brinklow somewhat difficult to handle as they do not 'run' any too well, and there is a longish draught, with a tenor of 8¼ cwt. in A flat.

In the garden-like churchyard of Church Lawford stands the Church of St. Peter. Its excellent ground-floor six are a pleasure to 'top round' with a tenor of 7¾ cwt. in B flat.

On arrival at Dunchurch the head ringer informed us that a few weeks ago Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had completed rehanging these six bells on ball bearings. We were the first band of visitors to try them. We found them a little difficult at first, but the tower is tall and sways somewhat, not to mention that the tenor is 19 cwt. in F, being the second heaviest ringable six in the county.

After a sandwich lunch and a search for petrol we eventually arrived at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Clifton-on-Dunsmore. Here there is a low, squat tower with a bear carved in the stonework; inside there is quite a good ring of five (tenor 9¼ cwt. in F sharp).

After a disappointment at Hillmorton, where the Vicar informed us that the bells could only be raised 'frame high,' we rang at our last tower for the day, St. Nicholas', Willoughby, a fairly good six (tenor 14¼ cwt.). Perhaps to some, more interesting was the outside view of the 14th century church with its noble tower.

John Taylor & Co.

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LATE NEWS

The 500th peal on the bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, is being attempted to-day. May good luck attend the band!

We regret to announce the death on January 27th of the Rev. Percival Gough, M.A., Rector of Acton, who was president of the Middlesex County Association.

BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret to learn that Mr. Reginald W. Rex, of 12, Green Lane, Thatcham, a prominent peal ringer in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, met with an unfortunate accident while at work on January 25th, which necessitated the amputation of his left arm in Newbury Hospital. Apart from ringing, Mr. Rex is a keen musician and a member of the Newbury British Legion Band. He has the good wishes and sympathy of a large circle of ringing friends, who wish him a speedy recovery in his general health.

Mr. W. Sharpe, of Hose, Leicestershire, rang in a quarter peal in honour of his 78th birthday.

Dr. John E. Spice, who for the past three weeks has been seriously ill in the David Lewis Northern Hospital, Liverpool, is now happily on the road to recovery.

Mr. B. J. Stafford and Mr. J. D. Painter, who took part in the peal of Yorkshire Surprise at Knebworth on January 8th (see page 36), had never struck a blow in the method before.

The bells of St. Paul's Church, Sketty, Swansea, will be heard before the broadcast of the British Legion special service at 7.45 p.m. in the Welsh Home Service on Sunday, February 13th.

We are sorry to learn from a Cheltenham correspondent that Mr. Sidney Romans is suffering from failing sight. Through the good services of his wife, who reads 'The Ringing World' to him, he is able to keep in touch with ringing news.

Young ringers from St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, Little Aston and Lichfield had an outing into Leicestershire, which coincided with the Melton Mowbray meeting. They arrived at Melton in time for the Press photographs. Towers in the itinerary were Kirby Bellars, Asfordby, Melton, Marborough, Croft, Broughton-Astley, Cosby and Countesthorpe.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at Lyme Regis on January 15th marked the 50th anniversary of Canon C. Carew Cox's first peal. The ringers who took part with Canon Cox in the anniversary peal wish to offer him their sincere congratulations on reaching this landmark, a sentiment which will, no doubt, be echoed by his ringing friends throughout the Exercise in general and the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in particular.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ernest Turner are leaving next week by air for a short holiday in Majorca. Upon his return Mr. Turner hopes to resume his normal activities.

Fourteen-year-old John Ewer, of St. Albans, who started ringing two years ago, introduced seven teen-age recruits last year. He is learning on the Abbey bells.

Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. have recently installed a chime of bells in St. Mary's Grotto, Belfast. The Lourdes hymn is played on them hourly.—'Irish Bell News.'

The engagement of Mr. John Moore and Miss Eileen Bracey has brought forth a congraulatory quarter from St. Mary's, Stafford. John's profession has brought him to work in Stafford, and he now rings regularly at St. Mary's. Eileen made the acquaintance of Stafford bells when she rang in this tower during her summer holiday.

Eileen Joyce, the pianist, claims that the colour of her gown must suit the particular composer whose work she is playing. Where, then, are our Plain Bob purples and our Grandsire greens? asks 'Nutmeg' in an article on dress reform in 'The Ringing Towers.' She states that in Australia for peal attempts singlets and shorts are the favourite garb for men, and blouse and shorts for ladies.

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PEAL RINGING IN HERTFORDSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

IN anticipation of the article on Hertfordshire, Mr. H. V. Frost and Mr. D. P. Jones both sent me very useful information about the county—the former giving a list of peals that he had collected, and the latter the latest information about the towers and their condition. I am extremely grateful to both for their interest and help, which came quite unexpectedly.

Actually, of course, this county gets off to an excellent start in any case with the admirable little booklet which Mr. Frost published last year (and which appeared in 'The Ringing World' on 'Ringing in Hertfordsire'). So what I say will only amplify his work and give, perhaps, certain details which were not available to him.

Mr. Frost indicates how flourishing change-ringing was in the county at the beginning of our period in 1881 with Squire Proctor's famous band to help things along. My records support this in many ways. For instance, more than 90 per cent. of the then 8-bell towers had had peals rung at them by the turn of the century, which is a very high proportion indeed. In several cases more peals were rung at towers then than since, e.g., St. Albans (St. Peter's and the Cathedral), Bishop's Stortford, Aldenham, Benington, Hertford St. Andrew's, etc. In fact, on the whole, there was as much peal ringing in the early part of the period as there has been since. The main difference has been in the variety of methods rung now as compared with then—but that is true over the whole country. But now to turn to the towers individually.

BUSHEY'S RECORD

By far the most popular, as far as peals have been concerned, is Bushey (8), where 264 peals have been rung. Although this tower appeared very frequently in the peal reports just before the last war (33 times in 1938 and 1939!), the average was greater per year before the first war than since. The first peal came in 1890 and 134 peals were rung before the first war put an end to peals for four years—an average of over five and a half per year. In the 21 years from 1918 to 1939, 95 were rung—average of nearly four and a half per year. Since 1943, 34 have been rung, so the average now is three per year. The recent illness of Mr. Cashmore no doubt accounts to some extent for the drop. Still, 264 peals in 64 years is very good going and few towers can equal it.

Two other towers have passed the 100 mark—Aldenham (8) with 144 and Oxhey (8) with 107. At the former, 104 of the peals came from 1890 to 1913, showing that the tower was almost as popular as Bushey at that period; then there were 33 between the wars, and seven from 1948 to 1953. So, as mentioned above, there was much greater activity here in the early days than now. Oxhey shows a similar tendency. Sixty-nine peals came from the years 1888 to 1913, there were 28 from 1919 to 1938, and there have been ten since 1943.

APSLEY END'S POPULARITY

No tower is nearing the century, but there are seven between 63 and 76, covering all types of towers from twelve to six bells. Barnet (8) has the 76—exactly half before the first war (beginning 1892) and with a peal last year, the first since 1949. St. Albans, St. Peter's (10), has 75—36 from 1887 to 1913, 27 from 1921 to 1938, and 12 since 1944; Little Munden (a 6-bell tower) has the very respectable total of 69, largely due to pre-1914 activities, when 41 of them were rung between 1897 and 1914. There were 20 between the wars and there have been eight since. So this 6-bell tower also supports the signs of greater activity in the county 50 years ago than since.

St. Albans Cathedral (12) has 67. Thirty-six were rung from 1883 to 1906 and five more in the next eight years. There were 18 between the wars and eight in the years 1946 to 1951 (none since as I write). Both Bishop's Stortford (10) and Apsley End (6) have 65. The former was particularly active early on, for 52 of the 64 were rung from 1881 to 1914. There were 11 between the wars and the only one since the last war was rung earlier this year. Of all the towers with totals of more than 60, Apsley End is the only one which has grown in popularity and not decreased. After a first peal in 1902, 21 years elapsed before the next was rung, and then came five peals from 1923 to 1928. After a further brief lapse, things really got going and 21 peals were rung between 1933 and 1940. Ringing was soon under way again when the war was over, and we find 36 peals from 1944 to 1953. But there were only two in 1954, which suggests a decline again. The last of the seven is Knebworth (8), where 63 peals have been rung. In the 15 years from 1897 to 1912, 31 of the peals were rung, then from 1919 to 1938 another 23 (showing a lower average once again) and finally nine since 1945.

To mention towers (apart from those already discussed) according to number of bells, we find four more with ten bells. Hatfield has had 56 peals, 32 before the first war and eight since the last one. Hertford All Saints' has 46. Seven of these were rung before the church was destroyed by fire in 1891. The next peal on the new bells was in 1907 and there has been an average of about a peal each ringing year since, although the last one was rung in 1950. Watford was an 8-bell tower at the commencement of the period, but only two peals had been rung before 1930 (in 1907 and 1921—but peals were rung here in the 18th and 19th centuries). In the 1930's, however, 13 peals were rung in very advanced Surprise Major methods for the most part. Since augmentation, the tower has been more popular and there have been 17 peals on the ten in the past seven years. Finally, Rickmansworth, which was also an 8-bell tower up to 20 years ago, has 23. Again we find peals in the 18th and 19th centuries here, but only few before the first war (five, in fact). There were 13 between the wars, including three on the ten in the late 1930's, and there have been five since 1945.

Little more remains to be said about the 8-bell towers. Broxbourne, Hoddesdon and Sawbridgeworth have not been heard of for 20 years, whilst Welwyn still remains to be conquered as an eight-bell tower (one peal was rung there when it had six bells in 1939). Six-bell towers which deserve mention (apart from the two above) are Barley, where 48 peals have been rung—seven from 1910 to 1913, and no less than 41 from 1921 to 1936 (I wonder why the sudden silence since); Great Wymondley (35—15 since 1947, so this tower is doing well at the moment), and Great Munden (31—12 from 1907 to 1913 after the first peal in 1902, and 18 from 1919 to 1934—again silence since!). Six-bell towers which have never appeared in the peal lists are Great Amwell, Ayot St. Peter's, Buckland, Pelham Furneaux, Therfield, Thorley and Willian. Of these, Mr. Jones informs me that Ayot, Buckland, Therfield and Willian are only hung for chiming now and so cannot be 'pealed,' whilst Pelham Furneaux are unringable so that only Great Amwell and Thorley remain to be conquered, and both are likely to be so before long. As for the relatively few 5-bell towers, only Pirton remains virgin territory when Kelshall (a chime) and Cottered, Ickleford and Layston (unringable) are excluded. So I don't suppose this last of the possible 5-bell towers will remain out of the peal lists for long.* No 5-bell tower has had more than two peals on them, however.

The small county of Huntingdonshire, which comes next, will prove to be rather a contrast to the large number of peals rung in Hertfordshire.

* A peal has now been rung.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. W. F. Oatway, of 233, Thornton Road, West Croydon, is still the secretary of the Surrey Association, and not Mr. W. Parrott, whose name is given in 'The Ringer's Diary.

England's oldest ringer, Mr. S. Quintrell, of St. Columb, Cornwall, died on January 9th, aged 99. He had been a ringer for 83 years.

The peal at Kintbury recorded this week is claimed to be the first peal on the bells since they were originally hung in the 17th century.

Handbells were rung at the graveside of Mr. E. J. Gale by St. Albans ringers. This is the first time such a tribute has been paid at St. Albans since 1940.

The great improvement in the ringing chamber at St. George's, Camberwell, was commented upon by members of the London County Association when they visited the tower on Jan. 22nd. The ancient peal boards, writes our correspondent, look like new.

Prittlewell ringers are losing a stalwart by the departure of Mr. F. B. Lufkin for Braintree. Born and bred there he has rung in the Parish Church for 27 years and been Master of the tower for 20 years, succeeding Mr. W. Judd.

All the band, with the exception of the conductor, who rang in the complimentary quarter peal at Christ Church, Epsom, on January 23rd, to Mr. G. F. Oakshott, in recognition of the B.E.M. being awarded him, were his pupils and all are regular members of the Sunday band at this church.

Mr. Alfred Willis (69), who has been captain of Cockington, Devon, ringers, for nine years, has resigned. His successor is Mr. Roy Stickling, who was one of his pupils. This tower is much favoured by visiting ringers and others. Mr. Willis tells the story of a lady who climbed up to the bell chamber and was found by the verger still locked in the tower whose history had so interested her.

Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Guild had an average attendance at its four meetings last year of 76.

Fashion note.—'Bell ear-rings peal on invitation to playtime when worn with gay, bowed headwear topping a two-piece play suit.'—'Evening Mail.'

In an interview Enid Blyton states that one of her two daughters has a craze for ringing bells and goes all over the country doing it. We must watch our peal and quarter peal columns.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead informs us that the peal at Brent Knoll, Somerset (see page 38), was the first on the bells for 42 years, and that at Shipham, Somerset (page 39) the first for 22 years.

Mr. F. T. Waite, of Cheltenham, who as a boy rang with Mr. Fred May at Painswick, sends us a snap of four bells mounted on a length of wood, fastened to a tree in the grounds of St. Peter's Church, Pietermaritzburg. Although not used for years they were rung by a native climbing a ladder, and pulling the ropes attached to each clapper. Two of the bells are inscribed: 'C. and G. Mears, 1855.'

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch's A.G.M.

The Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers held their annual meeting at St. Peter's Church, Dorchester, on Saturday, January 22nd.

Ringing on the eight bells commenced at about 2.50 p.m., and the Guild service at 4 o'clock was conducted by the Ven. Archdeacon J. C. Chute.

Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, the Rector and Branch chairman, read the lesson and gave the address, taking for his subject the story contained in the lesson, the conversion of St. Paul.

Tea was served at the Wessex Restaurant, the arrangements being made by Mr. R. H. Duke, assistant hon. secretary of the branch, and immediately after tea the business meeting was conducted by the chairman, Canon Markby.

Arising from the minutes the secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne, read letters from the Bishop of Salisbury and the Diocesan Advisory Committee in reply to a resolution from last year's meeting regarding recorded bell music, which had been submitted to the Bishop and the committee. This brought a comment from the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Vicar of East Lulworth, calling attention to an extract from the 'Bristol Diocesan Gazette,' reprinted in 'The Ringing World,' to the effect that although during recent years faculties had been granted for the installation of electronic bells in some churches it was unlikely that further faculties would be granted.

The minutes being accepted and signed, the hon. secretary read his report for the past year.

Membership was now 186, comprising 168 ringing members, 7 honorary and 11 associate members, an increase from last year of 23. Sixteen quarter peals had been rung, four at Preston, three at Wyke Regis, three at Abbotsbury, two at Wool and one each at Martinstown, Frampton, Buckland Newton and Sydling, the methods rung being six quarters of Grandsire Doubles, three of two Doubles methods, three of Grandsire Triples, three of Plain Bob Minor, and one of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Mention was also made of the death of one member during the year, Mr. C. H. Butter, who passed away in November.

The financial statement showed a credit balance of just over £5, and both the report and the balance sheet were accepted on the proposition of Mr. Precey, seconded by Mr. H. Ford.

It was agreed that Mr. F. Precey and Mr. R. H. Duke should represent the Branch at the Guild committee meeting at Salisbury on January 29th.

Officers were elected as follows:—Chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby; vice-chairman, Ven. J. C. Chute; hon. secretary, Mr. J. H. Hayne; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. R. H. Duke; Ringing Master, Mr. F. Precey; Deputy Ringing Masters, Mr. F. Stedman and Mr. H. Ford.

New members were accepted as follows:—Miss J. Langford, Miss D. Ausden, Miss J. Gilbert, Miss R. Webb and Mr. D. Wood, from Abbotsbury; Messrs. A. Banks, R. Banks, D. Rossiter, K. Hunt and V. Nosthern, of St. Peter's, Dorchester; Messrs. A. Graham, G. Vincent and B. House (aged nine), from St. George's, Fordington; Miss D. Nice and Mr. G. Forrester, from Wyke Regis; Miss J. Cann, Miss W. Galpin-Attwood and Miss B. Laws, of Upwey; and Mr. D. Hewitt, unattached. Two old members rejoined the Guild, Messrs. L. V. Davis and E. Carpenter, of Upwey, and Mrs. Markby, of Dorchester, was elected an honorary member.

Meetings for 1955 were suggested for Puddletown in April, Abbotsbury in June, Preston in August, and Wyke Regis in October, subject, of course, to the consent of the incumbents.

On the question of joint meetings with neighbouring branches a long discussion took place, and it was eventually decided that, subject to confirmation, Cattistock would be most acceptable for a joint meeting.

Mr. Duke raised the question of making contact with those towers within the Branch area whose members seldom or never attended meetings or practices, and Mr. M. Brown, of Frampton, and Mr. H. House, of Fordington, also spoke on the subject. It was finally agreed that a list of all towers, together with practice nights, should be compiled and sent to every tower correspondent.

Thanks were accorded to Mr. Duke for the tea arrangements, and to the lady organist.

Ringing was resumed until 9 p.m. at St. Peter's and also at St. George's, Fordington.

J. H. H.

NOTICE

Postal Subscription Rates

Owing to trade objections, it will unfortunately not be possible to maintain the postal subscription rates for 'The Ringing World' at the present figure.

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The increased rates do **not** apply to subscribers who paid **before** February 1st.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

An Offer From Birmingham

The 22 who braved the inclement weather had a thoroughly enjoyable time at Allesley on January 15th. A variety of methods, including Spliced Surprise, kept the octave going for about two hours in the afternoon and an hour in the evening. A sumptuous tea was provided at the Rainbow.

The business meeting was presided over by the Master, Mr. R. J. Edden. Members were reminded of the annual meeting on April 16th at Chilvers Coton.

Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, the Northern District secretary, announced that the Guild had been invited to hold a meeting outside its territory in order to have an opportunity of 12-bell ringing. Therefore on the invitation of the officers of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, the next meeting would be held there on February 19th, the Cathedral bells being available during the afternoon and St. Martin's in the evening.

Before the meeting closed members stood in silence in memory of Mr. Sam Carter, a Bulkington ringer since 1924, whose devoted service to the tower had been most marked. Mr. H. F. Ashley, also of Bulkington, who had been ill for some weeks at his home, was sent the good wishes of the members present for his speedy return to health. His daughter, Miss Rosemary Ashley, promised to convey the message.

'BELLS IN ENGLAND'

This book by Tom Ingram (Frederick Muller, Ltd., price 18s.) is a fascinating survey of the many uses, both ecclesiastical and secular, to which bells have been and still are put in England. In addition to church bells, bicycle bells and those used with trains, clocks and fire-engines, as well as handbells of all kinds, are dealt with at length, and the bibliography shows the wide range of the author's reading of the subject. The chapters which ringers will find especially interesting include one on 'The Bell Foundry,' which describes in considerable detail the work involved in casting a bell. Another chapter gives an account of a prize-ringing contest in Devonshire, while this journal and its predecessor, 'The Bell News,' receive mention (there is an amusing account taken from the latter of an outing to Quex Park and the Isle of Thanet by the Cumberlands about 1890), along with various ringing books and the Central Council's publications, in a chapter which also tells of an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Cambridge Minor in the West Country. The improvement in the standard of ringers brought about largely by the beneficial influence of ringing Associations is dealt with, and 'Ringing for Special Occasions' relates many curious and traditional usages.

Not unnaturally, the author at times expresses opinions which will probably not find general acceptance among ringers. Thus he suggests that the Church might for example allow bells to be rung for such occasions of public rejoicing as the return of a victorious F.A. Cup team—though it must be admitted that this would be no worse an excuse for peal ringing than some which are put forward. Again, he suggests that the Central Council has discouraged muffled ringing in whole-pulls; certainly a peal so rung would not be recognised but it is doubtful if the average ringer would even want to ring that way (it wouldn't be easy): the writer has never heard any such. There are also one or two misstatements of fact. Thus the first tower-bell peal by a lady (Miss, not Mrs., Alice White) was in 1896 and not 1912; and few of the many thousands of peals which are rung find their way on to boards or tablets. Further, one feels that items such as a lengthy description of the 'pancake race' at Olney could well have been omitted in favour of something more relevant to the subject. However, these are small matters. The book itself is very readable and is well illustrated by Miss Barbara Jones, and those who appreciate more than just technical literature on the subject of bells should not fail to add it to their collections.

E. A. B.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Streatham

It was foggy and wet on January 22nd when a large number of ringers attended the annual meeting of the Northern District at Streatham. Ringing commenced at Immanuel under the guidance of the District Master, Mr. F. E. Collins until 4.30, when the curate, the Rev. W. L. White conducted a short service.

A company of 56 sat down to an excellent tea which was arranged by the ladies of the ringers.

At the business meeting the following officers were re-elected:—Master, Mr. F. E. Collins; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Parrott; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. N. Pitstow; auditor, Mr. R. F. Layton; committee members, Messrs. A. J. Adams, R. Lathbury and G. Petters.

During the year 12 resident and five non-resident ringers (prior to a peal) became members of the Association. Collections for the Bell Fund amounted to £1 9s. 1d.

Ringing from rounds to Bristol Surprise followed the meeting at St. Leonard's Church.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Sir, — I write to question Mr. W. Birmingham's contention that Associations should **instruct** their representatives how to vote at Central Council meetings. Surely the fundamental principle of democratic control is that, having elected someone to represent you, you then stand by his or her actions on your behalf —and if you don't like those actions, then at the next election you try another representative!

I may add that I hold no brief for the opinions of the Methods Committee, and it is my intention, should the question arise, to both speak and vote for the recognition of, for example, peals of Plain Bob Triples. Nevertheless, I appreciate that the position of members of the Methods Committee would be impossible if they were not permitted to think for themselves, but had to voice, parrot-fashion, the views passed by a majority of those who happened to be present at a particular meeting of their Association.—Yours faithfully,

R. D. ST. J. SMITH.

Bolton.

'PUERILE ARGUMENTS'

Dear Sir,—Almost two years ago, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' I asked the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead for, and he promised to give, his reasons for the ostracism of so-called irregular methods.

Since then much water has flowed under the bridge and much ink from Mr. Felstead's pen, but at long last these reasons have appeared.

On perusing the somewhat naïve statements, one is hardly surprised at his reluctance to disclose them! However, seeing that these reasons have been effectively demolished (not a difficult task) by other correspondents in these columns, it only remains for me to add that if Minor ringers allow themselves to be deceived by such puerile arguments, they deserve to be condemned to ring Plain Bob Minor for the remainder of their existence.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

MR. F. G. MAY

Dear Sir,—I have been interested in recent correspondence regarding Mr. F. G. May, having met and rung with him quite a bit during a summer spent in Gloucestershire 51 years ago.

If memory serves, he called the last peal on the bells of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, about the same time. Two peals were rung on them on two successive Saturdays—one by the late W. Pye and the other by the Bristol men, and that was the end of peal ringing at St. Bride's.—Yours, etc.,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

Dear Sir,—I have been much interested in correspondence giving news of my old friend, Mr. Fred May. It recalls a day in 1898, when I met him on the Gloucester cricket ground and he invited me to take part in a peal at Cirencester. Luckily, I happened to have a holiday just on the date named and we rang a splendid peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted (if I remember rightly) by John Austin. One detail of that occasion may be of interest to some of your readers: we watched the great Dr. W. G. Grace go in to bat on his own county ground and come out with a score of 13.—Yours faithfully,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna, Dorset.

BISHOP ELLISON'S PEAL

Dear Sir.—Evidently the peal referred to by Bishop Gerald A. Ellison ('Ringing World,' January 21st, page 40), was that which he rang at St. Michael's, Cheriton, Hants, on July 27th, 1938. During the time he was chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester he occasionally visited New Alresford in connection with a Youth movement and when preaching here on Sundays always joined the ringers for a touch on the bells before the service. He came here on a practice night just before the peal for the purpose of completing his knowledge of Grandsire Doubles and we devoted the whole practice to this object.

On July 27th, 1938, he called here to pick up the tenor ringer and myself and conveyed us to Cheriton, meeting the rest of the band there. It was touch and go that we completed the peal, as towards its end the treble rope came into contact with something as it passed through the guides, and commenced disintegrating. Luckily, exercising great care, the treble man, in spite of a shower of fluff over him, managed to carry on and the peal was finished with only a strand of rope remaining.

The Rev. Mr. Ellison rang remarkably well and the Vicar of Cheriton (Rev. Mr. Brownlow) was delighted with the result and regaled the band with coffee and cakes after its conclusion. The record of the peal is: Grandsire Doubles, 5,040 changes, 2 hours and 48 minutes (40 120's and one Morris' 240); Harold H. Shaw 1, Harry Newnham 2, Leslie Tremeer (conductor) 3, Allen Tremeer 4, Rev. Gerald A. Ellison 5, W. Wearing 6.

I believe the Bishop was taught to handle a bell at Sherborne, and I hope these details may be of interest to you.—Yours truly,

H. NEWNHAM.

Alresford, Hants.

PEAL RINGING IN HEREFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir,—The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has certainly raised a storm of protest over the rejection of certain methods. I would, however, like to point out something far worse. According to his article on 'Peal Ringing in Herefordshire,' he has transferred Presteigne, the **county town of Radnorshire,** to Herefordshire! As Radnorshire had only two eight-bell towers, this giving away of half of them is a big loss to that county!

This reminds me of another Radnorshire tower where, on an illuminated list of details of the bells supplied by the firm who restored them in 1938, we read: 'New Radnor, Herefordshire'!

Mr. Felstead mentions six towers where peals have not yet been rung. All these are unringable and the majority also have cracked bells.

Since the installation of the new octave at Eardisland, just two years ago, nine peals have been rung up to December 31st, 1954, not six as stated.

No mention is made of Leintwardine bells, which were augmented to eight soon after Eardisland, but no peal has been rung there since this was done.

It is interesting to note that of the first 100 peals rung at Bridstow, Mr. W. Poston, the local captain, took part in 99—the exception being a peal rung by the late William Pye's band when visiting Herefordshire.

Mr. Poston has done great work for the Hereford Guild and it is much regretted that ill-health has made it impossible for him to continue as Ringing Master of the Ross District, a post he has held for many years.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE EVANS.

Eardisland.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

Annual Meeting at Burton

The ninth annual meeting of the Midland Counties Guild was held at Burton on January 15th when despite the 'arctic' weather conditions some 40 members and friends from a wide area met at the Church of All Saints.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and the recently-installed and good-toned ring of six bells were put to good use until 4.45 p.m. in methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Following tea the Vicar of All Saints' (the Rev. F. Pickering) extended a warm welcome to the members before the annual meeting commenced with Mr. W. H. Curson presiding in the unavoidable absence of the president (the Ven. H. E. Fitz-Herbert).

YEARLY REPORT

The secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton, in his report, referred to the loss by death of Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore (Ashby) and Mr. D. Glover (Burton). The company stood in silence to their memory. In paying tribute to the service given to the Guild by Mr. E. W. Beadsmoore, Mr. Cotton said: 'A great and noble gentleman has passed from our midst, one who strove so hard—following the division of the M.C.A.—to see this Guild formed and who, in spite of advancing years and failing health, had served on its committee since 1946.'

Seven meetings had been held during 1954 with attendances a little below the average of previous years. Seven resident ringing members had been elected with six non-resident life members, and the Guild membership was now 26 honorary members and 107 ringing members.

During the year 25 peals had been rung in 15 towers in four counties with 14 conductors. Four members scored their first peal, whilst 11 members rang their first peal in one particular method. Mr. Roland Beniston headed the list of conductors with a total of six followed by Messrs. D. R. Carlisle (three), Ernest Morris, S. H. Jones, C. Glenn and J. W. Cotton two each, B. G. Key, F. W. Grocott, Jack Bailey, J. R. Mayne, W. P. Whitehead, A. Cattell, A. E. Rowley and G. H. Lane one each.

The hon. secretary was again the Guild's leading peal ringer with 23 peals, followed by Mrs. S. H. Jones with 16 peals and Mr. S. H. Jones with 15 peals.

On May 15th the message of the bells sounded throughout the area in a remarkable manner as an expression of gratitude for the safe homecoming of our beloved Queen from her Commonwealth tour, and as the Guild's tribute a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Repton.

The balance sheet read by the treasurer (Mr. J. H. Brittan) showed that receipts just balanced the payments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers elected for 1955 were:—President, The Ven. H. E. FitzHerbert; chairman, Mr. W. H. Curson; Ringing Master, Mr. W. G. Soar; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; auditor, Mr. T. Pryce; committee, Messrs. B. G. Key, W. F. Woodward, W. G. Soar and T. J. Marriott.

The chairman expressed the Guild's thanks to the Vicar of All Saints' for the use of the bells, and to the local ladies who had prepared the tea.

Meeting cards for 1955 were distributed and it is hoped that the necessary arrangements will be made to carry out the list as follows:—February 12th, Measham; March 26th, Appleby; April 30th, Ticknall; May 21st, Packington; June 11th, Netherseale; July 23rd, Swepstone; August 21st, joint meeting; October 8th, Burton St. Paul's or Rolleston; and November 19th, Lullington.

After the meeting ringing was continued at Burton Parish Church, where the ringers were welcomed by the recently-appointed Vicar, the Ven. E. Aldington Hunt.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM JAMES BATEMAN

'One morn I missed him on the custom'd hill,
Along the heath, and near his favourite tree;
Another came; nor yet beside the rill,
Nor up the lawn, nor at the wood was he.

The next with dirges due in sad array
Slow through the church-way path we saw him borne.'

The death occurred on January 19th of Mr. W. J. Bateman, in his 84th year, at his home at Stoke Green, within a few yards of Stoke Place, where he was born on September 30th, 1871, and had worked most of his life for the family of Major-Gen. Sir Richard Howard-Vyse, following his father who had been ten times champion ploughman of South Bucks and five times winner of the Queen's prize.

William became a ringer at an early age and was soon made tower foreman, which post he held for over 50 years. During the 1914-18 war he took over the job of organ blowing as well until the new organ was installed in 1938. He also joined the Volunteer Defence Corps. Not a prolific peal ringer, he was essentially a Sunday service man and, when over 60 years of age, attained to standard methods and learned to ring Cambridge Surprise Minor.

With the addition of two trebles, he enjoyed ringing the tenor to a touch of Stedman Triples and could lower his bell in peal with the best.

The care and cultivation of flowers had been his life's work, so tenderly we laid the flowers over him on January 21st in the shadow of the church that he loved. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung round the grave by Mrs. A. D. Barker 1–2, A. D. Barker 3–4, W. Welling 5–6, R. Shepherd 7–8.

The tower bells were rung half-muffled, and again on Sunday, Mrs. C. Bowerman, Miss I. Holland, Miss N. Thompson, H. C. Albrow, L. Albrow, W. L. Gutteridge, E. C. Hartley, T. G. Hawkins, W. Henley, C. Maskrey, D. Wight and W. W. Wolstencroft also taking part.

MR. NORMAN R. BAILEY

In sending a report of a peal at Blythburgh, rung to the memory of Mr. Norman R. Bailey, Mr. John W. Blythe writes:—

Norman was a tower of strength to us in this part of Suffolk and never minded what he rang just as long as the striking was good. He came from the famous Leiston family who made ringing history during the early years of this century. He was, I believe, the fourth of the brothers.

MR. B. C. ELLIS

Ipswich ringers have lost a most regular service and practice member by the death of Mr. Bertie Charles Ellis, aged 67. He had been a ringer since boyhood days.

A man of many interests, he was for many years choirmaster at Earl Soham and recently joined St. Nicholas' Church choir, Ipswich. He had been District Chief Ranger of the A.O.F. and for more than 40 years was a correspondent for 'The East Anglian Daily Times.'

Among the wreaths at the funeral were tributes from St. Matthew's bellringers, Ipswich and Cotton and Mendlesham ringers.

MR. E. J. GALE

Although he retired from active ringing in 1940, many will remember Mr. Ernest Joseph Gale, of St. Albans, who died recently, aged 79.

Born at Oakham, he had a long record of railway service at Bedford, Peterborough and Kentish Town, retiring in 1935 as a permanent way inspector. He joined St. Peter's Church company, St. Albans, in 1936. He had a number of peals and compositions to his credit.

The funeral service was conducted by Canon F. G. Brenchley in St. Paul's Church and interment was at St. Albans Cemetery. At the graveside a handbell touch was rung by Messrs. R. W. Darvill, T. J. Southam, H. V. Frost and W. J. Southam.

THE DEAN OF CHICHESTER

The Very Rev. Arthur Stewart Duncan-Jones passed to his rest on January 19th shortly after completing 25 years as Dean of Chichester Cathedral. He was 75. For the last few years of his life he was a vice-president of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers.

He was a powerful and outspoken champion of religious and political freedom. As such he was a prominent figure in Convocation and the Church Assembly, and a valued friend of persecuted Christians in many lands.

These wide interests, however, never displaced his ordinary duties in the Cathedral itself. That the Cathedral should be what it was meant to be, primarily, a church where the worship of Almighty God should be ordered continually with the utmost reverence and splendour, was the Dean's constant concern. To this end he encouraged all the members of the Cathedral to play their parts. He fully recognised the contribution of the Cathedral bell-ringers and thus he saw that the aim of the Sussex County Association, 'the recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials,' was truly achieved in the mother church of the diocese.

During the war the Dean founded 'The Friends of Chichester Cathedral,' and it was this society which in its first large post-war grant in 1946 provided £250 for the bells to be rehung.

The bells were rung half muffled on the evening of the Dean's death and again after the funeral service as the cortege moved slowly from the west door and passed the campanile.

Among the many magnificent floral tributes were wreaths from the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers and from the Guild of Chichester Cathedral Bell Ringers. P. R. B.

MR. GEORGE F. GARRISON

AN APPRECIATION

Many ringers must have been saddened by the news that Mr. George Garrison was called to a higher service on November 19th.

A member of an old Erdington family, Mr. Garrison was a specialist in working old oak, and through association with the building firm of J. Holyoak and Son, his expert handiwork can be seen in several Midland churches. The beautiful table referred to by Mr. Albert Walker at St. Martin's Guild annual meeting is not Erdington's but Aston's treasure, and it was the writer's privilege to act as 'labourer' to Mr. Garrison during its making. It is superbly made from the old oak bell frame, and from the same timbers Mr. Garrison had cut out, ready to make up, sufficient for six chairs to match, but the war intervened, and now the master-hand will not fashion them, for ill-health had for some years kept him from his bench and the work he loved.

There may be many of his older Birmingham friends better qualified than the writer to pen this tribute, but I am certain I speak for all who knew him when I say that he was truly one of Nature's gentlemen.

F. P. (Southbourne).

QUARTER PEALS

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—On Jan. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss G. Shrigley 1, Miss R. G. Seaton 2, K. W. Mackintosh 3, M. G. Morgan-Wynne 4, J. D. Smith (cond.) 5, B. Dolphin 6. For Evensong.

WITHAM, ESSEX. — On Jan. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Edwards 1, Miss W. Mellin 2, B. Rice 3, W. Butler 4, W. Mellin 5, J. Warner 6, E. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. In memoriam Norman R. Bailey, friend of the ringer of 5 for over 40 years.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX. — On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Balls (first quarter) 1, B. Gibbons (first 'inside') 2, E. Leggett (cond.) 3, F. Oliver 4, J. H. Edwards 5.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

S.W. District Has 287 Members

Brentwood well maintained its reputation for being one of the cornerstones of the Essex Association when the South-Western District held their annual general meeting there on January 8th. Messrs. A. Pryke and J. Sitch, assisted by the local members and their ladies, had made detailed arrangements for the comfort of all. The electric fire burning brightly in the belfry offered a cheery welcome to those who had braved the chilly conditions outside.

About 90 members and their friends attended and good use was made of the bells. Methods varied considerably from call changes to Surprise Major.

The service was conducted by Canon Stokes, who welcomed the Association and spoke of the close association which has always existed at Brentwood between the ringers and the Church, and how much he appreciated their efforts. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 6s. 9d. An excellent tea had been provided to which all were the guests of the Brentwood members.

At the meeting the Master, Mr. J. Crampion, was in the chair, supported by Mr. R. Heazel, the Association's Master. He welcomed the visitors and extended sympathy and good wishes for his quick recovery to Mr. Caleb Fenn, of Barking, who had recently undergone an operation. He spoke of the loss to the Association by the death of Mr. Len Simmonds, a trustee. Silent tribute was paid.

In presenting his report the secretary recalled the activities of the past year and expressed his appreciation of the welcome and help he had received at all towers where meetings had been held. He reminded tower secretaries that it is they who make or mar the work of District secretaries and called for their continued support. Ringing membership stood at 287. Thirty-one new members were elected during the year; eight members had left the District. Mr. J. Grove had gone to live in Hoylake and his services as a ringer, auditor and committee member would be greatly missed. Mr. F. Lufkin is shortly moving to Halstead. He was warmly thanked for the good work he has done for the Association in the Southend area and asked to be sure to initiate someone to carry on his good work at Prittlewell. £47 13s. 10½d. had been forwarded to the Central Fund and £7 3s. 11d. to the Bell Restoration Fund.

The Master and secretary, Mr. C. Willmington, were re-elected, with Mr. J. Sitch (Brentwood) and Mr. L. Woods (Dagenham) as committee members. Mr. A. Chaplin (Dagenham) was nominated for life membership.

Eight new members, including four young ladies from Hornchurch, were elected.

Mr. G. Cecil was very sincere when he expressed the thanks of all members to those at Brentwood who had done so much to ensure the success of the meeting.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m., ending with a good course of London. C. W.

THE LADIES' GUILD

North-Eastern District

The second annual meeting of the North-Eastern District was held at Darlington on January 8th. During the afternoon there was ringing at St. Cuthbert's and St. John's, and during the evening at St. Cuthbert's and Holy Trinity. The Guild service, conducted by Canon Holderness, was held at St. Cuthbert's at 4.30 p.m. and was followed by an excellent tea enjoyed by 50 members and friends.

At the business meeting Mrs. H. McGuiness was re-elected vice-president, and Miss N. I. Lea hon. secretary. Miss J. Hall resigned from the District Committee, and Mrs. Bayles was elected to take her place. Four new members were elected.

BIDDULPH, STAFFS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (360 each of Biddulph, London, Cambridge and Norwich): J. Stanway, jun., 1, J. Cottrell 2, L. Higgs 3, A. Weston 4, A. Cottrell 5, W. Hazeldine (cond.) 6. For the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Wright, life members of the church.

BRISTOL.—At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, on Dec. 31st, 1,260 Erin Triples: B. Grinter 1, Miss E. L. Roberts 2, F. Hansford 3, A. E. Reeves 4, F. C. Mogford 5, A. M. Tyler 6, R. G. Hooper 7, A. A. Hilliar 8. First of Erin by all. Also at St. Mary Redcliffe, on Jan. 6th, 1,342 Grandsire Cinques: F. D. Mack (first of Cinques) 1, R. G. Hooper 2, G. Briggs 3, F. C. Mogford 4, B. Bladon 5, J. M. Stallard 6, A. A. Hilliar 7, L. Pearce 8, I. H. Trueman 9, N. H. Coombs 10, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 11, Miss E. L. Roberts 12. Rung as a farewell to Miss E. L. Roberts.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Jan. 16th, 360 Cambridge, 360 Oxford, 360 Kent, 240 Plain Bob Minor: D. Sims 1, E. Deacon 2, K. Everett (cond.) 3, G. Rouse 4, H. Stebbings 5. Also on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, G. M. Rouse 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. For morning service and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOS.—On Dec. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Stella McIver 1, Shirley Parsons 2, L. Stephens 3, F. Stephens 4, C. Rouse 5, G. Simmons 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, T. Boreham 8. First quarter for 1 2, 3 and 4.

CHIPSTABLE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 11th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Smith 1, F. Caseley (first in method) 2, C. Tarr 3, G. Sparkes 4, C. J. Stevens 5 H. Purchase (cond.) 6.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. J. De Jong 1, S. G. King 2, Mrs. H. L. Parfrey 3, Miss M. L. Hannam 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, H. L. Parfrey 6, C. J. A. Brown (first as cond.) 7, J. S. Cole 8. A farewell to the conductor, who is joining H.M. Forces. Also a 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. M. M. Godley 1, T. E. Marks 2, R. P. Selway 3, G. Gaylard 4, W. H. Poole (cond.) 5, A. W. Dyer (first quarter Stedman Triples) 6, H. J. Gaylard 7, H. Pike (first quarter) 8.

DORKING, SURREY.—On Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Blunt (first quarter) 1, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 2, Miss E. Clear 3, Miss M. Brown 4, B. Read 5, E. G. L. Coward 6, A. Harman 7, G. Coldman 8.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Jan. 23rd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. E. Howells 1, Miss A. Howells 2, E. J. Lindley (cond.) 3, D. G. Astridge 4, Miss C. E. Payne 5, D. J. Oakshott 6, G. A. Howells 7, D. J. Evans 8. A tribute to Mr. G. F. Oakshott, the ringing master at Christ Church, on his award of the B.E.M.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Jan. 9th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Ann Garnett 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, J. Allsop 4, W. S. Langdon 5, B. Lunn 6, James Phillips 7, John Phillips 8, J. Waters 9, W. Rawlings 10.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.—On Jan. 18th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Butler 1, Marian Mills (14, first of Major) 2, Michael Mills (13, first of Major) 3, Mrs. R. Rouse 4, P. W. Mills (first quarter) 5, D. West (first 'inside') 6, U. Wildney 7, E. E. Davey (cond.) 8

HAMMERWOOD, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 April Day Doubles: G. Swayne (first quarter) 1, Rosemary J. Parsloe 2, Elsie F. Feltwell 3, D. A. Cornford 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5. First in method by all. Rung for carol service.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Dec. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Blackstaff 1, J. Eaton 2, E. G. Fletcher 3, T. Russell 4, J. N. Lindon (cond.) 5, W. Roper 6.

HARTLIP, KENT.—On Oct. 16th, 1,440 Bob Minor: C. A. Buckingham 1, R. T. Rayfield 2, L. Newman 3, M. E. Harris 4, L. J. Honess 5, W. R. Manser (cond.) 6. First in the method for 1, 2 and 4. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. Selling.

HODNET, SALOP.—On Jan. 15th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: H. F. White 1, B. Madeley 2, E. H. Edge 3, F. H. Bennett 4, F. E. Wilshaw (cond.) 5, F. Price 6, C. H. Page 7, A. Pritchard 8. First in method 2 and 6. Birthday compliment to Gordon, son of 2nd ringer.

QUARTER PEALS

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Rideout (first quarter) 1, J. Martin 2, D. Wright (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. Gibbons 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, Miss P. Drury 6.

HOSE, LEICS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Allen 1, F. J. Williams 2, A. Moulds 3, W. Sharpe 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5. A welcome to the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. Stuart Robinson) at his induction service. Also a 78th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Sharpe.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Foxall 1, Doreen Coker 2, A. E. Cox 3, D. Cornwall (cond.) 4, P. Newton 5, I. Biggs 6, R. Biggs 7, R. Schofield 8.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fagg 1, P. N. O. Robinson 2, C. D. Linington 3, E. Everest 4, S. A. Hill (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. For the wedding of Mr. John Romney and Miss Betty Backshall.

KINGSBURY, N.W.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. P. Little (first quarter) 1, J. Voss (first 'inside') 2, J. C. Taylor (cond.) 3, M. I. H. King 4, D. Sanders 5, D. T. C. Smith 6, G. M. Ellis 7, M. D. Chamberlain 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering for evening service.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Jan. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Whitemore (first away from tenor) 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, G. S. Morris (cond.) 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, R. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

MARKET BOSWORTH, LEICS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rachel Graver 1, H. Hollis 2, Janet Bates 3, D. Price 4, J. W. Rawson (cond.) 5, N. Statham 6, K. Deacon 7, R. Proudman 8. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Proudman, parents of the ringer of the tenor. Mr. Proudman has been sexton and verger here since 1925 and a member of the choir for 40 years.

OFFWELL, DEVON.—On Jan. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sparks 1, J. Coombs 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, A. Hodge 4, W. Webb 5, G. Ackland 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Webb 1, A. Hodge 2, J. Coombs 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, G. Ackland 6.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Jan. 18th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Yvonne Porter 1, G. Harry Myers 2, F. E. Day 3, G. Godard 4, J. P. Sims 5, H. W. Milford 6, D. F. Wheeler 7, T. G. Myers (cond.) 8, W. J. Harvey 9, H. Owen Thomas 10. First quarter on ten bells for 1, 3, 4, 5, 9 and 10.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Mary's, on Jan. 9th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (London, Bristol, Superlative and Cambridge): J. N. Diserens 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, Audrey B. Diserens 3, E. W. Colley 4, F. W. Lewis 5, C. E. Lewington 6, R. F. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First of four Spliced Surprise for 2, 3 and 4.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Jan. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hanning 1, Miss B. Saggers 2, A. T. Shelton 3, L. Penfold 4, F. T. Hoad 5, W. H. Inwood 6, F. Jeal (cond.) 7, H. Coomber 8. Rung for the conductor's silver wedding.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church on Jan. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): P. D. Howitt 1, Mrs. S. G. Osborne 2, J. Underwood (cond.) 3, C. Underwood 4, S. G. Osborne 5.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,440 Spliced Minor (240 Double and Single Court, 240 Double Oxford and St. Clement's, 240 Oxford and Plain Bob, and 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob): D. Jones 1, P. J. Shipton 2, C. H. Harding 3, B. Pattison 4, M. Orme 5, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 6.

LATE NOTICE

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, Feb. 7th, and first Monday each month, practice, 7.15, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 12th, A.G.M., St. John's, Waterloo Road (Festival Church), 2.45–4. Southwark Cathedral 3.15–4.45. Service 5. Tea, business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 5.45. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 5808

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, on January 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, F. R. L. Blewer 3, D. Hollis 4, F. P. Mead 5, A. E. Hoare 6, C. W. Ottley 7, W. D. Grainger 8.

STANDISH, GLOS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joan Bussey 1, Doris Sheppard 2, E. Chamberlayne 3, D. Priday 4, L. Barry 5, H. Matthews 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. H. Matthews and Miss J. Bussey on their engagement.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's on Jan. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. M. Webb (first quarter) 1, T. J. Southam 2, H. G. Mason 3, R. W. Darvill 4, F. J. Spicer 5, G. W. Debenham 6, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 7, A. E. Ewer (first of Triples) 8.

STEPNEY, E.—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 23rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: H. W. Knauss (first quarter) 1, L. J. Fox 2, H. G. Weedon 3, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 4, C. W. Ridgway 5, S. Smith 6. Rung for Evensong.

STOULTON, WORCS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Finch (first of Minor) 1, A. Jopp 2, Mrs. A. Jopp 3, J. Moule 4, C. J. Camm 5, E. F. Cubberley (cond.) 6.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Jan. 16th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jill Tombs (first on treble in method) 1, D. J. Midgley (first 'inside' in method) 2, F. B. Cookson 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper 5, A. L. Dunn 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Smith (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Dec. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): G. Spiers (first quarter) 1, Helen Skinner 2, B. J. Luff (cond.) 3, Jean Horton 4, B. W. Farhall 5, W. T. Cherriman 6.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Jan. 16th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, E. G. Webb 3, R. Newman 4, W. F. Jarvis 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Dec. 25th, 1,260 Minor (Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob): R. Bullivant 1, H. T. Rooke 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, A. E. Dobb 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6. Also on Dec. 26th, 1,260 Minor (St. Clement's College Bob and Plain Bob). Also on Jan. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Evans 1, Miss F. Robinson 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.—Also on Jan. 9th, 1,320 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss F. Robinson 1, Miss J. Smith 2, G. Challans 3, D. H. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WATERLOO, S.E.—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. M. Harvey 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, W. D. Grainger 4, L. W. Bullock 5, F. Ranson 6, J. Hales (first in method as cond.) 7, T. F. Victor Neil 8. Rung for Evensong on the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Southwark. Also as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Naomi Hales, daughter of the ringer of the 3rd and sister of the conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Hewitt (first in method) 1, A. J. N. Boyack 2, H. Rumens 3, R. Chapman (first in method) 4, F. C. Maynard 5, E. E. Holman 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, J. R. Ketteringham 8. Rung for Evensong.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Jan. 9th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: A. S. Richards 1, A. S. D. Graham (first quarter) 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, M. Fuller 4, R. Bird 5, J. E. Cannell (cond.) 6

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Jan. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Sykes (first quarter) 1, A. V. Coates 2, J. R. Waller 3, D. Elwick 4, G. W. White 5, H. Short 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. A welcome and for the institution service of the new Rector, the Rev. A. Perryman, M.A.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.—On Jan. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Rev. H. M. Boswell (first quarter) 1, L. Lightfoot 2, D. Knights 3, A. Yarrow 4, S. Shipp (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. H. M. Boswell (first of Minor) 1, H. Sharp 2, D. Knights 3, G. Walker 4, A. Yarrow 5, S. Shipp (cond.) 6.

WOOLWICH, S.E.—On Jan. 16th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. E. Ward (first quarter) 1, M. Parry 2, A. Grove, sen., 3, R. A. Johnson 4, B. W. Aldridge (cond.) 5, Gnr. A. Hansford, R.A., 6. Rung for evening service.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Annual Branch Meeting at Teignmouth

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at St. Michael's, Teignmouth, on January 15th was well attended. The bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major during the afternoon. A short service in church followed, conducted by the Rev. D. E. Hood (Vicar), who gave an eloquent address.

After an excellent tea in the Church Hall the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. Eight new members were elected.

The secretary's report placed on record the Branch's appreciation of the kindness of Mr. G. A. Harvey in presenting a peal board at Totnes Parish Church commemorating a Coronation peal of Grandsire Triples rung there.

A balance in hand in the General and Instruction Funds was shown in the treasurer's report. Both reports were adopted.

Officers elected were:—Chairman and Ringing Master, Mr. J. E. Lilley; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Bennett; general committee, Mr. E. M. Atkins, the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Saturday, October 29th, was chosen for the next meeting to be held at Townstal, Dartmouth.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his excellent address, to the organist for his assistance, and to the ladies for the tea arrangements. A. L. B.

South-West Branch

Full use was made of the grand ring of eight (tenor 21 cwt.) at Lifton on January 22nd, when the annual meeting of the South-West Branch was held in this tower.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. N. de B. Welchman) conducted the Guild form of service and gave a very fine address, in the course of which he extended a cordial welcome to the 40 members and friends assembled. He complimented the ringers on their singing during the service.

Tea was served by the ringers' wives in the Schoolroom. The business meeting followed.

Mr. H. H. Thomas, Branch chairman, presided at the business meeting, supported by the Vicar, Mr. G. H. Myers and Mr. F. C. Smale, vice-presidents of the Guild. The retiring officers were all thanked for their past services and (each nomination taken separately) re-elected to serve for another year.

Dates only were chosen for the programme for 1955-56. They were April 23rd, June 25th, October 1st and January 21st, 1956, it being left to the hon. secretary to find somewhere to go. The treasurer's report and statement of accounts, showing a balance of £21 8s. 8d. were unanimously adopted. The secretary's report was also adopted, and seven new members were elected. T. G. M.

East Devon Branch

The East Devon Branch's January meeting at Harpford on Jan. 22nd was the most successful the Branch has had for some time, as just on 40 sat down to tea, which was provided by Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. Cheetham.

The service was taken by the Rev. D. R. Price, Vicar of Ottery St. Mary, who gave an inspiring address.

For the business, the vice-chairman, Mr. G. C. Woodley, took the chair. One new band (Cotleigh) was elected to the Branch, and also eight new members. Preb. E. V. Cox proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Maj.-Gen. and Mrs. Cheetham for providing the tea. Gen. Cheetham, in his reply, mentioned how much he appreciated the music of the bells and the work ringers did for the church.

The Vicar of Ottery St. Mary was thanked by Mr. G. C. Woodley for taking the service.

After business all returned to the tower and enjoyed the ringing.

FORTY YEARS AGO

From 'The Ringing World,' Feb. 5th, 1915

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THE LADIES' GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 30th, 1915, in 3 hours and 5 mins.
At the Church of St.Peter
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
5,040 CHANGES

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*Miss Mabel C. N. Jukes ..	Treble
†Miss Blanche L. Mitchell ..	2
*Miss Adelaide Stokes	3
*Miss Dorothy G. Sage ..	4
Miss Doris Coles	5
Miss Edith M. Hole	6
Miss Nellie Gillingham ..	7
Miss Mary E. N. Jukes ..	Tenor

Conducted by Miss Doris Coles

*First peal. †First with a bob bell First peal as conductor. The conductor is only 15 years of age. This is the first peal rung by the Ladies' Guild and the first peal by eight ladies who are all members of one tower.

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DEATHS

CRAWFORD.—At Rampton, Notts, on Sunday, January 23rd, 1955, Arthur Crawford, dearly loved husband of C. M. Crawford, aged 70 years. Interred Rampton Churchyard, Thursday, January 27th. Peace after pain.

WILLERS.—On January 29th, 1955, at Sweetbriars, 115, High Street, Trumpington, Cambridge, George Harry Littlechild Willers, father of Kitty Willers, aged 88 years, after a very short illness. 5789

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Wilburton, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 5736

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Annual general District meeting at Chobham, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in the new Church Hall 5.15. Tea notification to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham.—J. F. Dodson, Dis. Ringing Master. 5729

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—Annual meeting at Bromyard, Feb 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. 5673

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The A.G.M. will be held at St. Andrew's, Hertford, on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells from 3 p.m.—John Kemp, Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Annual District meeting at Watford (10) Feb. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. G. Bell, 131, Hamper Mill Lane, Watford. Tel. Watford 7936. 5738

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Brightwalton on Saturday, Feb. 5th. Usual arrangements. Farnborough bells after tea. 5749

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sheffield, Feb. 5th. St. Marie's (8) 3 to 5 p.m.; Cathedral (12) after tea. For tea in the Wolstenholme Hall 5 p.m., notify H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8. —N. Chaddock, Sec. 5723

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District. — Annual meeting, Newport, Saturday, Feb. 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mrs. A. Guy, 3, Merriemeade, Watergate Road, Newport. 5760

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Winchester District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 5th, at Winchester. Bells: Cathedral (12) available for 2 hours after evensong, 6.15–8.15 approx.; St. Maurice's (6), 1.30–2.30 and 8.30–9. Business meeting in St. Maurice's Hall 3, followed by tea at 4.15. Service in Cathedral 5.15. 5728

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, near Tottenham Court Road tube station, Holborn, on Monday, Feb. 7th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5776

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, Feb. 9th, 6.30-8 p.m. Essentially for learners. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 5777

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice at Bletchingley (8) on Wednesday, Feb. 9th, from 7-9 p.m. 5803

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Feb. 12th, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6. Ringing, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 4 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 5750

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Penistone, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify, not later than Feb. 9th, Mr. A. Champion, 24, Church Street, Penistone.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 5804

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. —L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 5768

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Sutton-on-Hull, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Names for tea to Mr. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 5805

CHESTER GUILD. — Northwich Branch. — Annual meeting, Weaverham, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5. Names for tea, before Wednesday, February 9th, to W. Hornby, 33, Forsters Avenue, Weaverham.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 5771

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—A social evening will be held in the Mechanics' Institute, Hazel Grove, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 7 to 10.30. Dancing, games, Norbury handbell ringers, etc. Licensed bar.

All welcome. Tickets, price 3s. 6d. (including refreshments), from C. K. Lewis, 6, Princes Road, Altrincham, before Feb. 7th.—C. K. Lewis. 5725

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Guisborough (6) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Methods for practice: London, Norfolk, Primrose.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 5807

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross (6), Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to Rev. F. Mitchell, The Vicarage, Clay Cross, Chesterfield.—A. B. Cooper. 5779

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Exminster (8), Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, by Feb. 8th. to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 5740

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — Sunderland Parish Church, Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 10th, to Mr. W. Jones, 3, James William Street, Sunderland. 5783

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), Feb. 12th. Names for tea to Mr. E. Turley, Lower Farm, Speldhurst.—C. A. Bassett. 5796

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Upwell, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by 10th, please.—J, Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 5787

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Newland, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Feb. 9th, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 5793

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Stratton-St. Margaret (8), Feb. 12th. Tea. — Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 5784

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District annual meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing 2.30-4.30 p.m. only. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Owen Hall at 5.15 p.m., followed by social evening. Tea 2s. Social (including refreshments) 2s. All notifications for tea, **not later** than previous Thursday, to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 114, West Street, Farnham.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5731

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Annual meeting, Hereford, Feb. 12th. Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas' (6) bells available 2.30 p.m., All Saints' (8) 6.30 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 8th to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 5766

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ledbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Bosbury, Feb. 12th. Service 4.15. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 5997

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at East Farleigh, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 5759

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Dedication of recast ring of 8 at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3.30 p.m. A tea (free) provided only to those who send names, by Feb. 8th, to M. Crook. 6, Manningham Road, Bolton. 5763

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Liverpool Parish Church (Our Lady and St. Nicholas', Pier Head) on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available from 2.30. Business meeting 3.30. Tea 4.30. Service 5.30. Tea will be provided free of charge only to those who take the trouble to send their names to me before Wednesday, Feb. 9th. For others there are plenty of cafes in the vicinity.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec., 3, The Rooley, Huyton, near Liverpool. 5786

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston Parish Church, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 5 in Church School, Avenham Lane, followed by meeting. Names for tea, please (small charge), by Tuesday, 8th, to Mr. C. Crossthwaite, 45, Herschell Street, Preston. — L. Walmsley. 5770

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Ratby (8) on Feb. 12th. Tea and meeting in Church Rooms at 5 p.m. Names, by Feb. 8th without fail, to Mr. J. Spencer, 9, Stamford Street, Ratby, Leics. 5780

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Barkby, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, by the 10th, please, to R. Flowers, 10, Vicarage Lane, Barkby. 5791

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Annual meeting, Boston, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, Feb. 7th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston, Lincs. 5751

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Annual Branch meeting, Chepstow, Feb. 12th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, by Feb. 8th.—J. S. Evans. 5758

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Bells at St. James', Clerkenwell. 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5775

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Measham, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 2.45. Tea 5 p.m.—J. W. Cotton (Overseale 264). 5772

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held in St. Laurence's Hall, Reading, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Service 4.15 p.m. Ringing: St. Giles', 3-4 p.m.; St. Laurence's, Caversham and Tilehurst after the meeting. Names for tea must be sent, by Feb. 7th, to me, at The Yew Tree, Spencer's Wood. —N. E. Colley. 5792

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 12th, at Prittlewell. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by meeting. Numbers for tea, by Thursday, 10th, please, to P. A. Sadler, 21, Dulverton Avenue, Westcliff.

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Tuxford (8), Saturday, Feb. 12th. Cafe close to church.—H. Denman. 5794

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual meeting at Arundel on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 in St. Mary's Hall, followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 5799

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Practice meeting at Ringwood, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Please notify Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5801

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Birmingham, Feb. 19th. Ringing at Cathedral 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Martin's Parish Church 6-8 p.m., by invitation of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Own arrangements for tea. — J. L. Garnett-Hayward. 5806

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The third annual dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19th, at the Corporation Hotel. Ringing at Derby Cathedral 3 p.m.—5 p.m.; St. Luke's 3.30-5.15 p.m. Morning peal attempts are being arranged for those who apply. Tickets 1s. from G. A. Halls, 15, Brackens Avenue, Alvaston, Derby. 5767

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Feb. 19th, 6.30 p.m. for 7 p.m. at University Refectory, Queen's Road. Tickets 8s. each. Applications, with remittances, before Feb. 14th, to A. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, St. George, Bristol 5. 5788

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Feb. 19th, at High Halden (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Feb. 15th, to Mr. J. F. Burden, 23, The Chennels, High Halden.—W. P. G. 5774

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The quarterly meeting at Lutterworth on Feb. 19th has been **postponed.** Further details next week. —W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 5802

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Feb. 19th, Village Hall, Sapcote. Bells available 4. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 7s. 6d. Names, by Wednesday, Feb. 16th, to Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. 5800

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Tea for only those who send their names, before Feb. 15th, to Mr. J. G. Ames, 22, Willow Walk, Spalding. 5757

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH. — Llandaff Branch. — Annual meeting, Pontypridd, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 5778

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Annual dinner, Feb. 19th, White Lion, Upper Thames Street, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing: 2.45 St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green (8); 4.15 St. Olave's, Hart Street (8). Service 5.30, St. Olave's, Hart Street. Tickets, 10s. 6d., from Graham McKay, Hon. Sec., Halliday Hall, South Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4. 5790

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — Annual meeting, Loddon, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 16th, certain, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 5781

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Adderbury (8) on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. All welcome. Please notify for tea.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. Phone 350. 5773

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. John's, Alloa, on Saturday, Feb. 19th, from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Feb. 16th, to A. B. Henderson, 36, Balfour Street, Alloa, Clackmannanshire.—R. S. Wilson, Hon. Sec. 5798

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'TOWERS AND BELLS OF BRITAIN'

ONE of the biggest tower 'grabs' on record is Ernest Morris' 'Towers and Bells of Britain' (Robert Hale, Ltd., 21s. net). More than 900 towers are mentioned in this almost monumental work, and to the young ringer anxious to know the characteristics of English churches this book is a fascinating guide. For general convenience Mr. Morris has divided his book into sections, the main one being Central Towers. Others are West Towers, Twin Towers, Triple Towers, Spires, Truncated Spires, Round Towers, Octagonal Towers, Towers and Spires, Wooden Towers, Towers as Landmarks or Beacons, Leaning Towers, Detached Towers, Bell Turrets and Cotes, and Curious Towers and Belfries.

Charles Dickens, in his 'All the Year Round' for Feb. 27th, 1869, tells of his visit to the College Youths' meeting at Southwark Cathedral, which Mr. Morris quotes in detail. The ringing is described:—

> 'The tower rocks, the bells clash, tenor booms at appointed intervals. After some little time, one gets used to the noise, which is not so great as might be expected, and begins to pick out the rhythm of the chime. The ringers all have an earnest, fixed expression; attention is written on every face. Occasionally a slight wandering look betokens that a ringer is a little vague as to his place in the change, but he soon seems to pick it up and come right again.'

Afterwards came the meeting at the King's Head, and Dickens observes: 'It soon becomes pleasantly apparent that change ringing is by no means merely an excuse for beer. There is an excellent rule, strictly enforced, that no refreshments are allowed in the belfry, and moderation is clearly the custom in the club room.'

In dealing with the Abbey Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Bath, Mr. Morris recalls the association with Shipway, who was a native of this city and before leaving for London had mastered Treble Bob Royal. It was to this city came Mr. James Albion at the dissolution of the Union Scholars and he brought with him the original book of manuscripts, being a copy of the peals of the Society. These he left to Mr. William Fry, a plumber and glazier of Bath, and also a change ringer at the Abbey, to preserve. It would be interesting to know whether the said William Fry is a forbear of the present secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

St. Mary's, Melton Mowbray, is in the news this week on account of the interest it is endeavouring to stimulate among church people in bells and ringers. The churchwardens in bygone days did not forget the ringers, as 3d. was paid for a gallon of ale for the ringers when the Bishop visited the church. It was here as a youth of 18 that Mr. Morris conducted his first peal, in 1908—Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples.

Associated with St. Mary's, Nottingham, is William Doubleday Crofts, a solicitor and a pioneer of change ringing. In 1778 he rang the ninth single-handed in a long peal of 10,260 Grandsire Caters at Nottingham, through the 7 hours and 22 minutes. A College Youth, he rang in the first peal at York Minster in 1787. Two of his compositions of Treble Bob Major and Treble Bob Royal find a place in Jasper Snowdon's book. Crofts had a remarkable insight into composition and proof, and in his papers which were examined by J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, his proof of Treble Bob methods by the lead ends.

Of all the inscriptions on church bells, perhaps one of the happiest is that on the tenor of All Saints', Bakewell, Derbyshire, when a new ring of eight was provided by Thomas Mears in 1796. (The bells were recast by Mears and Stainbank in 1895 and were rehung by J. Taylor and Co. in 1938.) It reads:—

> 'Possess'd of deep sonorous tone,
> This belfry king sits on his throne;
> And when the merry bells go round
> Adds to and follows ev'ry sound;
> So in a just and well pois'd state
> Where all degrees possess due weight,
> One greater power, one greater tone
> Is ceded to improve their own.'

The book contains stories known to the older generation but which the youth of to-day will enjoy. One of these relates to St. Mary's, Harting, Sussex, and the story told by the then Vicar, the Rev. A. J. Roberts, of a visit of a mothers' meeting to see the bells. The ascent was through a trap door, and one old lady of rather alarming proportions could not be forced through the trap door to the descending ladder. The Vicar solved the problem in this way. To quote his own words: 'I dismissed everyone from the bell chamber, had a talk with the old lady, told her what I intended to do, and that she was to divest herself of every bit of clothing she could spare. Then I took off a couple of bell ropes — they must be 40ft. long — and

wound one round her body, like the string on a cricket bat handle. Then, having one rope for safety and another attached to her body and which was under my command, I quietly shifted her to the top of the descending ladder, and, with some care and constant adjustments, I got her to the floor of the clock chamber, she murmuring from time to time, " If ever I gets out of this—never no more—never no more." '

Whether such conditions prevail to-day we are inclined to doubt, but among the difficult circles, Sulley, Glam, certainly is unusual. Mr. Morris states the ringing floor was described to him as the 'most awkward range of ropes I ever saw. The tower door is the church door also, then a door out of that into the church. The treble rope comes down in the centre of this latter door; the second in the centre of the main door; therefore, the second man wants a neck like a duck because he has to look behind him for the treble. Then behind the door for the third and under a big ladder for the fourth. The bells are, however, a good ring.'

Another unusual 'circle' is at Beckley, Oxon, where Mr. Alan Pink conducted a peal in 21 methods on Feb. 16th, 1948. On the east side of the tower are the 4th, 2nd, treble and third, and on the west side the tenor, but between them a central ladder interferes with vision.

The many illustrations selected for this book are well chosen as indicating not only the different types of towers, but also some of great architectural merit and they are a joy to ponder over. The 'jacket' is splendidly drawn in pen and ink by W. Cecil Dunford, lay Canon of Leicester Cathedral and late art master of Wyggeston School. It depicts the Bell Harry Tower of Canterbury Cathedral, the spire of Boston Stump and York Minster.

In his introduction Mr. Morris has an important note that since the book was written restorations have been carried out to many towers and bells. This may, in some cases, cause a slight variation to the text. The author also regrets that many well-known towers have been omitted. Copies of the book can be obtained direct from the author, the Verger's Lodge, St. Margaret's Vicarage, Leicester.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Jan. 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	SAMUEL MARTIN	8
*DONALD A. THEEDOM	3	TERENCE A. THORNBER	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	RICHARD GRANT	10
PETER J. STANIFORTH	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
*SAMUEL J. HAINES	6	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. H. DEXTER. Conducted by MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal on 12 bells.
Specially rung to mark the consecration of the Rt. Rev. H. J. Carpenter as the new Bishop of Oxford. He was Warden of Keble College, Oxford, and a Canon Theologian of Leicester Cathedral.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt.

HUBERT E. ASHLEY	*Treble*	*DAVID A. CARPENTER	6
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	2	†RAYMOND WINTER	7
*L. MICHAEL CALLOW	3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	8
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	9
*A. ROBIN GUY	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. SEDGLEY. Conducted by DAVID A. CARPENTER.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 5 lb. in E flat.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	A. ST. JOHN N. BOYACK	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	G. WILFRED SLACK	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	*PHILIP J. COWARD	8
ERNEST E. HOLMAN	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	9
JAMES BENNETT	5	CHARLES T. W. COLES	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells.
In memoriam the Rev. P. Gough, M.A., late Rector of Acton and president of the Association. Also Charles T. Coles, secretary of the Association 1910-1946.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 18, 1954, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES W. BLAKEY	*Treble*	FRANK STEAD	5
*THOMAS BARKER	2	CHARLES CLEGG	6
ERNEST J. GOWER	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
WALTER E. WILKINSON	4	JACK GLEGG	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* 100th peal.
Rung for the wedding of Miss D. Mary Bourn and Mr. Gordon L. Richardson. Also to mark the fourth centenary of Clitheroe Royal Grammar School.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in E flat.

MRS. P. A. CORBY	*Treble*	JULIAN PAWLEY	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
RALPH ELKINGTON	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
*F. JOHN STIMSON	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	†EDWIN T. NEWBURY	5
*SHIRLEY PARSONS	2	PETER BAKER	6
LESLIE BARRY	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
IVOR GOULTER	4	DERRICK ASTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal. † 100th peal. Rung to welcome home the tenor ringer on completing service in H.M. Forces.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

Ernest J. Gower	*Treble*	Jack Clegg	5
Thomas Barker	2	Charles Clegg	6
Brian A. Tomlinson	3	Arthur Tomlinson	7
Charles W. Blakey	4	Frank Stead	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
In memoriam Arthur Ridyard, of Manchester Cathedral.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

James G. Newman	*Treble*	Andrew C. Sinfield	5
*John W. V. Sinfield	2	Ronald J. Sharp	6
*Bryan Pattison	3	C. Edward Jeffries	7
C. Henry Harding	4	Dennis Knox	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Dennis Knox.
* First peal in the method.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

Arthur W. Hoodless	*Treble*	C. Aubrey Harrison	5
Ronald Chafer	2	Harry Hall	6
Arthur Tomlinson	3	Arthur Crowder	7
*Norman Bell	4	Jack Bray	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal in the method.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 105 lb.

F. Nolan Golden	*Treble*	Walter J. Houghton	5
Cedric Curson	2	William H. Barrett	6
*Richard J. W. Housden	3	Bert Gogle	7
George Sayer	4	Arthur G. Bason	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Arthur G. Bason.
* First peal of Superlative.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

George F. Sperring	*Treble*	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
John W. Griffiths	2	*Christopher Gudgeon	6
*Dennis H. B. Millward	3	*H. Stewart Bailey	7
*Robert W. Hinde	4	Percy Swindley	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by John W. Griffiths.
* First peal of Major in the method.

CAVERSHAM, READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5056 GAINSBOROUGH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.).

Raymond G. Burton	*Treble*	William Birmingham	5
Frederick A. H. Wilkins	2	Malcolm S. Cloke	6
Herbert H. Alexander	3	Edgar J. Smith	7
George F. Burton	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
Specially arranged to commemorate the consecration of the Rev. E. H. Knell as Bishop Suffragan of Reading.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's. Tenor 20½ cwt.

William J. Prescott	*Treble*	*Harry Heath	5
Eric Naylor	2	Laurence E. Hitchins	6
Percival W. J. Harding	3	David Hoare	7
William F. J. Cope	4	†F. Parker	*Tenor*

Conducted by David Hoare.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal of Stedman as conductor and 50th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Naylor, father of the ringer of the 2nd.

CODSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¾ cwt. in A.

*Edmund Malin	*Treble*	Joan Beresford	5
*Peter Beresford	2	†Jeffrey B. Webb	6
Leonard Trevor	3	*Dennis Beresford	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	George E. Oliver	*Tenor*

Composed by William Barton. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation) Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*Patricia E. Smith	*Treble*	Arthur C. Chaplin	5
Frank V. Gant	2	F. Roger Scholefield	6
†David W. Beard	3	Lionel S. Woods	7
John Armstrong	4	Iain Campbell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Lionel S. Woods.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. H. H. Warne, churchwarden at SS. Peter and Paul's for 25 years.

ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*John Pearson	*Treble*	Frank Linfoot	5
Cyril F. Sutcliffe	2	†Donald Hoyle	6
†Edith Westmoreland	3	*W. George Turner	7
Albert W. Bond	4	Arnold Rothery	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Howlett. Conducted by W. George Turner.
* 25th peal together. † First peal. First peal as conductor.
A farewell tribute to the Rev. B. C. Pawley, Rector of Elland, who becomes secretary of the Ely Diocese. Also a tribute to Canon T. H. Cashmore, former Vicar of Brighouse, on his appointment as Bishop Suffragan of Dunwich.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
T. Thurstans' (rearranged W. A. Cave). Tenor 11½ cwt.

Percival W. Cave	*Treble*	Edward Ashcroft	5
*Gwendolyn I. Howlett	2	Edwin C. Birkett	6
Thomas C. Larkey	3	Thomas W. Hesketh	7
Thomas Lee	4	Jack N. Brown	*Tenor*

Conducted by Percival W. Cave.
* First peal.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Phyllis M. Mayne	*Treble*	Henry D. Butler	5
Freda Clayton	2	Elsie K. Fulton	6
Cecil C. Mayne	3	John R. Mayne	7
*David J. Taylor	4	H. George Hart	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Charles S. Durham, Vicar of the parish for 30 years, and honorary member of the Association, who was interred on Tuesday, January 25th. Also, in memoriam the Rev. Percival Gough, President of the Association.

HUNGERFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F.

FRANK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	JOHN N. DISERENS	5
*MRS. P. LEWINGTON	2	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	6
ALBERT DISERENS	3	RONALD F. DISERENS	7
†GEOFFREY K. DODD	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of London. † 50th peal.
Rung in honour of the consecration of the Bishops of Oxford and Reading.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

PETER S. BEDFORD	*Treble*	ALAN R. BRIDGES	5
RAYMOND PECK	2	EDGAR C. PIZZEY	6
JACK PILGRIM	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	7
ERNEST S. BAILEY	4	*JAMES M. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by JAMES M. BAILEY.
* 450th peal and has now 'circled the tower' 14 times.
Rung as a 65th birthday compliment to J. M. Bailey and a 70th birthday compliment to E. S. Bailey.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,440 each of London and Rutland, 800 of Bristol, and 480 each of Superlative Yorkshire and Cambridge, with 124 changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*DEREK E. SMITH	*Treble*	†H. LESLIE PASK	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	6
†SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
†GEOFFREY PAUL	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major. † First peal in six Spliced Surprise Major methods.
A birthday compliment to Mr. H. L. Pask and Miss B. Millhouse.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. FAITH LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Treble*	JAMES B. MORLEY	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
JOHN S. BARNES	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
The first peal in the method (C.C. Collection No. 198). The composition contains the 120 course ends.

STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER BROWN	*Treble*	WILLIAM LAWRENCE	5
*MARION JACKSON	2	DAVID L. GULLICK	6
PETER W. CROFT	3	FRANK W. CROFT	7
*KENNETH C. TIMBURY	4	†JOHN ALDOUS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.
* First peal in the method. † First peal.
A peal of welcome to the Rev. E. W. B. Cordingley, Rector of Stevenage.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 18 cwt.

*WINIFRED MELLIN	*Treble*	*JOHN WARNER	5
†WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN	2	TERRY EARLE	6
ALLEN SYDER	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
ERNEST W. BRIGHT	4	‡HENRY DORKING	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER ARNOLD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bright upon the 30th anniversary of their wedding.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

BRO. THOMAS ROGERS, Evening Star, 3644	*Treble*
BRO. FRANK BARRACLOUGH, Bridgewater, 1213	2
BRO. ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Progress, 4120	3
BRO. FRED DUNKERLEY, Albert, 854	4
BRO. PETER CROOK, SEN., Antiquity, 146	5
BRO. JAMES W. GROUNDS, Standish, 4955	6
W. BRO. REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH, P.A.G.C., Bobby Burns, 999	7
BRO. JOHN WORTH, Unity, 267	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by BRO. JOHN WORTH.
Rung to celebrate the elevation of the 7th ringer to Provincial rank.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Jan. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

HENRY N. VAUGHAN	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	6
EDWARD J. JENNER	3	JOHN W. MEADE	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	ERNEST J. LADD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
The first peal on the bells since rehanging on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

DILHORNE, STOKE-ON-TRENT.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR GAUNT	*Treble*	ALAN LAMBERT	4
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	†EWART H. EDGE	5
CHARLES H. PAGE	3	O. MICHAEL SLANEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. F. W. Grocott and Miss June Kirkman, who were married at Eccles, Lancashire, on December 18th, 1954.

SKILLINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being two extents of St. Simon's, two of Reverse St. Bartholomew, two of Hurdibras, four of April Day, nine of Plain Bob and 23 of Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*MRS. F. W. PINCHBECK	*Treble*	F. W. PINCHBECK	3
*MRS. K. KETTERINGHAM	2	K. KETTERINGHAM	4
DENIS A. FRITH	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.
* First peal.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 240 by Pitman and 40 120's (10 different callings). Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM L. EXTON	4
†DENNIS SIMPSON	2	SIMON L. BARLEY	5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	3	*ALBERT FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIMON L. BARLEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' First peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. B. Lewis, mother of the treble ringer.

SANDHURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Sonning Branch.)
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. (Treble Bob and Plain Bob rung alternately.)
Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PARKER .. ..*Treble*	LESLIE W. PAICE 4
*SHEILA REVELL 2	CYRIL W. BARLOW 5
WILLIAM J. PAICE 3	*WILLIAM COLLINS .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PARKER.
* First peal. First peal by Sunday service band since 1922.
Rung on completion of the new Rectory, Sandhurst.

WRENBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT SUTTON .. ..*Treble*	BRIAN SCHOFIELD 4
*MARGARET HALL (14) .. 2	IVOR JENKINS 5
JOHN E. BROUGH 3	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal 'inside.'

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 OSWALD DELIGHT MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 4¾ cwt.

MICHAEL WRIGHT .. ..*Treble*	PETER H. WRIGHT 4
HAROLD FRANKLIN 2	ERIC J. STERLAND 5
WILLIAM SWAIN 3	BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS ..*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYNLEY A. RICHARDS.
First peal in the method by all, and on the bells. Believed to be the first peal in the method for the Association. William Swain has now completed the 'circle of the tower.'
Rung as a farewell to the conductor who is being posted to Germany whilst serving with H.M. Forces.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Bob, (6) Fulbeck, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS *Treble*	MALCOLM S. CLOKE 4
*DONALD H. NIBLETT .. 2	HARRY P. FLOYD 5
BRIAN BLADON 3	ALAN R. PINK .. .. ..*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in eight Minor methods.
Specially arranged to commemorate the consecration of the Rev. Canon H. J. Carpenter as Bishop of Oxford.

SMARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Jan. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

PETER JARVIS .. .. ..*Treble*	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL .. 4
*ELIZABETH A. MARSHALL 2	WILFRED W. RING 5
HARRY BAKER 3	MARK W. MARSHALL ..*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung as a tribute to Mr. E. King on his retirement, through illness, from sexton and bellringer at this church.

WOLVERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Jan. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*DOREEN CANE (13) .. ..*Treble*	DOUGLAS CANE 4
*MARGARET T. R. CANE .. 2	*HERBERT J. ALLEN 5
*HARRY CHANT (14) 3	*MRS. EDNA A. ALLEN ..*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS CANE.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehung. All members of the local band.
Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 3rd.



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BRABOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER JARVIS .. .. ..*Treble*		JOHN R. COOPER	4
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD ..	2	WILLIAM C. MARSHALL ..	5
*DAVID STAPLES	3	MARK W. MARSHALL.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK W. MARSHALL.

* First peal 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Sidney Finn, a ringer at this tower for 73 years.

BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Double Court.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

RONALD CHAFER .. .. ..*Treble*		JACK BRAY	4
GEORGE E. FEIRN	2	HARRY HALL	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON ..	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

CADOXTON, NEAR NEATH.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATWG,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being six 240's and 30 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM T. PETTY .. ..*Treble*		DAVID W. EVANS	4
THOMAS E. HIBBINS ..	2	GLYN I. LEWIS	5
HARRY BOYCE	3	CYRIL GERRISH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

Birthday peal for H. Boyce.

FULBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

R. B. MORRIS (Clare) ..*Treble*		B. J. STAFFORD (Queens')	4
*J. M. BOISSARD (Girton)	2	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	5
†J. D. L. RICHARDS (Corpus)	3	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 changes each of All Saints', Reverse St. Barthoomlew, St. Simon's, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*MRS. DOROTHY DAY ..*Treble*		†J. HARRY COOK	3
ERNEST MORRIS	2	ALFRED E. HINMAN ..	4

GEOFFREY BOWCOTT .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † 25th peal. First peal in seven methods by all except the conductor.

Rung to welcome the Rev M. B. Douglass, M.A., the new Vicar of Frisby-on-Wreake with Kirby Bellars. Also a 79th birthday compiment to Mrs. Annie Wheeler, verger for 43 years.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being composed of seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

D. KAY ADKINS .. ..*Treble*		WILLIAM WENBAN	4
*MADELEINE CHAPPLE ..	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN ..	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

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

Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LISS, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

BERYL R. PITTAWAY .. ..*Treble*		ADRIAN J. TUMBER	4
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	*PETER NASH	5
NORMAN J. SMITH	3	†J. MICHAEL LAKIN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. First peal in four methods by all except the ringer of the 2nd Average age 17 years and 2 months.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Bourne Surprise, (2) Norwich Surprise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

MICHAEL FULLER .. ..*Treble*		*JOHN L. MORRIS	4
MARY FULLER	2	*STEWART F. W. KIMBER..	5
*IAN H. ORAM	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.

* First peal in ten methods. 100th peal as conductor.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 extents (10 callings) and 240 Morris's. Tenor 9 cwt.

ROGER W. HAWKSWORTH *Treble*		*GORDON SMALLWOOD ..	4
*HARRY BUTLER	2	RICHARD COOKE	5
†TERRY ONIONS	3	†HARRY BUTLER, SEN. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD COOKE.

* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

Rung as a 66th birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, a ringer of this tower for 48 years. Also a birthday compliment to Miss I. Walkerdine, sister of the Vicar of the above church.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being seven 240's and 28 extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*NORMAN SKINNER .. ..*Treble*		‡CYRIL DEEM	4
JOHN QUICK	2	‡ROBERT PERRY	5
†CECIL PARKER	3	SIDNEY SKINNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Doubles First peal of Doubles as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

NEW MALDEN, SURREY.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT 191, ELM ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON ..	1—2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL ..	5—6
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ..	3—4	WILFRID F. MORETON ..	7—8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Jan. 25, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
IN THE VESTRY OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, April Day, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY ..	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY ..	3—4
ALAN SHEPPARD	5—6		

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

First handbell peal in seven methods by all.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The Salisbury Branch held their annual meeton January 22nd in Salisbury, when the service was held at St. Thomas'. The Vicar (the Rev. P. J. Hayes) conducted the service and spoke of the ringers' share in church work and worship, putting out the suggestion that ringing for the services should always start with a short prayer.

Some 38 members and 10 visitors—from as far afield as Bath, Nailsea, Exeter and Southampton—were present at the meeting which followed tea in the Assembly Rooms. A quiet year was reported; seven quarterly or practice meetings had been held during 1954, and in addition the annual festival of the Guild had been held in Salisbury. Two peals were recorded for the Branch, both for the return of H.M. The Queen and H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh from their tour. The membership had slightly dropped to 113, 17 towers being affiliated.

The chairman, vice-chairman and secretary were re-elected (H. A. Roles, W. Chalk and Miss Y. L. Eloie) and the Ringing Masters for 1955 are H. H. Abrahams, A. Haines and J. Maidment. A number of new members were elected: Geoffrey Lewis (Britford), Miss D. Bletsoe and Jane Skelton (Sarum, St. Martin's), J. Drew and K. Hibberd (Wilton), Michael Gilbert and A. Hookham (Sarum, St. Paul's), H. Stone (Codford), Miss F. Raybould (Sarum, St. Thomas') and Miss J. M. Powell as non-resident life member.

Ringing was enjoyed at St. Martin's and St. Paul's during the afternoon and again during the evening, when St. Thomas' bells were also open, and ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge and London.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District A.G.M.

A good year's work, 19 new members and seven first peals were reported at the annual meeting of the Newark District on January 15th, when the inclement weather reduced the attendance. Visitors from Braunston, Duffield and Hough-on-the-Hill braved the ice and snow.

Mr. P. White, former secretary, took the chair for the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter; secretary, Mr. S. L. Barley; Ringing Master, Mr. W. L. Exton; committee, Mr. C. Copp and Mr. A. Wilson. Three new ringing members from Sutton-on-Trent were elected. Bingham, with Ossington as an alternative, was selected for the next meeting.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman, the secretary and Rev. J. G. Nicholls (priest-in-charge) for conducting the service and for the use of the bells. Ringing continued until 8 p.m.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Ringers Contribute to Pudsey's Missionary Effort

The first touch of the day for the meeting at Pudsey on January 29th was for a happy couple leaving the church after their wedding. From then until tea time touches in various methods were brought round and enjoyed. Tea in the schoolroom coincided with a missionary 'bring and buy' sale and the ladies served a wonderful tea.

The president (Mr. T. W. Strangeway) presided at the business meeting during which Mr. L. M. Woodhead, of Goole, and Mr. W. Thorpe, of Calverley, were elected members.

Mr. H. Lofthouse proposed, and Mr. L. Drake seconded, a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, the local company and the ladies, and mentioned how pleased the Society was to have Mr. W. Barton again with them and that he would soon be fully recovered. Endorsing the tribute, the president said Pudsey had once again come into its own and the meeting was one of the best for many years.

Acknowledging the vote of thanks, the Vicar said he hoped the Society would come again on the same day as their missionary effort, as they had certainly swelled the amount raised. Mr. Barton replied on behalf of the local company and thanked the members for their good wishes to himself.

The next meeting will be at Birstall on February 26th.

Two well-struck touches on handbells provided an enjoyable interlude before a return to the tower. Plain Bob Major was rung by P. B. Cooke, A. E. Marsh, W. Barton and G. Benfield, and Kent Treble Bob by T. W. Strangeway, L. W. G. Morris, W. Barton and J. Ambler.

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LATE NEWS

We regret to learn of the death on January 24th of Mr. Sidney Finn, who was secretary of St. Mary's, Brabourne, Kent. To his memory a peal was rung at Brabourne on January 29th.

Hereford Cathedral bells will not be available for the meeting to-morrow. Ringing has been cancelled until further notice.

BELFRY GOSSIP

By ringing 64 peals last year with bands 36 and 40 miles away in opposite directions, Mr. J. F. Milner recalls that among them was his 500th and 550th peals, also partaking in a succession of records of 36, 42 and 48 Spliced Surprise Major, and the quickest peal of Major yet rung on tower bells in 1 hour and 57 minutes. On the debit side his bitterest disappointment was losing 10 Spliced Surprise Major and Grandsire Cinques, both in the last five minutes, on account of one of the band having to set up through illness. Was it worth it? **Of course it was.**

Mr. Joe Hardcastle, of Bradford, states that the peal he rang at Keighley in 1907 (see letter, page 59) was 100 years after the peal his great-grandfather had rung on the same bell.

Two courses from the end of the peal at Hungerford on January 29th the ringing chamber was plunged into complete darkness. The lights came on again equally suddenly about four whole pulls later, just in time to avert disaster.

The peal at Clitheroe, Lancs, on December 18th, was rung to commemorate the fourth centenary of the local Grammar School. It replaced an attempt which was lost during the week of festivities. Owing to the church being in the centre of the town, peal attempts are infrequent.

It is 17 years since a peal has been rung at Caversham, a tower where there was once a band ringing Surprise peals when Surprise was talked of with bated breath. Moreover, there has always been a change ringing band at this church, and indeed ringing is very flourishing in Reading just now. The Rector, in congratulating the band, said he hoped they would come again soon. There is reason to think that it will not be another 17 years before the next peal is recorded at Caversham.

Two years ago the ringers at Ruddington, Notts, earned the nickname of 'Ruddington Rounders.' They are now beginning to advance and ring four simple methods. Interest is keen and the tower has six postal subscribers.

Mr. James Bennett has now 'circled' Walthamstow tower to peals.

Mr. H. Plowman, who rang in a quarter peal at Wilby, Northants, has only one arm.

There were five first peals in the peal at Wolverton, Hants, on January 28th, a fine achievement for the conductor, Mr. Douglas Cane.

Miss J. Sanderson is the new 'Ringing World' representative for the Northern District of the Herts County Association. She has made a good start with two newsy contributions to this issue.

The bells heard before the broadcast of the morning service last Sunday in the London, North, Northern Ireland and Welsh Home services were from Doncaster Parish Church. The same bells will be heard for similar services on February 13th and February 20th.

Fellow Freemasons, mainly from the Lancashire Province, rang a peal at Worsley on January 29th in honour of the conferring of provincial rank on the president of the Lancashire Association, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, P.A.G.C.

Ringers from Thames Ditton travelled to Farnham Parish Church on January 26th to take part in the ringing for the induction service of their former Vicar, the Rev. Hedley R. Wilds, as the new Rector of Farnham. The bells were rung for an hour before the service to a variety of touches. Then ringers proceeded to the reserved seats in the church to join in the impressive service conducted by the Bishop of Guildford.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

70th Anniversary Celebrations

Bells were ringing from many Brighton and Hove church towers on January 29th, when 200 members of the Association were in Brighton to celebrate the Association's 70th anniversary.

The Bishop of Chichester (Dr. G. K. A. Bell), president, preached at a special service at Brighton Parish Church and afterwards attended a celebration dinner at the Savoy Cinema Restaurant.

The Bishop of Lewes (the Rt. Rev. Geoffrey H. Warde) was also present, with the Archdeacon of Chichester (the Ven. Lancelot Mason), the Vicar of Aldrington (the Preb. H. T. Mogridge) vice-presidents, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton (Ald. and Mrs. W. G. Dudeney). Other invited guests were Mr. E. J. Ladd and Mr. C. A. Bassett, chairman and secretary of the East Grinstead and District Guild; Mr. A. Harman and Mr. G. L. Grover, Master and secretary of the Guildford Guild; Mr. R. Davies and Mr. W. F. Oatway, Master and secretary of the Surrey Association; Mr. G. Pullinger, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.

The Archdeacon of Hastings, the Vicar of Brighton, Mr. F. W. Rogers (secretary of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) and Mr. T. W. White (Editor of 'The Ringing World') were unable to attend.

The Master of the Association (Mr. S. E. Armstrong, of Brighton) proposing the toast of 'The Church,' congratulated Dr. Bell on completing 25 years as Bishop of Chichester and president of the Association.

Mr. Armstrong pointed out that if it were not for the goodwill of the clergy there would be no ringing at all. Happily there was no incumbent in the diocese who had bells and said they must not be rung; and on no single occasion had he known an incumbent refuse or delay to attend a gathering of ringers, take their service and preach a sermon—and often take an interest in their domestic squabbles.

Mr. Armstrong suggested that ringers were the best insurance against the decay of a church tower's fabric. 'So long as you have bells in the tower, and they are rung regularly, nothing serious can happen to the tower,' he said. 'You have only to walk a few yards from here to see what has happened to a tower since the bells were last rung 40 years ago.'

Mr. Armstrong also paid special tribute to the work of lady bellringers.

The Bishop of Lewes, replying, said he was delighted to hear what Mr. Armstrong had said about the relationship between clergy and bellringers.

The clergy had had a very difficult time because of late people had not been so much attracted to the worship of God as their forefathers would have wished. But, added the Bishop, there were signs of improvement.

He welcomed the large number of really young ringers he found all over Sussex nowadays—'some of them almost babes in arms,' he added.

The toast of 'The Sussex County Association' was proposed by Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, who congratulated his colleagues on their 'magnificent' celebration. He also congratulated Sussex on playing a part in the Oecumenical Council, through Dr. Bell, 'which will have repercussions in the centuries to come.'

THREE VETERANS

Referring to the formation of the Association in Brighton 70 years ago, Dr. Hatcher paid tribute to three of its Brighton veterans of 60 years or more—William Hart, Frank Bennett and Harry Stalham—all of whom were present—to whom were later added the names of two absent colleagues, William Pelling, of Offham, and George Baker, of Brighton.

Dr. Hatcher concluded: 'First we are Christians; then Anglicans; and only after that are we ringers.'

In his reply, the hon. general secretary, Mr. R. W. R. Percy, of Willingdon, Eastbourne, told of the great strides the Association was making. At the 50th anniversary in 1935 there were 696 ringing members and 123 towers, of which 66 were affiliated. To-day there were 708 ringing members and 124 towers, of which 80 were affiliated.

The Mayor of Brighton responded to the toast of 'The Visitors,' proposed by the hon. treasurer (Mr. R. G. Blackman, of Chichester).

Mr. S. W. Brown, of Aldrington, was the toastmaster.

An informal social followed in the ballroom, arranged by the Western Division, with Mr. P. Blackman as M.C. Special mention must be made of the tune ringing on handbells, especially the rendering of Bach's Chorale 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.'

A very memorable and enjoyable day was brought to a close at 11 p.m.

Towers available for ringing during the afternoon were:—St. Peter's, St. Nicholas' and The Good Shepherd, Brighton, Aldrington, Hurstpierpoint and Keymer. Cars were made available by the Southern Division.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Axbridge Branch Has 204 Members

There were several youthful ringers amongst the 50 members at the annual meeting of the Axbridge Branch held at Brent Knoll on January 22nd. Ringing commenced at 3.15 p.m. and consisted of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Cambridge. The service was conducted by the Rev. Colin Marr, Vicar of Brent Knoll, the lessons being read by the chairman of the Branch, Preb. C. L. S. Alford.

The tea and meeting were held in the Anchorage, Brent Knoll. Officers elected were: Chairman, Preb. C. L. S. Alford; Branch secretary, Mr. E. C. Wickham; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Prescott.

The secretary, in his report, stated that the Branch was still making progress. To date there were 165 fully-paid members, with several towers still unpaid for 1954.

Income amounted to £21 12s Meetings had been held at Burnham-on-Sea, Compton Bishop, Lympsham, Cheddar, Westbury-sub-Mendip, Loxton, Congresbury, Shipham, Bleadon, Kewstoke and Burrington.

The Association welcomed Bleadon back to membership, and hoped that Loxton, Weare, Worle and Brent Knoll would be included in 1955.

Since the meeting the returns for membership total 204. E. C. W.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

'On the whole a successful year,' was a summary of the secretary's report presented at the annual meeting of the Society at Barnsley on January 15th. The report showed that the annual outing, both contests and the annual dinner had all been successful. Looking to the future the meeting agreed to an annual outing on July 2nd, and annual dinner on October 8th.

The hon. president, Canon A. P. Morley, not only conducted the service but presided at the meeting, at which nine towers were represented. New members elected were J. Hoyle, A. Smith, M. Caddick, B. Rothery (Brampton), G. Cooper, J. Coxon and R. Coxon (Felkirk). The officers were all re-elected. The next meeting will be held at Monk Bretton.

BELFRY GOSSIP — Continued

While listening on January 31st to Crawford White's broadcast at 12.15 describing the play in the Test match at Adelaide, a reader thought she heard some bells ringing. As Adelaide Cathedral overlooks the cricket ground, it is not impossible that this was practice night.

The peal at Sandhurst, Berks, recorded this week, is the first by the Sunday service band since 1922. Mr. C. W. Barlow rang in both peals, it being over 18 years since he last scored a peal. Mr. W. J. Paice's father rang in the first peal by the Sonning Branch at this tower in 1899. Mr. W. J. Parker has now 'circled' the tower to peals.

The best wishes of the Anstey ringers go with Mr. David S. Harris, who has recently joined the Royal Air Force. Not only will they miss a loyal and enthusiastic member of the band, but also the tower electrician and carpenter! Mr. Harris was also the instigator in getting Newtown Linford bells ringing again by giving a talk to the Scouts on Campanology, and he has helped to teach a band there.

St. Andrew's, Cheddar, is fortunate in having a ringing vicar in the Rev. J. T. George. At the second annual supper of the tower on January 17th attended by a company of 40, he said the future of belringing very largely depended on regular attendance by young members. He specially welcomed A. Pavey (9), C. Richardson and M. Collins, who had joined within the past 12 months. Other speakers included E. C. Wickham (captain), E. J. Small (tower secretary) and the churchwardens.

THE LADIES' GUILD

South Wales District Elected 29 Members Last Year

Some 80 ringers attended the annual meeting of the South Wales District held on January 29th at St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport. The service was conducted by the Rev. Granville Edgar, who, on behalf of the Dean, welcomed the Guild to St. Woolos'. An excellent tea was provided by the churchwardens and prepared by Mrs. Jenkins, Miss Trowbridge and their helpers.

At the business meeting it was reported that 29 new members had been elected during the year and that meetings had been well attended. Miss Lily Temlett, of Abergavenny, was elected vice-president. Committee members were: Mrs. Coles, Miss D. Hulbert, Mrs. Roderick and Miss J. Powell. Central Committee: Miss D. Hulbert and Mrs. Price. New members were elected from Bedwellty, Cefn-Coed, St. Woolos, Usk, Ebbw Vale and Porthkerry. It was decided to accept an invitation from St. Mellons to hold the next meeting there.

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 40

Maidstone Grammar School Change Ringing Society held their quarterly meeting at Bearsted on January 29th. An hour's ringing preceded the service, conducted by the Rev. J. Long.

Tea, in the Memorial Hall, was provided by Bearsted ringers and their wives, and the short business meeting followed, with the Rev. J. Long in the chair. Eight girls and six boys were elected members, bringing the total membership to about forty. The Society was congratulated by the chairman on the progress made since it was formed last year.

Ringers returned to the church, where they were helped by Mr. Cantrell, captain of Bearsted ringers, Mr. W. Manser, of Barming, and Mr. L. Holness, of Hadlow. The bells were kept ringing to rounds and methods, including Plain Bob, Single Oxford and Grandsire, until 8 o'clock.

RINGING IN A YORKSHIRE VILLAGE

By N. F. MOXON

President of the Barnsley and District Society of Change Ringers

IN the village of Cawthorne, situated in the West Riding of Yorkshire with a population of under 1,000 inhabitants, bell-ringing is an inseparable part of church life and indeed village life. Change ringing has been possible for nearly a century and during that period the bells have scarcely been silent, for a steady influx of ringers has always filled the gaps caused by retirement and death.

Until 1859 we possessed but three bells, although the Survey of 1552 gives 'Four belles . . . and one Sacryn belle,' which probably would include our two pre-Reformation bells, the 5th by Godfrey Heathcote and the 4th a 15th century bell bearing the inscription 'Michaelis' in Lombardic capitals. The church, now All Saints, was dedicated to St. Michael in the 16th century.

In 1859 Mrs. Spencer Stanhope, the wife of the squire, presented to the church three smaller bells cast by Messrs. John Taylor and, together with the old bells, which included the tenor cast in 1620 by William Oldfield, of York, made a fine ring of six. Cawthorne was now on equal terms with her neighbours, High Hoyland. Silkstone and Darton, all within a two-mile radius, which later included the new church of Hoylandswaine, also with six bells.

October 16th, 1859, was a great day at Cawthorne when the new bells were opened by ringers from Barnsley and the surrounding villages, and the village bard, Richard Stayton, was inspired to write a sonnet in this vein: 'Silkstone men that day took the lead, true hearts within them dwell and cleverly they played their part in opening Cawthorne bells.' About 400 people sat down to tea after the opening ceremony.

Two months later, a local history record states: 'Ringers of the Church of St. Mary, Barnsley, visited Cawthorne and tested the new peal of bells, being later entertained at the Golden Cross. Afterwards they performed a selection of polkas, quadrilles and waltzes, concluding with "God save the Queen" on their handbells.' The ringers apparently stayed the night at the inn, for the next entry is dated for the following day: 'Early this morning the Barnsley ringers roused the villagers of Cawthorne from their slumbers by giving a true and complete peal in a very masterly style, consisting of 5,040 changes, which was brought round in 3 hours and 4 minutes. The ringing was conducted by Thomas Dawn.'

EARLY PROGRESS

The young ringers of Cawthorne during the ensuing months were practising diligently under the tuition of their neighbours, and their efforts were rewarded, for on November 16th, 1861, they rang a peal on the bells in seven different methods—quite an achievement by a local band within two years of learning to ring. Apparently it was considered essential to have seven different methods in a minor peal. The band also entered the local contests without scoring much success.

From old parish magazines there are occasional references to the ringers, and in 1874 the Vicar writes: 'We still look forward to the time when our ringing will be punctual enough for us all to set our watches by.' In 1878 he makes another sly dig: 'The following lines which have been hung up in the belfry very well express the proper way and the work of church bell-ringing:—

'Church Bells are rung glad worshippers to cheer,
To call them to God's House for Service true,
None may ring others to God's worship here
Who do not mean themselves to worship too.'

It is not recorded that this verse brought about an increase in the church-going of the ringers, although part of a restoration scheme at this time caused the belfry door to be moved from the outside of the church to the inside.



CAWTHORNE PARISH CHURCH

OBTAINING A NEW CLOCK

At this period the old turret clock, which had been in service since 1715, was removed and a new clock by Gillott and Bland installed bearing the date 1877. An interesting story is related by the Vicar of that time of how the church got the new clock. 'One evening I was dining at Cannon Hall and when I arrived I found the family had already gone in to dinner and General Stanhope spoke of my being late. I said I was not late by the church clock. "My dear fellow, who goes by that clock? It's always getting wrong!" "I'm very glad you say so, General. I've long been wanting you to give us a new one." The General made no reply, but he afterwards gave a clock with three dials and it keeps perfect time.' During the latter part of the century the bells were rung consistently for services, and the parish magazines record special ringing for national occasions, but no records of peal ringing during that period exist.

In 1902 the Vicar reports at the Vestry meeting of the resignation of the old bell-ringers and appeals for names of 'anyone willing to learn the art of ringing and to make one of a new set of churchgoing bell-ringers.' 'It would be a good plan in the future if the bells always began punctually at 10 and 2.30 and rested for five minutes after being rung a quarter of an hour, then five minutes' more ringing and a single bell only for the last five minutes.' This plan gives rest to the ringers and makes their ringing tell the time.' One wonders how such advice would be received to-day. New recruits were not hard to find, for during the following year seven young men all rang extents and gave good service for many years. The first 720 of this new band was rung by Edgar Crossland 1, Aaron Fish 2, Harry Crossland 3, Clifford Robinson 4, William Midgley 5, Charles Shirt 6. Later in the week, Jack Fish also rang his first 720.

In 1906 the bells were quarter turned by Messrs. Mallaby and Co., of Barnby Don, at a cost of £65, and the magazine states: 'We desire to place it on record that our bells have been thoroughly overhauled and rehung at the sole expense of Sir W. S. Stanhope, K.C.B. The work was arranged for before we were ourselves aware of his generous intention.'

Two years later two of the pinnacles on the tower were rebuilt at a cost of £40, paid again by the squire. Alas! these days have now passed.

It was not until 1912 that the first peal was rung on the bells for the Yorkshire Association, being in seven different methods and conducted by George Hill, of Hoylandswaine. A link with the beginning of change ringing at Cawthorne was broken in 1916 by the death of George Hindle at the age of 76, he having been a ringer for over 50 years. In the cemetery is a headstone to his memory, on which is a representation of the 4th bell which he rang.

After the war there was a dispute with the Vicar over ringing for a wedding and the bells were silent for a time. However, the parson persuaded one of the ringers to form a new set from the youths of the village and ringing of a sort recommenced. As I was one of the learners I can speak of the difficulties encountered, but we managed to ring a lead of Oxford fairly well, and in March, 1920, we were given an important task of ringing for the funeral of Mrs. Stanhope. Our conductor and trainer seemed loath to raise the bells to fit the muffles, and to avoid making an unseemly noise we raised the bells by turning the wheels by hand. Those who have not attempted this task have missed a treat! Needless to say, we have since raised the bells in the orthodox way!

The following year a new Vicar came to Cawthorne who quickly brought back the skilled ringers, with a result that the young set were pushed out, and it is regrettable that only two maintained an interest and made the grade. However, the ringers could ring really well, and in 1925 succeeded in winning the Hoylandswaine Cup in a contest organised by a neigh-

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RINGING IN A YORKSHIRE VILLAGE—Continued

bouring parish. This success was followed by winning the cup the following year and again in 1928. The treble ringer of this team was Henry Crossland, and on July 4th, 1925, the eve of his 80th birthday, he rang in a peal at Cawthorne together with the Wath ringers. He had been ringing here for 62 years and continued for another five years, and finally passed away on April 24th, 1939, at the age of 94. He rang in two peals of 6,000 and eight peals of 5,000 changes.

Another stalwart, Edmund Dearnely, died in 1935 at the age of 84, after 57 years of ringing service. He took part in one 6,000 and two 5,000 peals. He had worked on the Cannon Hall Estate as a dry wall builder for 70 years, and a headstone representing dry wall construction was erected to his memory.

Retirement of the old set naturally made things difficult in the '30's, but when war broke out in 1939 new ringers were settling down and joining in the local contests, but with little success.

POST-WAR ENTHUSIASM

When the ban was lifted, ringing recommenced with great enthusiasm and the team in 1944 entered the Barnsley Shield contest. As there were teams with great reputations competing, the chances of Cawthorne were considered very poor, but to everyone's surprise we were declared the winners and the shield came to Cawthorne for the first time. Our joy at this success was greatly dampened by the death on July 14th of Clifford Robinson, who had taught most of the band to ring. We were successful again in 1950 and 1954, also runners-up on three occasions. The Hoylandswaine Cup was loaned to the Barnsley Society of Change Ringers for competition and was brought to Cawthorne in 1948, 1950, 1952 and 1953. These successes are very sweet, for we have tasted the bitterness of defeat on 20 occasions since the war in various competitions. Peal ringing at Cawthorne is not very popular amongst the ringers—about one per year. An exception was 1951 when we were anxious to score a Festival peal, but as the ropes were bad we decided to wait until the new ones arrived. After a long delay the ropes arrived at Christmas and we attempted the peal on the following Saturday, but lost it and the opportunity was gone.

The first peal after the war was rung on VE-Day by our team and consisted of seven extents of Oxford Treble Bob, which we fondly imagined was the first peal on the bells by a local band. It was not until later we learnt about the peal in seven methods rung at Cawthorne in 1861. Up to date 22 quarter peals have been rung at our tower since the war, including yearly date touches, which it was customary to ring on New Year's Eve, but it was found that festivities and long touches do not go well together, so an extent proved quite long enough.

In 1950 we won both the Barnsley Shield and Cup and decided to have a supper at the Golden Cross to celebrate our successes. Various ringers from neighbouring towers were invited to the meal, but as the accommodation was limited, wives and lady friends were not invited, to their great indignation. On the appointed day a thick fog spread over the district, and during the afternoon telephone messages were being received that buses had ceased to run, and it was apparent that the festive board would have many vacant places. The ladies were quickly notified and they joined the company, but not without expressing their opinions of the organisers.

The following year an attempt was made to ring as many different extents as possible, and the target achieved was 32, practically all for Sunday service ringing.

RINGING CUSTOMS

Regarding ringing customs it is usual to ring for the 8 a.m. service on Christmas Day and Easter Day, also on All Saints' Day, the Patronal Festival and New Year's Eve, it being imperative that the bells begin before midnight and continue through until the New Year is well in.

We also make a practice of acknowledging golden weddings, of which there were no less than five last year, and in 1949 we had the distinction of ringing for a diamond wedding.

As to older customs, we have the usual entries in the churchwardens' accounts:—

1684	Given to Ringers on Crownation Day	4	0
1688	For Ringing for the Prince of Wales	1	0
1691	For Ringing for the reduction of Ireland	2	0
1692	For Ringing for victory at sea ..	1	0

During the ensuing years are items recurring 'Bell wheel repairs.'

In the early part of the last century, when there were but three bells, the item, '3 new bell ropes £1 1s. 0d.,' occurs very frequently, often in successive years, and gives credence to the story which is told in this district: At a local Church Vestry Meeting the retiring churchwarden, on presenting his accounts, stated he had been able to show a credit balance due to the fact that no new bell ropes had been purchased during the past year, for he had examined the ropes and found them quite good. After the meeting he was approached by a previous churchwarden, who angrily exclaimed. 'Tha's spoilt it for all un us now, for we allus took t'owd ropes for cart ropes !'

Other items in the accounts state that Ben Taylor, the sexton, received £1 10s. per annum for ringing a bell daily at 5 a.m. and 8 p.m., and £1 1s. for ringing at 12 noon, but Ben apparently had defaulted on occasions, for in 1864 the vestry book reads: 'It was proposed . . . that the Churchwardens be instructed to inform the sexton that unless he keeps to his contract to ring the morning bell at 5 in the summer and 6 in the winter, 9/9 per quarter will be deducted from his salary.' This strong measure was definitely hitting Ben where it hurt! He certainly was a wily old bird, for a few years afterwards the churchyard was enlarged, and when the Vicar asked for a grave to be dug in the new part, Ben stated that there was still room in the old part. The truth was, of course, that the new ground was virgin soil and hard going. Ben continued to inter in the old part until one Sunday morning the Vicar was passing through the churchyard to officiate at Early Celebration and was horrified to see some whitened bones protruding from a mound of earth. Ben had disturbed some remains from a grave to make way for a newcomer, but his deceitfulness had been exposed by a thunderstorm during the night which had uncovered the remains he had carefully hidden.

METHODS RUNG

Of the methods rung at Cawthorne, Oxford Treble Bob easily holds primary place, Kent and Bob Minor finding little favour, but Duke of York. Violet and New London with their allied methods have been and are still very popular, due largely to the fact that the hunting down gives ease to the heavier bells. Being situated in a 'close lead' area, 'cartwheeling' is the custom at Cawthorne, and visitors from eight-bell towers find great difficulty in avoiding the 'open lead.'

Bell ropes with 'Yorkshire ends,' which have a foot of tufting at the end known as a 'billy,' are to be found in our tower and these also prove awkward to some of our visitors.

Keen interest in bell-ringing is shown in the village and a 'rough' touch or extent receives strong criticism, but it is satisfying to relate that an appeal to rehang the bells raised over £500 in a short time and the work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough. The rededication took place on October 17th, 1954.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Great admiration was expressed at the beautiful restorations recently carried out at St. George's, Camberwell, and St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, when the London County Association held its meeting on January 22nd attended by over 40 members. Particularly was the ringing chamber at Camberwell praised, where, in additon to the usual type of decoration, the ancient peal boards now look like new—due, it is understood, to the efforts of Mr. Blower and company. The service at this church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Ollyott) and a splendid tea was provided in the Church Hall.

The Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, presided at the business meeting, when the retiring officers were renominated for re-election.

The election of the following members was ratified: E. Edmondson (Codicote), J. A. Ainsworth (Fenham), W. J. Holmes (Putney), S. Nelson and M. Rowe (Ilford) and J. McPhail (Stratford), Mr. Robin Bruce Lindon, of St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg, Canada, was elected a member.

The votes of thanks included one to Mr. L. Brewer for his efficient arrangements, and to the ladies for the tea. Ringing under the direction of the Master reached London Surprise.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

With four towers available for ringing including Stoke-next-Guildford, about 60 ringers attended the annual meeting of the Guildford District on January 29th. The service was held at St. Mary's Church, where the Rev. C. G. Pearson officiated, and ample provision was made by the ladies of S. Nicolas' for the larger company than expected to tea.

The business was expeditiously dealt with, Mr. T. W. White being in the chair. In place of Mr. W. J. Robinson, who had left Guildford for Bedfordshire, Mr. F. J. Munday was elected District Ringing Master, and Mr. R. Kenward hon. Secretary. To the committee were elected Messrs. A. Hunter and W. Enticknap.

For meetings in 1955 the following towers were proposed: Puttenham, Shalford, Cranleigh, Wonersh and Bramley, Shere and Guildford.

New members elected were: Mr. H. Poyner (compounding), Ann Easton, Ann Bowler, Jeremy Bowler (Haslemere). The meeting recommended the Guild Executive to confer an honorary life membership on Mr. W. J. Robinson in recognition of his services.

Welcomed visitors to the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. S. Turner and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, of the Middlesex Association.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Probably on account of the weather, only 21 members attended the annual meeting of the Southern District held at Dorking, which is also in the Guildford Diocesan Guild area. However, the meeting resulted in Mrs. Clarke, the Misses Clear and Dowling, of Dorking, being elected members with Mr. S. Smith (Nutfield) and Mr. M. J. Tait (Merstham).

The District secretary (Mr. C. J. Champion) stated that 1954 had been an encouraging year with the development of combined practices as an outstanding feature. Nine peals had been rung and three members had rung their first.

Officers elected for 1955 were: Ringing Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon; hon. secretary, Mr. C. J. Champion; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Gear; hon. auditor, Mr. M. A. Northover; committee, Messrs. T. H. Bird, G. Olliver and D. J. Parr. Mr. Cannon was nominated as liaison officer with the Guildford Guild.

The Vicar (the Rev. K. D. Evans) presided and also conducted the service, for which the District secretary was privileged to act as organist. The highlight of the ringing was a well-struck course of London Surprise Major.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'TOO MUCH PASSIVE ACCEPTANCE'

Dear Sir, — I, too, must congratulate Mr. Frank Blagrove on his extremely well-reasoned reply to Mr. Felstead. Like Mr. Birmingham, I am afraid that I am still quite unconvinced as to the reasons for rejecting from the analysis peals of (a) Plain Bob Triples and (b) irregular Minor methods. I, personally, was taught to ring in a tower and by an instructor who made it clear to us that in his opinion the Plain Bob method was the essential basis for progress in change ringing, that such methods as Grandsire were more or less 'dead end' methods, and as such of only minor importance. If peals in any method were to be rejected, I would vote for the non-inclusion of Grandsire Triples; I say **if**—but it is quite beyond my comprehension to see why peals in **any** method which has good qualities should be rejected merely on the grounds which Mr. Felstead suggests.

Mr. Butler, in the last two paragraphs of his letter in the issue of January 21st, has found the crux of the matter; we are urged to abide by the Rules and Decisions of the Council, yet if the Methods Committee want a rule changed to suit themselves, it is brought forward as a 'recommendation' which the Council is expected to pass without question. Again the views expressed by Mr. Felstead and the Methods Committee are most certainly those of a very small percentage of ringers in this country, and I see no reason why the views of this small number should be imposed on the Exercise at large.

I would advise members of affiliated Societies to inform their Central Council representatives how to vote at the next meeting: and would also advise Council representatives who are given no definite instructions to vote according to their own consciences or according to the known views of members of their Society or Guild. There is, in my view, far too much passive acceptance of the so-called recommendations put forward by the Standing and other committees of the Council. Unquestionably in this matter of so-called 'irregular' methods, it is up to those who oppose the proposals of the Methods Committee to pull together and make known to the members of that committee the views of a very large number of ringers in this country.— Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND.

Hildenborough, Kent.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS

Dear Sir,—The composition of Cambridge Surprise Maximus by Mr. C. K. Lewis, in your issue of January 21st, is somewhat interesting, and in my opinion should be more often used so as to get the beauty of music out of the smaller bells. I called both peals of Plain Bob Caters and Cinques on the same plan; although they may be more or less illegitimate according to the Central Council Committee, they contained superior music to many Surprise methods.

Below is a 5,016 Stedman Cinques on a similar principle:—

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Five times repeated, adding three bobs at five in the first part, Singles at one in third and sixth parts.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

PEAL RECORDS

Dear Sir,—As far as my records are concerned, I confirm that the peals at Newborough, Staffs, and Kintbury, Berks, are the first on the bells. The recent peal at Colne, Lancs, was the first for 20 years. The peal of Stedman Triples at Evesham, although the first on the recast and augmented bells, was not the first of that method in the tower. Actually, the very first peal there on December 27th, 1889, was of Stedman Triples, but such was the state of the bells that it took three men to ring the tenor—James W. Washbrook, Henry L. James and Francis Jelf. Well-known ringers taking part included Francis E. Dawe (conductor), Henry R. Newton and the Rev. F. E. Robinson. A second peal of Stedman Triples was rung on January 8th, 1916.

I apologise to Mr. Evans for the mistake about Presteigne. I don't like the idea of throwing the blame elsewhere (even though I seem to be getting blamed for all sorts of things which are not always my fault, these days!), but the mistake is due to my following the lists in Mr. Dove's book, as I have previously explained. I trust that the pointing out of these errors will be helpful to him sometimes in preparing a second edition, for which I, for one, am waiting eagerly, having ruined my original copy in putting together my peal records. Mr. Evans is correct about nine peals at Eardisland since the new octave was installed—but this is again a question of 'time-lag,' my article having been written some weeks before publication (after all, there is no hurry about them and the Editor inserts them when he has the space and this sometimes means a gap of several weeks even though he has the copy). For Mr. Evans' information, 15 peals have been rung at Leintwardine, the first in 1907 and 9 from 1907 to 1911; then comes a gap until 1928, and then three peals in the 1930's. Two in 1948 and 1952 complete the 15, but there have been none on the eight yet, as he says. I am grateful to him for the information about the unringable towers—this will be noted, of course.

Re Blockley, Glos, I find that the last peal I have recorded there was one of Cambridge Major on May 7th, 1932, so the footnote to the recent peal is quite correct. This is true also of the peal at All Saints', Eastbourne, where, I see, there have only been four peals previously—Grandsire Triples in 1901, 1902 and 1919, and Stedman Triples in 1919 (no Major yet!) The peal at Brailsford, Derbys, was the first for 40 years, the only previous peal having been rung in April, 1914.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

RULES AND REASONS WANTED

Dear Sir,—In recent issues of 'The Ringing World' there has been much correspondence regarding both methods and the Methods Committee. From the feelings expressed in 'The Ringing World' and the impressions one gets at ringing meetings, the majority of ringers seem to be against the Methods Committee regarding such methods as Bob Triples, etc.

If this is the case, why is it that the Central Council appears to be going against the members' wishes and has submitted **no real** season for its action?

Why is it that no booklet of rules can be purchased, written in a language we can all understand? At the present it appears rather like a child's game; the rules being altered to suit the players.—Yours faithfully,

ALAN R. ELLIOTT.

Kelvedon, Essex.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Melton Mowbray Carried On Despite Old-Fashioned Winter

In most parts of the country Saturday, January 22nd, followed a week of snow and ice and all the usual hardships of an 'old-fashioned' winter. In short, it was not a day for long journeys if they could be avoided, and it was therefore most gratifying that the meeting at Melton Mowbray was attended by some who no doubt regarded it as a duty to make the journey and one hopes they were able to go away regarding it as a pleasure. Certainly the Vicar of Melton (Canon C. M. S. Clarke) had done all in his power to make the occasion a success.

A really beautiful service commenced at 4 p.m. with a full choir under the direction of Mr. H. L. Barnes, the organist. The choir sang an anthem, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and the second lesson was read by Mr. Harold J. Poole, the president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, wearing his robes as a lay canon of Leicester Cathedral. Canon Clarke prefaced his address with an apology from the Rev. W. E. Pilling, Rector of Market Bosworth, who was to have been the special preacher but was unable to do so due to indisposition. From the surrounding villages the Vicars of Eaton, Old Dalby and Great Dalby were present, the two last-named being robed for the service, together with the Rev. E. W. K. Bailey, one of the Melton curates.

Tea was served in the Colles Hall and was followed by the annual District meeting, with Mr. Fred Williams, the District chairman, presiding. Mr. Poole addressed a few appropriate remarks of encouragement to the District and of welcome to the non-ringers, including the visiting clergy. Regret was expressed that Mr. Paul L. Taylor, a vice-president, who had been present at the service, was unable to stay for tea and meeting as he was not feeling too well. The presence of Mr. P. J. Staniforth, chairman of the Leicester District, was noted with pleasure. Also in the company were Mrs. Arthur S. Richards, of West Wickham, Kent, and several visitors from the Coventry Guild.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Mr. Fred Williams as chairman, and Mr. J. H. Cook as secretary, with Messrs. T. Templeton (Melton) and A. E. Hinman (Kirby Bellars) as the District committee. Mr. Cook wished to be relieved of the duties of 'Ringing World' correspondent and Mr. P. A. Corby was elected to take over.

In his report Mr. Cook referred to the activities of a very successful year with a high average attendance. The District dinner at Scalford on December 4th had been the usual success and members had on that occasion been greatly honoured by the presence of the secretary of the Central Council, Mr. E. A. Barnett, and Mrs. Barnett, as well as the president of the Guild and Mrs. Poole. There had been a most successful outing to Oxford on Whit Monday.

Later in the meeting it was announced that the collection at the service amounted to £3 12s. 1d. in aid of the Church Organ Fund, which now stands at £4,300, just over half the £8,000 required. The ringers were very happy to be associated with such a worthy cause.

There was more ringing in a variety of methods until a late hour.

SOME SUGGESTIONS

Dear Sir,—Now that the first peal of Nechells Surprise has been rung, may we expect shortly the first peals of Hams Hall Bob and Wake Green Delight?—Yours faithfully,

J. D. MOZLEY.

Aintree, Liverpool.

ADLINGTON, LANCS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Crossthwaite 1, E. Baldwin 2, T. Barker 3, F. Brownlow 4, J. Blackburn 5, E. R. Martin (cond.) 6, A. Hatch 7, L. Walmsley 8. For the patronal festival.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. H. Paine 1, Hazel Stevenson (first 'inside') 2, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 3, Valerie Mepham 4, H. W. Brown 5, R. D. Brown 6. A compliment to Hazel Stevenson and Arthur Craven on their engagement.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Lincolnshire Surprise Major: C. Aylett 1, F. W. Perrens 2, J. W. T. Taylor 3, P. Williamson 4, W. Stote (cond.) 5, H. Summers 6, J. L. Garner Hayward 7, D. A. Carpenter 8. First quarter in the method by the Sunday service band. Rung for Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Castledine 1, C. Harwood 2, P. Stacey 3, L. Hughes 4, Miss K. P. Hutton (first as (cond.) 5, D. Sutcliffe 6, W. Collins 7, E. Buck 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Jan. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Monica Smerdon 1, Joyce Fishlock 2, Shelagh Whitehouse 3, R. I. Parsons 4, N. Hobden 5, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, Gillian R. Parsons 8. First quarter by 1 and 3.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Jan. 17th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Lyman 1, Rhoda Brown 2, D. Brown 3, P. White 4, F. Leggott 5, J. Dewey 6, A. Mills 7, R. Brown (cond.) 8. Rung to commemorate the 4th centenary of the Boston Grammar School.

BRAUNTON, DEVON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Mallett 1, M. Mundy 2, N. Walters 3, K. Walters 4, C Rook 5, D. Jewell 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, S. G. Sully 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Sayer, of St. Thomas', Exeter, on their wedding anniversary.

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: J. D. Painter 1, Miss M. A. Swann 2, Miss G A. Smith 3, J. H. Fielden 4, B. J. Stafford 5, W. T. Cook 6, W. J. Ridgman 7, C. M. P. Johnson (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Shipton 1, Phyllis Gray 2, J. Taylor 3, E. Izzard 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, D. Wooding 6.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 29th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: A. Hume 1, E. Furbank 2, E. J. Runter 3, W. Glover 4, L. J. Clark (cond.) 5, B. Hines (first of Grandsire Caters) 6, J. Sitch 7, R. C. Thrift 8, P. J. Eves 9, J. Crawley 10. Also 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. Hume 1, E. Furbank 2, E. J. Runter 3, R. C. Thrift 4, L. J. Clark 5, R. Groves 6, J. Sitch 7, J. Crawley 8, B. Hines 9, P. J. Eves (cond.) 10. First of Kent Treble Bob Royal for 1, 6 and 8. Rung for the winter festival of the Friends of Chelmsford Cathedral.

CLAWTON, DEVON.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. G. Pearce 1, C. Sangwin 2, H. Stacey 3, S. Littlejohns 4, J. W. Sangwin (cond.) 5, F. Gilbert 6.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On Jan. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Gubb 1, L. Walters 2, B. M. Boyle 3, K. Walters 4, F. Yeo 5, D. Jewel 6, D. Beacham 7, N. Mallet (cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 2 and 4.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. G. Baverstock 1, Miss J. M. Gray 2, Miss M. T. Mackenzie 3, G. Baverstock 4, P. K. Waterman (cond.) 5, J. Baverstock (first quarter) 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Harris.

ELLAND, YORKS.—On Jan. 15th, 1,296 Plain Bob Major: J. Pearson (cond.) 1, H. B. Schofield 2, Mrs. M. Schofield 3, P. Birkett 4, D. Smith 5, A. Rogers 6, F. Linfoot 7, A. W. Bond 8. First in method for 2, 3, 5 and 6.

GREAT BOWDEN, LEICS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Flude (first quarter) 1, R. Cousins 2, J. Fisher 3, F. Arnold 4, E. Martin (cond.) 5, E. Gilbert (first quarter) 6. Rung for the dedication of the new treble bell. First quarter by the local band.

GREAT LONGSTONE, DERBYS.—On Jan. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Bennett 1, R. H. Bullen 2, G. H. Paulson 3, D. S. Gregory 4, H. E. Taylor 5, Rev. G Gordon Graham (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. T. N. Rose-Price, who leaves Longstone to become Vicar of All Saints', Matlock.

QUARTER PEALS

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. R. Barrow 1, Miss G. A. Smith 2, W. Booth (cond.) 3, J. A. Smith 4, G. E. Dann 5, F. W. Greenaway 6. First quarter for 4 and 6. Rung for morning service.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Peacock 1, F. Warrington (cond.) 2, F. Elsom 3, O. Norman (first in method) 4, E. J. Parish 5, W. Papworth (first in method) 6. Rung before Matins.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Huntspill New Bob, Spliced Winchendon Place and Longford S.C., St. Nicholas and Longford S.C.; 240 each of St. Martin's and Rugby S.C., St. Simon's and Rugby S.C.; 120 of Reverse Canterbury, 120 Plain Bob; 44 changes of method: Miss V. Phillips (first quarter) 1, M. A. Richardson 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, W. L. Weller 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5. First in ten methods for all except the conductor. Rung to mark the 70th anniversary of the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers, and a 14th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. Creak 1, Mrs. K. Parr 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Miss E. Farrell 4, A. Thirst 5, S. Croft 6, T. Davies 7, H. W. Rogers 8. A farewell to the Rev. Clive Sergeant, who is taking up duties at Colindale.

IXWORTH, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. King 1, L. Pierce (first of Grandsire) 2, L. Sharpe 3, E. Bishop 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. G. Brown (cond.) 1, L. Pierce 2, B. H. King 3, R. Rose 4, L. Sharpe 5.

KILBURN, N.W.—At the Church of St. Augustine, on Jan. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Beatrice Hart 1, Dorothy Watts 2, Elsie Lankester 3, Jean Abercrombie (first quarter on 8) 4, Audrey Barker 5, C. E. Lankester 6, W. E. Eveleigh 7, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 8.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Boyce 1, F. A. Strickland 2, R. P. Selway (cond.) 3, A. W. Dyer 4, W. Turk 5, R. Boyce 6. An 82nd birthday compliment to Mrs. Farrant, wife of the local tower captain.

MORTON, DERBYS.—On Jan. 18th, 1,320 Minor (240 Little Bob, 1,080 Plain Bob): S. H. Towndrow 1, R. Frost (first quarter 'inside') 2, M. Wright 3, E. G. Holdgate 4, P. H. Wright 5, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6. Also on Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (660 Grandsire, 600 Plain Bob): P. H. Wright 1, R. Frost (first of Doubles) 2, M. Wright 3, W. Swain 4, B. A. Richards (cond.) 6.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—On Dec. 31st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Doubles (480 Bob, 780 Grandsire), with 7, 6, 8 covering: D. Elliott 1, I. Taylor 2, A. Ham 3, O. Tayler 4, E. Morley 5, R. Collins (first quarter) 6, R. Cowdry 7, P. Lambert 8.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Crookshank (first of Minor) 1, V. Green (first 'inside') 2, J. Hadfield 3, M. Stone 4, R. Trebilcock 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. Before morning service. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire: R. Brown 1, J. Crookshank (first in two methods and first 'inside') 2, J. Hadfield 3, M. Stone 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Gallop 6. Rung before Evensong.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Jackson 1, D. A. Edwards 2, D. Hodgson 3, M. H. R. Glover 4, P. R. Sanders 5, J. J. P. Ellams 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, D. F. Manning (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples for 4, 5 and 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Jan. 9th, at St. Mary, Portsea, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Marion Parker (first quarter of Major) 1, J. D. Harris 2, R. W. Parker 3, L. D. Duguid 4, A. York Bramble 5, T. R. Taylor 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. For Evensong.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: S. Hodgkins 1, T. G. Cox 2, J. M. Clarke 3, O. Payne 4, D. Priestley (cond.) 5, G. Smith (first quarter) 6, J. Clifton (first quarter) 7, C. Whitworth 8. Rung to welcome back from the Forces J. Clifton, and for the 82nd birthday of 'Pop' Stapleton, a local ringer.

SALISBURY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Bacon (first quarter) 1, Yvonne Eloie 2, Jennifer Stephens 3, F. L. Harris 4, Margaret Page 5, W. Theobald 6, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 7, J. Lewis 8. A farewell to the Rev. A. L. Luker, assistant curate, on his preferment to St. Swithun's, Allington; also congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Harris on the birth of a son.

SEND, SURREY.—On Jan. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Goldstone 1, Miss D. Gibbons 2, Miss P. Drury 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, G. Whittle 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Silvester.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (1,080 Plain Bob, 180 Grandsire): H. Paul lead, A. Thornton (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Render (first quarter) 2, E. M. Bradley 3, Miss D. M. Hawley (cond.) 4, A. Sheppard 5, J. Potts 6.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss M. Procksom 1, T H. Francis (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 3, D. Beresford 4, J. L. Morris 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, A. J. House 7, W. Procksom 8, F. J. Matthews 9, P. Beresford 10. Also on Jan. 9th, 1,280, Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. C. J. Matthews 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, A. R. Ling 4, W. R. Winterton 5, F. J. Matthews 6, R. F. Deal 7, T. H. Francis (cond.) 8.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Jan. 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Lawton (first of Minor) 1, G. F. Olney (first of Minor 'inside') 2, T. P. Harris (cond.) 3, S. J. Ivin 4, J. F. Olney 5, D. R. Brazier 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John F. Scott, a former ringer at Silsoe, interred this day.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 23rd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Eley 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, C. Hone 3, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. Malin 7, J. Moore 8. First in method for 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7. Rung for morning service, a birthday compliment to the conductor, and a compliment to John Moore, of Heston, and Eileen Bracey, of Hethersett, on their recent engagement.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Jan. 10th, 1,440 Doubles (8 extents of Grandsire and 4 of Plain Bob): M. A. C. Sinfield, R. Lennard 2, J. Taylor 3, P. J. Shipton 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. J. Midgley (first on treble in method) 1, Jill Tombs (first 'inside' in method) 2, Mrs. R. Smith 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, A. L. Dunn 5, R. Smith (cond.) 6, R. Cooper 7, D. H. Watson 8. Rung for Evensong, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. All members of the local band.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, A. G. Farndell (first quarter in method) 3, R. Charge 4, T. Welbourne 5, J. Chapman 6, R. F. Story (cond.) 7, S. Howard 8. A birthday compliment to R. Sanders (81), also to Mr. F. V. Sinkins (90), the latter being unable to take part owing to indisposition.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (being two extents each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Plain Bob and 60 of Grandsire): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, Mrs. S. H. Jones 2, Miss A. S. Noble 3, A. J. Marriott 4, P. Marriott (cond.) 5, W. Noble 6. A 77th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Noble, who has been ringing for 62 years.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On Jan. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. J. W. Abbott 1, J. W. Rose 2, Dorothy M. Nice (first of Plain Bob Minor) 3, Betty J. Marsh 4, C. H. Smart 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6.

WILBY, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Riley (first quarter) 1, D. King 2, H. Plowman 3, R. Wykes (first 'inside') 4, C. Partridge (cond.) 5, M. King 6.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Jan. 25th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): J. C. Macbeth (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Nice 2, J. H. Edwards 3, E. Leggett 4, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 5, B. Gibbons 6.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.—On Jan. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. B. Nunn 1, D. Bailey 2, E. Benton 3, J. Dowe 4, H. Lubbock 5, A. Boyce 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Samuel Nunn, for many years a ringer at St. Mary's Church, who died on Jan. 21st.

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY HOLLANDS FLOWER

The death took place suddenly on Saturday, January 8th, at Sandown, I. of W., of an old College Youth in the person of Mr. Henry Hollands Flower, who for many years had lived in retirement. He was once a member of St. Giles', Camberwell. A reliable treble man, his last two quarter peals were rung at Niton in the latter part of the summer.

He was buried on January 12th at Sandown. Around the grave a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by R. Reed (Ringwood) 1–2, L. Bailey (Godshill) 3–4, W. Upton (Newport) 5–6, C. A. Drake (Carisbrooke) 7–8.

MR. E. J. GALE

Mr. Ernest Bartram, of Melton Mowbray, writes:—

It may interest a number of ringers in the St. Albans, Bedford and Peterborough Districts to know that the late Mr. E. J. Gale apparently commenced his ringing career at Melton Mowbray. He rang 12 peals—one Doubles, four Minor, two Bob Triples and five Grandsire Triples—in this district. His first peal, also my late father's first peal, was rung at St. Mark's Church, Leicester, on November 26th, 1898, Grandsire Triples, conducted by the late William Willson, and that grand Leicester veteran, Josiah Morris, rang the sixth. Mr. Gale's last peal in this district was at Ashby Folville on September 6th, 1902. He returned to this district in 1919, after being at Kentish Town for a long time, but he did not ring in any more peals, although he used to attend for practice and Sunday ringing.

MR. S. QUINTRELL

Mr. S. Quintrell, of St. Columb, Cornwall's oldest bell-ringer, died on January 9th at the age of 99 years.

He had been a ringer since 1872 at St. Columb, and had been captain of the tower since 1874, thus giving 83 years' service. Mr. Quintrell rang regularly up to about 18 months of his death, when inability to climb the steps stopped him, but he still retained his captaincy. When the eight bells were rehung in 1950 the treble bell was recast and his name inscribed on it.

Although he was brought up in competitive and call change ringing, he liked to hear well-struck method ringing, and a peal became an annual event on the occasion of his birthday, December 13th, by the Truro Diocesan Guild. Last year the Guild rang a peal of Grandsire Triples.

The funeral took place on the following Wednesday at St. Columb Cemetery. The Rector, the Rev. A. G. Cooke, officiated and paid tribute to Mr. Quintrell's record and his endeavour through his many years as captain of the ringers to promote harmony among them.

The bearers were fellow-ringers—Messrs. J. Knight, F. Minnear, F. Tucker, H. Webber, H. Caddy and P. Thorpe. Amongst those attending were the Rev. J. A. Chesterton, Rector of St. Mawgan, A. H. Eplett (Truro Diocesan Guild), W. E. Henwood (St. Columb Minor ringers), R. F. Harris (Perranzabuloe ringers), and J. Rowe (Withiel and Roche ringers).

The bells were rung muffled by St. Columb ringers in the evening. Those taking part were Messrs. W. Crapp, R. Roberts (grandson), F. Minnear, F. Tucker, J. Knight, H. Webber, G. Key, H. Caddy, J. Knight, P. Thorpe, A. Minnear, J. Minnear, R. Nelson, H. Abbott and J. Rowe.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' February 12th, 1915

LADY RINGER INJURED IN AIR RAID

Miss Adcock, a member of the Ladies' Guild and the Norwich Association, who resides at King's Lynn, had a narrow escape during the recent air raid. She was just retiring to bed when one of the German bombs fell in a recreation ground about 60 yards distant. All the windows of the house were smashed and Miss Adcock was severely cut by flying glass. We are glad to be able to say that she has made good progress, although for the first week she suffered severely from shock.

[The first time, one imagines, that such an unpleasant experience befell a ringer.]

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Wellingborough Branch Annual

Wellingborough's ring of eight with a tenor of 28 cwt. proved a bit too heavy for some of the young members and ladies who attended the branch's annual meeting on January 22nd. The branch president, the Rev. W. C. Knight, conducted the service and gave an address, and a company of 72 sat down to an excellent tea provided by Mrs. J. King and helpers.

During the business proceedings the secretary presented his annual report and balance sheet. Receipts exceeded expenditure by £6 2s. 8d. The average attendance for the four meetings during the year was 76. Two honorary and 20 ringing members were elected during the year, but the secretary had crossed off 26 names for various reasons.

All the officers were re-elected en bloc. Nine new ringing members were elected (three from Wellingborough, two from Finedon and four from Rushden, including the curate, the Rev. A. B. Martin). It was decided to visit Great Doddington, a five-bell tower, for the next quarterly meeting. A discussion took place to try to find a way of helping the Guild's general account financial position, and most of those present were in favour of paying some part of the cost of reports.

Courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung after the meeting on a set of handbells size 22 by Messrs. M. King, J. King (Ringing Master), A. Bigley (hon. secretary and treasurer) and J. Skerritt.

'LONDON SURPRISE': SECOND LEAD

A very successful invasion of London by the Ladies' Guild and some friends took place on January 29th. The rendezvous was St. Gabriel's, Warwick Square, Westminster, where there are officially eight bells. The state of this tower reflected credit on nobody; the Vicar, who had had no idea that the bells were not in good working order, was appalled. He is going to do several things about it at the next Parochial Church Council meeting. After a short prayer we began. It was impossible to fix the tenor rope, and extremely difficult to ring rounds on the seven.

We went on to St. Mary's, Lambeth, where the contrast was marvellous, for this must be one of the best cared for towers in London, and probably the country.

St. George's, 'up the Borough,' was entered through the crypt. After ringing a little while the tenor rope slipped the wheel, and when replaced the neatly-tied tail-end was only reached by the two tallest, wielding a broom!

After lunch we went to St. Giles-in-the-Fields. We would like to record that the old rhyme 'Brickbats and tiles . . .' should be revised to 'Welcoming Smiles . . .'

Finally we went to the Ladies' Guild annual District meeting at St. Matthew's, Clapton, having thoroughly enjoyed 'London Surprise.' 'What a way to spend one's birthday!' sighed the organiser.

J. S.

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BIRTH

HARRIS.—On January 16th, 1955, at Salisbury Infirmary, to Jean M. Harris, wife of F. L. Harris, a son. 5813

DEATHS

CRUMP.—On February 1st, 1955, Reginald Peter, dearly loved son of Mr. and Mrs. Crump, and brother of John, of 21, Westbeech Road, Wood Green, London, passed peacefully to his rest after a short illness. 5819

HARRISON.—On February 1st, 1955, at 20, Chapel Street, Diss, Norfolk, in his 89th year, William Henry Harrison, dearly loved father of Albert G. Harrison and grandfather of Kathleen I. Harrison, 50 years verger and ringer, Diss Parish Church. 5826

WHITE.—On Saturday, February 5th, Frederick White, of 68, Stratford Road, Luton, formerly of Tunbridge Wells and Cranbrook, aged 73, after a long illness. 5832

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MISCELLANEOUS

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The quarterly meeting originally fixed for Feb. 19th will be held at Lutterworth on March 19th.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 5831

PIPE'S PILGRIMS' tour of Lancashire, July 31st to August 6th inclusive. Last tour. 38 grand towers, average 25 cwt. Applicants, old and new, please notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 5835

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Saturday, Feb. 12th, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6. Ringing, St. Luke's, Chelsea, 4 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 5750

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Fitzhead, Feb. 12th. Bells 6.15 p.m.—A. H. Read, Hon. Sec. 5830

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Clay Cross (6), Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 5779

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Exminster (8), Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 5740

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Speldhurst (8), Feb. 12th.—C. A. Bassett. 5796

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Upwell, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 5787

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—District annual meeting at Farnham (8) on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Ringing 2.30-4.30 p.m. only. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Owen Hall at 5.15 p.m., followed by social evening. Tea 2s. Social (including refreshments) 2s.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5731

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—By-meeting at East Farleigh, Feb. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 5759

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Dedication of recast ring of 8 at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3.30 p.m. A tea (free) provided only to those who send names, by Feb. 8th, to Major Crook, 6, Manningham Road, Bolton. 5763

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — First Monday each month, practice, 7.15, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Feb. 12th, A.G.M., St. John's, Waterloo Road (Festival Church), 2.45-4. Southwark Cathedral 3.15-4.45. Service 5. Tea, business and handbell competition, Chapter House, 5.45. Names for tea, please. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth, HOU 3921. 5808

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — North and East District.—Annual meeting at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Saturday, Feb. 12th, 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business. Bells at St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30 to 4 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5775

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Measham, Saturday, Feb. 12th. Bells (8) 2.45. Tea 5 p.m.—J. W. Cotton (Overseale 264). 5772

OXFORD GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held in St. Laurence's Hall, Reading, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Service 4.15 p.m. Ringing: St. Giles', 3-4 p.m.; St. Laurence's, Caversham and Tilehurst after the meeting.—N. E. Colley. 5792

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Annual meeting, Saturday, Feb. 12th, at Prittlewell. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by meeting. 5782

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Annual meeting, Arundel, on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Service 4.30. Tea in St. Mary's Hall at 5. Followed by business meeting. 5833

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Meeting, Weston-in-Gordano, Feb. 19th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 5824

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Kingstone, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Drayton, Langport. 5821

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — St. Paul's, Bedford.—A 10-bell practice will be held on Feb. 19th. Bells available 5 p.m. till 6.30 p.m., 7 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Short service 6.30 p.m. 5823

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Wistaston, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be received by Feb. 16th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5840

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Saviour's, Oxton, Birkenhead, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea provided free for those notifying by Thursday, 17th, at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5839

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Meeting at Birmingham, Feb. 19th. Ringing at Cathedral 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. Martin's Parish Church 6-8 p.m., by invitation of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Own arrangements for tea. — J. L. Garner-Hayward. 5806

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, North Wingfield, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Thursday, 17th, to Mrs. Wain, Church Lane, North Wingfield, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5814

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5828

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Hemingford Abbots on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 5841

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Burwash, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 16th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 5811

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Wheathampstead, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (6). Ringing 3 to 7.30 p.m. Kimpton available evening.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5815

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Feb. 19th, at High Halden (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Feb. 15th, to Mr. J. F. Burden, 23, The Chennels, High Halden.—W. P. G. 5774

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Broughton-in-Furness, on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5836

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Anne's Parish Church, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 5837

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at Brookfield Unitarian, Gorton, Feb. 19th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Bus 125 from Piccadilly. All welcome.—R. Benson. 5838

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next Rossendale and Blackburn Branch meeting will to be held at Haslingden on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3 Cups of tea at 5. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 5834

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Annual dinner and social, Feb. 19th, Village Hall, Sapcote. Bells available 4. Dinner 6.30 prompt. Tickets 7s. 6d. Names, by Wednesday, Feb. 16th, to Mr. F. Measures, 58, Lychgate Lane, Burbage, Hinckley. 5800

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Great Bowden, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Feb. 17th, to Canon R. Chalmers, Great Bowden Vicarage, Market Harborough.—L. W. Allen. 5822

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Annual meeting, Spalding, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Tea for only those who send their names, before Feb. 15th, to Mr. J. G. Ames, 22, Willow Walk, Spalding. 5757

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH. — Llandaff Branch. — Annual meeting, Pontypridd, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting.—R. E. Coles, Branch Sec. 5778

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Annual dinner, Feb. 19th, White Lion, Upper Thames Street, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing: 2.45 St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green (8); 4.15 St. Olave's, Hart Street (8). Service 5.30, St. Olave's, Hart Street. Tickets, 10s. 6d., from Graham McKay, Hon. Sec., Halliday Hall, South Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4. 5790

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Heston, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) from 4. Tea 5.15. Names for tea appreciated, to Mr. J. B. Sansom, 4, Shaftesbury Avenue, Norwood Green. Norwood Green bells (6) 2.30-4. Subscriptions now due.—J. D. Rock, Hon. Sec., 346, Staines Road, Bedfont, Feltham. 5817

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch. — Annual meeting, Loddon, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Feb. 16th, certain, to Mr. H. W. Barrett, Fernhill, Bungay Road, Loddon.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 5781

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Adderbury (8) on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. All welcome. Please notify for tea.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. Phone 350. 5773

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Howden, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (moderate charge) Mrs. Tasker's Cafe. Please send names, on or before 17th, to Mr. E. Newham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5818

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Annual meeting, Shoreham-by-Sea (St. Mary's), Feb. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by Feb. 17th.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 5809

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The postponed annual meeting arranged for Feb. 5th will now take place, Saturday, Feb. 26th, at Diss. Same arrangements. Please notify again for tea by 22nd.—Albert G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 5827

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Boyne Hill, Feb. 26th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea before 21st. —Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5842

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting, Woodstock, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, King's Arms Hotel, 5. Bells also available: Bladon 2-3 p.m. and after meeting. Please notify for tea, Miss Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 5829

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting at Nutfield, Feb. 26th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Feb. 23rd, to Miss M. Kempsall, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield. 5820

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FRESH POSSIBILITIES

'THERE is nothing new under the sun. It has all been done before,' said Sherlock Holmes to Inspector Gregson, and the inspector's complete ignorance of the history of poisoning debarred him from debating the question with the famous specialist. There is a belief in many quarters of the ringing exercise that little or nothing new can be discovered in the realms of method construction and composition. The Minor and Major methods (and their extensions) are reputed to be reducible to certain formulæ and their total number capable of computation, while all that is of value from Doubles to Cinques is said to be known. Of compositions in the standard methods it is often stated that there is much repetition, and that peal compositions worked out long ago by industrious composers are frequently put forward by modern investigators as their own discoveries.

Whether the view that nothing new is obtainable is correct to any degree is not easy to determine, and indeed it would need, as Mr. Peter Border said recently, either a prodigious memory or a phenomenal filing system in order to maintain a dogmatic opinion on the matter.

Certainly a contemplation of the vast flood of creative work, good, bad and indifferent, that swept through the columns of 'The Bell News' fifty and sixty years ago might lead one to conclude that virtually every acre of ground had been explored. One might have said that Dains had drained the well of Double Norwich, that Trollope's huge collection of Bob Major figures had brought enterprise in this method to an end, that the mass production of Stedman Caters and Cinques by Carter and Lindoff had supplied not only all demands but also the final formula for the composition of any further peal. Grandsire Caters seemed worked out; Stedman Triples was said to present scarcely a problem, apart, of course, from what was deemed impossible. Heywood's brilliant exposition of Stedman Triples opened the gate of entry to twin-bob composition, but at the same time seemed by the finality of its conclusions to render useless certain avenues of exploration. Dr. Carpenter's valuable collection of opening and turning courses set the seal on Davies' fine book on Stedman, impressing us with a sense of completeness, as though here the last word had been said on the question of getting Stedman Caters into the Tittums and back to rounds.

Time has shown that the last word in these matters has not been said. This century has been marked by an ever-increasing intensity of the study of methods and method construction. There has been an almost incredible manifestation of new methods and variations, so that even to-day, when some say that the supply is exhausted, fresh arrangements of the familiar material of hunting, dodging and place-making are set before us for our diversion.

Composition, too, seems limitless. Despite Dains, fresh peals of Double Norwich may be found; despite Trollope, Bob Major may yet be found to provide some new small entertainment. Stedman Caters, as Mr. Roberts clearly shows us, can yet bring some novelty; Grandsire Caters still holds possibilities for the unconventional explorer. And now, to add weight to these considerations, we have the new peal of Cambridge Maximus in the Tittums, produced by Mr. C. K. Lewis and called by John Worth at Macclesfield.

The reason for this ever opening field for creative enterprise would seem to be found in the essential vitality of change ringing, a characteristic that gives delightful scope for getting away from convention. Convention has been an important factor in the life of change ringing, a power, indeed, that could have crushed experiment and enterprise and possibly have destroyed change ringing itself. But throughout the three hundred years of the art there has been the same cycle: experiment ending in convention, then revolt against convention with an attendant enterprise and experiment, and the establishment of fresh conventions.

In Annable's day Tittum ringing was the correct form of Cater composition, and the single was a rather disreputable device, to be used only when unavoidable. In Thurstans' day more than two singles in a 5,040 Stedman Triples seemed unnecessary. Sixty years ago a peal of Bob Major, Double Norwich or Grandsire was judged by reference to the 6th or 5th so many times right or wrong. Ringers of those days thought along certain lines, and there is ample evidence that the inventor and experimenter were regarded with suspicion and often treated with critical intolerance and unreasonable prejudice. The permutation of the back bells in Maximus course ends did not enter into the schemes of the late 19th century composer, and it is probable that such an innovation would have shocked the purists of the time.

To-day most ringers will experience pleasure in the contemplation of experiments to extend what has been until now the rather limited musical field of Maximus. And some of the joy in breaking away from the conventional roll-ups must, in the peal at Macclesfield, surely have found its complement and consummation in the pleasure of returning in the last three courses to the familiar 7890ET.

E. C. S.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY PAUL	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	H. LESLIE PASK	7
*HERBERT LOWMAN	3	*JOHN WALDEN	8
*SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	4	*RAYMOND F. SMITH	9
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

WILLENHALL, STAFFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F sharp.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HUGHES	6
ERNEST STITCH	2	HARRY GRIFFITHS	7
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	8
*HERBERT KNIGHT	4	WILLIAM DAVIES	9
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	5	GEORGE DEAN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 200th peal together.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Jan. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5024 CALTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	6
MURIEL REAY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	*Treble*	FRANK D. MACK	5
DAVID HEIGHTON	2	DAVID J. MARSHALL	6
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	3	JACK R. WORRALL	7
LANCE C. I. WATSON	4	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

MRS. JOAN M. BROOKS	*Treble*	JAMES G. NEWMAN	5
*ROBERT L. PIRON	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	7
*BRYAN PATTISON	4	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the 15th anniversary of the birth of the Marquess of Tavistock, son and heir of the Duke of Bedford.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society.)
On Mon., Jan. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 HATFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Treble*	*DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	5
ELIZABETH BATE	2	†REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* 50th peal. † 100th peal. The first peal in the method. 100th peal as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OR 5152 DERITEND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
A Variation by F. H. Dexter of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
*ARTHUR G. MASON	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
EDWIN A. BARNETT	4	†ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* 200th peal. † 50th peal on the bells. This is the 500th peal on the bells, 100 of which have been Stedman Triples.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	CYRIL S. JARRETT	7
EDWARD C. BARTON	4	GORDON R. WALLACE, R.E.	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.
Rung in honour of Mr. Eric Cross and Miss Renda Nicholls' wedding, which took place at the above church on the following day. Both are keen church workers.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. A. Lambert's Variation of J. R. Pritchard's. Tenor 18 cwt.

*JANICE E. GRENHAM	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	5
BETTY A. TESTER	2	COLIN A. TESTER	6
GEORGE FRY	3	JOHN W. MEADE	7
KEVIN S. HOHL	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Colin A. Tester (local captain) and a 17th birthday compliment to Betty A. Tester.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*IAN H. ORAM	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
DENNIS BERESFORD	2	RALPH BIRD	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	3	†PETER BERESFORD	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

FRED HAYES	*Treble*	DOREEN COKER	5
PERCY NEWTON	2	DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	6
ROLAND BIGGS	3	JOHN KAPE	7
DAVID CORNWALL	4	WALTER AVERY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN KAPE.

HUNSLET, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in F.

THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
*ARNOLD COLE	2	ALFRED SMITH	6
ALEXANDER E. MARSH	3	GORDON BENFIELD	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

*JACK L. HIGHAM	*Treble*	LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	5
†PHILIP DUNDERDALE	2	*GEORGE S. MEADOWS	6
THOMAS BARKER	3	ALAN MEADOWS	7
STANLEY WALMSLEY	4	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ALAN MEADOWS.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells and on an 'inside' bell. First peal as conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	6
BASIL JONES	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
The first peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 4th, and first in the method on the bells.
Rung with a 4ths place bob.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

*KENNETH W. GRAHAM	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY J. LOWE	5
ROYSTON WILMORE	2	*JULIAN PAWLEY	6
*ARTHUR D. SAYER	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
*MRS. A. D. SAYER	4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	GEORGE A. PACKER	5
HARRY W. HOWARD	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
IVOR R. NICHOLS	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

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

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	DAVID ATKINS	5
*MRS. HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	2	SAM LONGBOTTOM	6
*ANN LAYCOCK	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	4	†ARTHUR BOOTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. WILSON. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal.
A birthday compliment to Edith Mary, daughter of the treble ringer.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

VIVIENNE HORTON	*Treble*	FRANCIS R. LOWE	4
GORDON A. HALLS	2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
ALAN G. FOSTER	3	REGINALD J. STRETTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN G. FOSTER.
First peal of Stedman Doubles for all except ringer of 3rd and for Association. First peal of Stedman Doubles as conductor.

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ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent and three 720's of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 11 cwt. 14 lb. in G.

LEONARD WALSH	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	4
*GEOFFREY F. GARNETT	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM	3	GORDON R. WHEWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON R. WHEWELL.

* First peal.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Court, three extents of Oxford Bob and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*J. CHRISTOPHER RIGG	*Treble*	ROLAND BENISTON	4
WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since being augmented to six in September last.

SUTTON BONINGTON, NOTTS.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Jan. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 32 extents of St. Martin's and five each of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

VIVIENNE HORTON	*Treble*	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	DAVID K. WALKLATE	4
DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

Rung to mark the engagement of Mr. P. I. Chapman, of Kettering, and Miss Joan Morris, of Kidderminster.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,200 changes of Grandsire, 480 changes each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 240 changes each of Union, Stedman, All Saints and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 6 cwt.

ALEC GAMMON	*Treble*	DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3
*BRIAN BLADON	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

* First peal in 11 Doubles methods.

Rung on the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 19 lb.

*CLIVE W. BARNES	*Treble*	*DERECK C. JACKSON	4
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	5
*RAYMOND E. FINCH	3	†PETER NASH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor. First peal of Bob Minor as conductor.

Rung by members of Southampton University and Peter Symonds School, Winchester. Average age 17¼ years.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of Norwich and Ipswich and three extents of Cambridge. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*LUCY ALLEN	*Treble*	MICHAEL J. DYER	4
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	2	STANLEY GILBERT	5
FRANK L. NICHOLLS	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

* First peal in Surprise methods

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley on completing nine years as Rector of All Saints'. Also to M. J. Dyer, who is leaving for service in the R.A.F.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 4, 1954, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

MICHAEL P. CLEAVES	*Treble*	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	4
JILL MARTIN	2	DAVID P. STUBBINGS	5
JANE THORPE	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. L. Willers, recently deceased father of Miss Kitty Willers, a ringer at this church and some time general secretary of the Association.

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent of Double Court, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

*GEOFFREY J. GAMMON	*Treble*	*WILLIAM SLOCOMBE	4
*STANLEY BRISTOW	2	*GORDON WALFORD	5
ARTHUR H. PAUL	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

* First peal in four Minor methods and also on the bells.

BRAYWOOD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Comprising three extents each of (1) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C., (2) Plain Bob and Boxford S.C., (3) Reverse Canterbury and Dorton S.C., (4) Reverse Canterbury and Raveningham S.C., (5) St. Simon's and Rugby S.C., (6) St. Simon's and Braywood S.C., (7) St. Martin's and Slapton S.C., (8) St. Martin's and Welford S.C., (9) St. Nicholas and Longford S.C., (10) St. Nicholas and Fundenhall S.C., (11) Winchendon Place and Thornborough S.C., (12) Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe S.C., and one extent each of (13) Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C., and Boxford S.C. (14) Canterbury, Dorton S.C. and Raveningham S.C., (15) St. Simon's, Rugby S.C. and Braywood S.C., (16) St. Martin's, Slapton S.C. and Welford S.C., (17) St. Nicholas, Longford S.C. and Fundenhall S.C., (18) Winchendon Place, Thornborough S.C. and Haddiscoe S.C. No bobs and 336 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in G.

GEORGE MITCHELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	3
MONICA HOWARD	2	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	4
JEFFERY C. BIRT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

First peal in 18 Spliced Doubles methods by all and for the Guild.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. F. V. Sinkins, late of Slough.

LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Grandsire, 22 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

WILLIAM F. RICKWOOD	*Treble*	†KENNETH G. BROWN	3
*LESLIE PIERCE	2	RICHARD ROSE	4
ARTHUR F. BALLAAM	*Tenor*		

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal.

A birthday peal for Arthur F. Ballaam.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 38 six-scores (10 callings) and one each of Pitman's and Morris's 240's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN H. SMITH	*Treble*	RONALD E. SMITH	4
THOMAS W. KIMBER	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
ROSEMARY E. COOK	3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. E. Wells) on his retirement, and also to Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith (parents of ringers of treble and 4th) for their silver wedding.

PENTRICH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. MARTIN'S DOUBLES

Eight callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

*REGINALD J. STRETTON	*Treble*	VIVIENNE M. HORTON	3
DAVID K. WALKLATE	2	ALAN G. FOSTER	4
DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First peal away from cover bell. First peal in method by all and for the Association. First peal on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Elisabeth Jones, sister of the conductor, and as a farewell to the Rev. F. J. Boston, who is leaving the parish.

RAMPTON, NOTTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Killamarsh, Kingston, London Scholars Pleasure, Sandal, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

*KATHERINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
*HAROLD DENMAN	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE	5
*GRACE BURCHNALL	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* 100th peal together.

Rung in memoriam Mr. A. B. Crawford, of Rampton, and Mr. H. Hall, of Shireoaks.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and two of Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8¾ cwt.

ROLAND LEWIS	*Treble*	JOHN CLEMENTS	4
*JAMES WARD	2	*FREDERICK MERRICK	5
C. WILLIAM NUTT	3	THOMAS COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS COOPER.

* First peal in five Minor methods.

HANDBELL PEALS

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Tues., Jan. 4, 1955, in 1 Hour and 36 Minutes,
AT 6, THE GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor size 13 in E.

B. STEDMAN PAYNE	1—2	GEOFFREY J. LOWE	3—4
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CLEWER RINGERS' DINNER

The Clewer St. Andrew's Society of Change Ringers held their annual dinner at the Thames Hotel, Windsor, on January 29th. Forty-nine people enjoyed an excellent dinner, among those present being the Rector, the Rev. Dymoke-Marr, his wife and Mr. J. W. Reavell, the people's warden.

The health of the Queen and the Church was proposed by the Rev. Dymoke-Marr. Then followed a speech by Mr. J. Fowler, of Cookham, proposing the health of the Clewer ringers. Mr. W. Butler replied. Mr. J. W. Reavell gave an entertaining speech, in which he proposed the health of the visitors. This was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Cook, manager of the local Trustee Savings Bank.

A social evening followed, during which various novel games and dances were introduced to the enjoyment of the company.

HILLINGDON GUILD SUPPER

A record attendance of 45 ringers and friends enjoyed the annual supper of the St. John's, Hillingdon, Guild, held at the Golden Lion, Hillingdon, on Feb. 4th. With the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Tyler, in the chair, supported by all the local band, the numerous guests included the Master, the general secretary and assistant secretary of the Middlesex Association.

The toasts of the evening were interspersed with social items, among the latter being songs by M. Colwell, accompanied by J. C. Ferguson, choirman and organist respectively, violin solos by Mr. Pidwell, a ringer from Pinner, and tunes and changes on handbells.

Tribute was paid by the chairman to the memory of the Rector of Acton, friend of ringers and president of the Association, who was cremated the previous Tuesday.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Presentation to Mr. S. F. Palmer

Some sixty to seventy ringers attended the meeting of the Society, held at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's, on February 5th, over 20 towers being represented. Ringing started promptly at 3 p.m. and continued until 9 p.m., methods ranging from Bob Minor to London Major, Cinques and Maximus.

An encouraging feature of the meeting was the large number of young ringers present, and a good proportion of the time was devoted to rounds and Plain Bob for their benefit, though it was pleasing to see some youngsters attempting the more difficult methods and also tackling the heavy bells in a very capable manner. Visitors from Derby, Burton-on-Trent, Lichfield, Wakefield and Liverpool attended.

After an excellent tea in the Cathedral Hall, which, due to the generosity of the Cathedral company, was free to juniors, those present were entertained to a selection of tunes on handbells by ringers from Rotherham and Thrybergh, followed by a course of Grandsire Caters by Messrs. N. Chaddock, J. J. L. Gilbert, Rev. G. G. Graham, Messrs. W. L. Robinson and S. F. Palmer.

Twenty new members were elected, and it was announced that the next meeting (the annual general) would be at Ranmoor (10) on March 5th, when there would be a committee meeting at 2.30 p.m. prior to ringing at 3 p.m.

The secretary suggested it would be advisable to revert to the system of a two-year rota of towers for meetings in order that all towers be included, and asked for a specially good representation at the annual meeting and committee meeting in order that the question of fixtures for 1955 and 1956 could be satisfactorily dealt with.

After suitable votes of thanks, the last item on the agenda was a very happy one, viz., the presentation of a fountain pen to Mr. S. F. Palmer to mark his recent 80th birthday.

In making this presentation on behalf of the Society, the president, Mr. H. O. Chaddock, referred to Mr. Palmer's good work as a Sunday service ringer at Sheffield Cathedral, as a former officer of the Sheffield and District Society and as an officer of the Yorkshire Association.

Expressing his appreciation, Mr. Palmer recalled that he first joined the Cathedral company in 1903 and acted as Sheffield Society secretary for some 10 years soon after. His recipe for reaching 80 was: (1) Moderation in all things; (2) contentment in doing those things which were within one's limitations, and (3) regular exercise, of which ringing was one of the finest examples.

CALGARY PLANS A RING OF EIGHT

We have received from Canada recently particulars of the ring of eight bells proposed for Calgary Parish Church, Alberta. The tenor, seventh and sixth bells have been ordered from Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and delivery is expected in the late spring.

The tenor will be a gift of the Parish in commemoration of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the church when he laid the foundation stone on September 4th, 1954.

The seventh is in memory of Florence Odele Lowes, and the sixth to the memory of Edward F. L. Tavenden.

The weights of the bells are:—Treble, 3 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.; second, 3 cwt 14 lb.; third, 3 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.; fourth, 4 cwt. 27 lb.; fifth, 4 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.; sixth, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.; seventh, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.; and tenor, 8 cwt. 2 qr.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Hunts Annual Meeting

The Hunts annual meeting was held in Huntingdon on January 15th; despite the arctic weather the attendance was good. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. at Godmanchester, and at 4 o'clock All Saints' was available, where at 4.30 the ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. J. M. E. Bagley. Tea was taken in All Saints' Hall, followed by the business meeting with the Rector in the chair. All the officers of the District were re-elected with hearty thanks for their efforts during the past year. Ringing then took place again at St. Mary's and All Saints' towers. H. S. P.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' February 19th, 1915

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

PRESENTATION TO A VALUED MEMBER

The President . . . . said . . . . Some time ago Mr. Hillier had the misfortune to lose, by accident, his horse, and as the possession of another animal was absolutely indispensable for the carrying on of his business, a meeting was held in Newcastle, when it was decided to raise sufficient funds to purchase another one. There was not the least difficulty in the matter, and the required sum was soon forthcoming. A horse was obtained and handed over to Mr. Hillier on December 1st. . . .

[Surely a unique presentation to a ringer?]

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Rutland Branch Report Progress

An increase of from 44 to 53 members was reported by the hon. secretary (Mr. E. E. Gibson) at the annual meeting of the Rutland Branch, held at Uppingham on January 29th. There are also 11 N.R. life members. The meeting was attended by about 30 ringers and they were welcomed by the Rector (the Rev. S. C. Woodward).

Officers elected at the meeting were: President, Mr. R. Scott; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. E. E. Gibson; Guild Committee, Messrs. F. Stevens, H. Tibbert and C. Green; branch committee, Messrs. A. E. Stevens, H. Wand and W. Clarke.

Touches in the following methods were rung during the meeting: Grandsire Triples and Doubles, Bob Major and Minor.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Winchester District

The annual meeting of the above District was held in Winchester on February 5th. St. Maurice's bells were first available, where nothing could seem to go wrong—London, Cambridge, Spliced Kent and Oxford all came round.

A business meeting was held in St. Maurice's Hall under the chairmanship of the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth. The officers were re-elected and a rota of monthly meetings was introduced by the secretary, which ensured that all affiliated towers in the District were visited at least once every two years. Being a bell-ringers' rota, it also had the advantage that the order of towers for any particular year would not repeat for 60 years. Four new ringing members were elected—the Rev. Mr. Tupholme, Messrs. G. Dixon, G. Foncey and D. Verity, and also four honorary members. It was also resolved to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. R. W. Rex in his recent accident.

Members later took part in Evensong in the Cathedral, at which the Rev. K. C. Davis, Vicar of Hawley, gave an address. He mentioned the motto of the Linlithgow family—'Hope remaineth'—and urged ringers to be constant in their ringing out the message of the love of God, and that even if everything goes wrong and the effort does not seem worth while, then there still remains hope.

The Cathedral bells were put to good use for two hours after Evensong. Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, Plain Bob and Kent Maximus were attempted, with several rounds for those not so well acquainted with 12-bell ringing.

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The Master of the Bristol University Society, Mr. D. J. Marshall, comes of age on February 22nd. A happy birthday from all ringers, especially those in the Derbyshire and Bristol Districts.

BELFRY GOSSIP

The cancellation of ringing Hereford Cathedral bells for the time being arises from the expert's opinion that movement caused by the bells is weakening the walls of the south transept. Structural alterations are to be carried out at once to reinforce the walls.

All the band who rang a golden wedding quarter peal at Mereworth, Kent, on February 5th to Mr. and Mrs. J. Saunders were over 70 years of age except the conductor, Mr. H. H. Usborne.

Sapcote (Leics) ringers rang a quarter peal in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Abbott. Mrs. Abbott (nee Jean Taylor) is the first lady ringer of Sapcote to become a mother.

Six times the band assembled at Mountsorrel to enable the local captain, Mr. Royston Welmore, to ring his first peal of Major. The last time, on February 5th, was successful. After the peal the band, with the Vicar, were entertained to tea.

Sible Hedingham ringers and other friends send their best wishes for a speedy recovery to good health to Mr. Olave E. Broyd, who is in hospital at Colchester. He would certainly have been in the peal attempt on February 5th, which was lost, and the subsequent quarter had he been well.

The enterprising young team of ringers at Kenwyn, Cornwall, are noted locally for their good-natured leg-pulling, and when their popular vice-captain, Mr. Alan Carveth, missed a call in a recent peal attempt after 2 hours and 25 minutes' ringing, the opportunity to 'have a dig' at him was too good to miss. Incidentally, the suggestion that Alan is now giving up ringing and taking up tree-felling on his future brother-in-law's estate is entirely unfounded.

The 232 peals rung by the late Mr. Frederick White occupied 30 days, 22 hours and 25 minutes. He rang in Masonic peals of Triples, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus.

For the encouragement of young ringers and conductors the Western District of the Herts County Association have a programme of 30 quarter peal attempts for 1955.

Mr. S. A. Chambers, of Lincoln, has rung Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques. The 'family' was completed on February 5th by a peal of Caters at St. Mary's, Nottingham.

A small amount of money was found in the belfry after the Watford meeting on February 5th. Will claimants communicate with Mr. S. H. Hoare, 56, Acme Road, Watford.

After a birthday peal rung at Brenchley, Kent, on February 5th, the ringers were entertained to tea at the home of Colin and Betty Tester. It was Colin's coming-of-age, and Betty is now a 'sweet seventeen.'

Erin Cinques was rung on the bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths for the Queen's Accession, on February 5th. It was the first peal in the method for ten of the band.

Those taking part in the peal of Minor at Packington were members of both the Leicester Diocesan Guild and the Midland Counties Guild, the peal being rung for the Leicester Guild. The band were entertained by the Rev. and Mrs. Rigg after the peal.

Mr. Philip Gray informs us that the peal of Stedman Triples at Melbourne Cathedral on November 28th was not the warmest peal ever. It is on record, he writes, that a peal of seven Minor methods was rung at St. Peter's, Ballarat, Victoria, about 1900 with the temperature at over 100 degrees.

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According to records to hand, the total of peals rung in 1954 was 2,412, which is the lowest number since 1947. Compared with 1953, there was a drop of 155 peals. The main decrease was in handbell peal ringing, in which department only 123 peals have been recorded. This is a decrease of 31 peals.

Total peals in recent years have been as follows: 1953, 2,567; 1952, 2,915; 1951, 2,925; 1950, 2,723; 1949, 2,906; 1948, 2,639.

The monthly totals are appended:—

	1954		1953	
	Tower	Hand-bells	Tower	Hand-bells
January ..	180	9	193	12
February ..	192	9	163	16
March	170	17	150	16
April	155	12	210	10
May	264	13*	170	12
June	150	6	432	16
July	156	6	156	10
August ..	196	14	168	14
September ..	170	8	159	6
October ..	234	8	224	15
November ..	189	13	181	12
December ..	233	8	207	15
	2,289	123	2,413	154

Grand total: 2,412

* One withdrawn as false.

LEADING ASSOCIATIONS

	1954	1953	1952
Leicester Diocesan	197	196	206
Kent County	146	130	155
Suffolk Guild	128	111	90
Essex Association	124	131	108
Lincoln Diocesan	107	116	118
Yorkshire Association ..	96	86	86
Lancashire Association ..	95	135	147
St. Martin's Guild	93	102	105
Oxford Diocesan	88	126	115
Chester Diocesan	86	103	108

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Over 60 members attended the annual meeting of the Northern District held at Halstead on January 22nd. Tea was provided by Mrs. Snowden and helpers and the members showed their appreciation by taking a collection for the fund for rehanging St. Andrew's bells. This amounted to £5 5s. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Swallow) and the address given by Canon R. Jack.

Miss H. G. Snowden, the District Master, was in the chair for the business meeting, supported by Mr. R. C. Heazel, Master of the Association. It was reported that steady progress had been made during the year and Sunday service ringing had been maintained. Tower captains were asked to rope in more learners. Appeals for rehanging work are being made at Stebbing and Halstead. Great Easton was chosen for the next meeting in March.

All the officers were re-elected, viz: Miss H. G. Snowden, Master; Mr. H. A. Pratt, secretary; and Mr. J. Elliott and Mr. J. Warner committee members. Thanks were expressed to all who had worked to make the meeting so successful.

PORTISHEAD BELLS

Portishead bells, on which the first all-ladies' peal to be rung by a local band took place in 1915, have had major repairs costing £229. These bells are heard every Sunday morning and evening, and are popular with visiting bands. Mr. A. J. Gould, the tower secretary of St. Ives, West Hill, Portishead, Bristol, feels that many ringers who have had connections with this tower would like to be associated with this appeal and he would gladly acknowledge any contributions sent.

SHOULD PEALS BE SHORTER?

The first postcards received indicate a majority in favour of a change in the length of peals as outlined in 'The Topic for the Month' article in the issue of February 4th. Here are some:—

Mr. Cecil W. Pipe, Grundisburgh:—

For many years and for many reasons I have advocated peals of about 3,000 changes and shall be glad to support any proposal in this direction.

Mr. Stafford H. Green, Sampford Peverell, Devon:—

In view of public opinion and increase in built-up areas, am very strongly in favour of reduction to 2,500 minimum for peals, half and quarter peals in proportion. Long overdue reform.

Mr. John Cooper, West Bromwich:—

I beg to support suggestion for shorter peals. Reason: Many churches are now in built-up areas, and unless some of the ringing is curtailed we shall have the public declare war on us.

Mr. J. Arthur Hoare, Swansea:—

I agree wholeheartedly with the proposal made in 'The Ringing World.' The sympathy of the public to the ringing of bells should be cultivated. True sportsmanship and team effort could very well be introduced on handbells, which would produce 100 per cent. competitive spirit and put the art on a higher level.

The new proposals would help to divorce the sportsmanship policy from the primary use of church bells, which, in the general public's point of view, is correct. If the art is to survive, the proposals made should be given a fair trial.

Mr. W. Parrott, Cheam, Sutton:—

The essence of A. Y.-B.'s article is the introduction of a new standard length between 1,260 and 5,000 changes. This is more likely to be accepted by ringers if it does not upset existing customs and traditions. A new **short peal** of 2,880 changes (4 x 720) would give all the advantages claimed for the changes suggested without the disadvantage of a major change. If it proved unwanted no harm would be done, but the choice of what to ring would be in ringers' hands. Short peals could be printed in 'The Ringing World' in the present quarter peal style, reserving the longer layout for ordinary peals. The recognition of a length between 1,260 and 5,000 is long overdue.

Mr. B. M. Barker, King's Langley:—

The suggestion that the standard peal should be reduced to 3,000 changes is an excellent one. I believe that if it were adopted we should witness a considerable revival of interest in peal ringing, and the field would be open for the less accomplished ringers to take part in peals. It would also help the mid-week peal ringer who finds the inevitable 6.15 start rather too near his knocking-off time for comfort. In West Herts there are a considerable number of younger ringers who are arriving at the stage when a peal should be attempted, but some parents are not at all convinced that three hours' non-stop ringing is within the physical capabilities of young folk; no doubt similar anxiety exists all over the country.

The accomplishment value of a peal, surely, lies in the methods attempted bearing in mind the degree of skill of the ringers taking part; the band of Surprise ringers which completes a peal of Bob Major has merely proved that the eight men can stand up for three hours. As for the hardened peal ringers, think of the fun they can have altering all of their achievements to date into **long peals.**

Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, Whitchurch, Salop:—

I think the Council would be ill-advised to reduce the length of a peal to 3,000 changes. The 'old men' set us the 5,000 as a standard; may we hope we are as good men as they.

When a person can ring 100 peals in a year, it would appear that peals are already cheap enough in some quarters. Cheapen it still further and you will have more peal reports sent in than you can possibly cope with.

For my part I would not care to start for a 3,000. It wouldn't be worth calling a peal.

At towers where the bells are noisy and complaints occur, ring the very occasional peal with a set of 'Davis Silencers' fitted, and see how that answers. In any case do not cut the length of a peal as it would detract very greatly from its value as a performance.

I always think that the last hour or so is the 'trial,' especially if the bells are on the heavy side or rough going.

Mrs. P. M. Mayne, Harrow:—

My criticisms of the new suggestions are as follows:—

(1) If a peal were 3,000 changes taking about 1 hour and 50 minutes, we could easily go out and ring three or more in a day, and 'The Ringing World' could not cope with the numbers requiring publication.

(2) If a quarter peal were 1,500, it would be too long to ring prior to services, which some of us like to do.

MR. FARMER AND THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On January 29th about 80 ringers gathered at Wellington for the annual general meeting of the Shropshire Association, a meeting which has hitherto always been held at Shrewsbury.

From rounds, a large variety of methods, including four Surprise, were rung, and all tastes were satisfied.

During the service a very warm welcome was extended by the Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Makepeace) before an adjournment to the Parish Hall for tea.

An unusual interlude before the business meeting took the form of extracts from tape recordings. First the bells of St. Peter's, Brighton, at Christmas, with their ringers sending greetings to Shrewsbury. Then St. Chad's ringing in the New Year and reciprocating their good wishes to Brighton.

After the adoption of the minutes, the Ringing Master (in the chair) reported on the healthy state of the Association as reflected in the number and variety of peals rung, which included several new methods. All the meetings had been enthusiastically attended and there had been a steady influx of new members.

The departure of Mr. W. A. Farmer, the popular hon. secretary and treasurer, was then mentioned and glowing tributes paid to his work for ringing generally, by his excellent articles which have been published fairly regularly, and to his faithful service to this body in recent years. This appreciation then took more tangible form by the presentation of an electric kettle and a cheque.

In a stirring reply, Bill told of how his new venture at Cheltenham, his great sorrow at leaving Shropshire, particularly St. Chad's, and all that ringing had meant to him.

Mr. Arthur Pritchard was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. F. H. Bennett his deputy as a semi-conditional clause to Miss E. V. Jones becoming hon. secretary. After some discussion the treasurer's post was also relegated to Mr. Bennett. A vote of thanks was expressed to Mr. W. H. Hughes, the auditor, who was re-elected. Mr. A. S. Bayley took Mr. Farmer's position as a trustee. F. H. B.

500 PEALS AT ST. JOHN'S, ERITH

WITH the accomplishment of the 500th peal at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, this total has now been reached for the second time in a church tower, the other having been Erith's neighbour and associate in the new Parliamentary constituency of Erith and Crayford. Two of the band. Messrs. F. J. Cullum and E. Barnett, took part in the 500th at each tower.

Formerly a ring of six, St. John's, Erith, bells were augmented to eight in 1882, and the first peal on them, Grandsire Triples, was by an invited band of Cumberlands conducted by George Newson, on November 18th of that year. A peal in the same method on April 16th, 1888, was the first by Frederick J. Cullum, sen., whose father, though not a peal ringer, was associated with the tower for more than 60 years. His son, the present leader of the band, is, of course, a well-known ringer and conductor, whose enthusiasm has been responsible for most of the peal ringing at the tower since the war, which perhaps reached its zenith in 1947 when, in six months, ten peals were rung, all in different Surprise Major methods.

The tower first became popular as a peal-ringing centre in the 1890's, and about that time the key to the tower was kept under a tombstone in the churchyard, so that it was not unknown (since the Vicarage is quite a long way from the church) for bands to take advantage of the fact if they had been disappointed or unsuccessful elsewhere! Among the peals rung during that decade were 6,048 and 10,080 of Canterbury Major in 1891, 6,000 Bob Major in 1897, 10,464 Kent Treble Bob in 1898, and the then record length of Major, 15,072 Double Norwich, in 1899. This was conducted by William Pye, who only six days later called on the bells the first peal of London by the Kent County Association (altogether 20 'firsts' for the Association have been recorded at St. John's). Since this time the only long peal has been 11,008 Double Norwich, in 1927.

There has naturally been a close association between Erith and Crayford towers, and in fact the four leading peal ringers at Erith all rang or have rung more than 100 at each place, while four others have been recorded over 100 in one and more than 50 in the other. Leading totals at Erith, with dates of first and last peals (number conducted shown in parentheses) are:—

F. J. Cullum (1919-1955) ..	222	(120)
H. E. Audsley (1920-1955) ..	181	(18)
J. H. Cheesman (1890-1938) ..	169	(41)
E. Barnett sen. (1889-1931) ..	149	(52)
C. Wilkins (1891-1911)	129	(10)
G. Conyard (1883-1903)	103	(2)
H. Hoverd (1929-1949)	89	(1)
F. J. Cullum sen. (1888-1926)	79	(9)
A. G. Hill (1924-1952)	61	
W. Pye (1898-1934)	59	(48)
F. A. Coley (1924-1949)	56	(2)
E. A. Barnett (1932-1955) ..	54	(5)
L. J. Cullum (1924-1937) ..	52	(3)
A. S. Richards (1937-1955) ..	50	
P. A. Corby (1938-1952)	48	(12)

The following is the list of peals:—

Triples (179).—Stedman 100, Grandsire 67, Union 10, Darlaston 1, Oxford Bob 1.

Plain Major (85).—Bob Major 18, Canterbury 10, Double Norwich 54, Double Oxford 2, Gonville 1.

Treble Bob Major, etc. (41).—Kent 37, Kent (Cambridge) 1, Oxford 2, Duffield 1.

Surprise Major (195).—Cambridge 45, New Cambridge 9, Superlative 40, London 34, Bristol 29, Ashtead 1, Belgrave 2, Belvedere 1, Camdon 1, Eardley 1, Erith 1, Ipswich 1, Lessness 1, Norfolk 2, New Cumberland 2, Premier 1, Pudsey 3, Rutland 2, Staffordshire 1, Wheatley 1, Yorkshire 10, Four-Spliced 7.

E. A. B.

ARMY EXERCISE

In an attempt to emulate the Royal Air Force peal certain serving members of the Army in the Aldershot district decided to meet and attempt a peal of Minor at Bentley, Hants.

The parade was on orders for 1800 hours on February 2nd, but at that time there were two absentees. Sgt. Harry Poyner, R.A.E.C., was detained on a Physical Efficiency Test (campanology is not listed in the Army Manual of Physical Training as a test of efficiency) and Craftsman Eric Johnstone was listed on the posting order as Craftsman Johnstone A. and so was not informed.

So with a third of the resources not available, and bearing in mind the Central Council's view on peals of Bob Minimus, the 'O' Group that was called decided to enlist two local ringers, who were not alarmed by the sight of khaki but gave their services willingly, and thus saved the day.

A very good quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung, the ringers being as follows:—Second-Lieutenant B. Austin, R.E., 1, Spr. P. Minchin 2, A. Raggett (local band) 3, Dvr. A. Hartley, R.A.S.C., 4, Pte. A. Ainsworth, R.A.S.C. (conductor) 5, A. S. Sherfield (local band) 6.

It was natural to feel disappointed that the original intention had not been fulfilled, but it was felt that a start had been made, and with the constant flow of National Service men and Regulars through this district, it should be possible for a peal to be rung in the near future.

B. A.

NO RECORDED BELLS AT HOLTON

At a Consistory Court held at the Parish Church of Holton by the Chancellor of the Diocese of Bath and Wells, an application for a faculty to install equipment in the vestry and tower for the electrical reproduction of recorded church bells was refused. Mr. W. A. Osborn gave evidence for the Advisory Committee, of which he is a member, and was cross-examined by the petitioners.

In summing up, the Chancellor said it was clearly the duty of parishioners to put the existing three bells, which had been calling the parishioners of Holton to worship for ever 500 years, in good and safe order. He congratulated the petitioners in putting their case so clearly before the Court, and thanked Mr. Osborn for giving evidence, and for the history of the bells.

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HANDBELL RINGING IN A WALTHAMSTOW SCHOOL

Handbell ringing was first introduced into the William Elliott Whittingham Secondary Modern Boys' School, Walthamstow, when Mr. Maurice Baker decided to provide a further entertainment at the School's Christmas concert in 1947.

Mr. Baker, an enthusiastic ringer, borrowed the handbells from his local church, All Saints', in Hutton, Essex. He trained the boys, and the venture proved so successful that in June, 1949, the school purchased its own bells from Mears and Stainbank. The set was composed of 25 bells, two octaves, chromatic, in 17A.

The training went on after school hours week after week, but up to November, 1950, few had ever heard the boys ring or even knew of their existence. Early in November, 1950, the team received an invitation to ring before an audience of about 300 people at the Patronal Festival of All Saints' Church, Hutton.

The occasion proved so successful that it was not long before other invitations were given. This activity obviously lent itself to providing pleasure and helping deserving causes, and it was agreed that the bellringers should perform as many 'good deeds' as possible. Over 50 recitals have now been given up to date, and the team has given entertainment at many church socials, schools, clubs and institutes, a hospital and at functions for the aged and the blind.

Following an invitation to ring at a local Anglo-German Music Festival, the German party were so pleased that they asked for a recording of the bells. In consequence, the B.B.C. visited the school and took recordings with the intention of using them in a future broadcast from Hamburg.

The activity has become so popular with the boys that another master, Mr. Eric Harrison, has himself learned the art, and now three teams are being trained.

With only two octaves of bells, harmony is out of the question, although a little two-part harmony has been successfully tried. The main concentration has been on tune-playing with good time and rhythm. This has enabled the boys to master a fair number of carols and popular and national airs which, with some change ringing, appear to give the greatest pleasure to the listeners. A few boys have been attending St. Mary's Church, Walthamstow, and have recently been accepted as Sunday service ringers. Two boys, John Bonner (school captain) and Robert Chapman, have already rung at several towers in Essex, and on November 14th, 1954, they completed their first quarter peal of Grandsire Triples at the Church of St. Mary, Walthamstow, which fact was duly recorded in 'The Ringing World.'

Very often the hard work involved in training boys to a good standard of ringing is eventually lost when they leave school. However, it is hoped that more boys will follow the example of John and Robert and continue this worth-while activity in the local churches.

W. G. A.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE RECORD LENGTH ATTEMPT

Dear Sir,—I have just been reading the editorial comments and correspondence on the Loughborough record attempt in the issue of December 17th, and at the risk of saying something that may already have been said in the issues between then and now, which have not yet reached me, I would like to add a few comments and suggestions.

This attempt gained for ringers probably more publicity than we have ever had before. Almost everyone in Britain must have heard something about it. Even Australian papers reported it (incorrectly) but refrained from comment. In the U.S.A. 'Time' devoted a column to it which brought forth some rather scornful correspondence. Apparently much of the comment in Britain was scornful or, at best, tolerant tinged with sarcasm. As Mr. Rowe said, this sort of comment is unwelcome.

Now the general public are not used to hearing anything about bellringers, and when they do get a little bit of information they naturally tend to base all their ideas upon it. We are all guilty of this sort of thing with subjects we know little about.

As ringers, I don't believe we can afford to let wrong impressions about us get around. We have a job to do: Firstly it is to see that the bells in our churches are rung Sunday by Sunday, and secondly to see that they are rung as well as they possibly can be. We are not entitled to do anything that may hinder us from performing our duty, for doing that duty is a hard enough job as it is. Peal ringing (or even long-peal ringing for that matter) is justified as a means to that end, but it is not an end in itself. Possibly a very small proportion of peal ringing is a creative art and is justfied as long as it does not hinder us in doing our real duties.

That is why there are bellringers. Was that the impression people got from the publicity on the Loughborough attempt? No, they will now have less sympathy with us and consider us as a lot of crackpots who are worthy successors to the old-fogey-with-a-beard-who-is-always-drunk type of ringer, which some people even now believe we are. If that sort of idea is fostered in people's minds we will lose a lot of sympathy and our job will become harder than ever to carry out. Complaints about bells will increase (no one has any conscience in complaining about a crackpot) and, worst of all, it will be harder than ever to recruit those many new ringers we need to ring the innumerable bells that are silent Sunday by Sunday the length and breadth of Britain (and Australia, too). This recent blaze of publicity may have cost us something we can ill afford.

But what an opportunity was lost for turning the publicity to good account! If only we could have used the occasion to get something really vital over about ourselves. Why didn't we? Well, it was not the fault of the Press. Journalists are naturally rather aggressive fellows—they have to be since little news drops on to their desk. They are used to going out and ferreting out what they can find and make their story from it. However, it is rare that they are not glad to accept information given to them by someone who really does know the story. In my own experience here in Melbourne I have found most journalists genuinely anxious to give an accurate account which conveys the right impression if only some of the ringers for their part will co-operate. A few journalists I have met are only out for sensation and I will not have anything to do with them.

The blame for this poor publicity must, I am sure, lie with us. On future big ringing occasions (such as the proposed recent performance at Loughborough) could we not make a real effort for dynamic Press relations? Would it not be possible to appoint an honorary Press relations officer for the event? There must be a ringer somewhere, possibly with journalistic experience, who would be prepared to do this. I believe the Central Council has a Press and Radio Committee whose yearly habit it is to conduct a post mortem on what the public have been told about us. Could not they for once be a bit dynamic and influence the Press? This would, I believe, be quite a novel experiment for ringers but one I feel it would be well worth making. It would help people to understand why we go for record lengths amongst other things, and perhaps some of us ringers might also begin to understand why, too.

I noticed the 'Manchester Guardian' with characteristic perspicacity called the Loughborough attempt a 'monumental act of introversion.' Surely to ring bells, of all things, so they cannot be heard is an act of introversion with few equals. If you believe you are doing something worth doing you cannot keep all but the final result to yourself. If no one is interested in listening to you doing what you believe is worth doing, well, is it worth doing after all? Whether bells are rung for 20 seconds or 20 hours, whether they are in a secular or non-secular tower, they must be heard.—Yours, etc.,

PHILIP GRAY.

Melbourne, Australia.

FALSE PEAL AT KING'S LYNN

Dear Sir,—The peal of Plain Bob Royal rung at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, Norfolk, on June 26th, 1954, and published in 'The Ringing World' of July 9th, on page 434, is false. The fact that I copied down the composition wrongly has only just come to light. I very much regret this unfortunate mistake and tender my sincere apologies to the rest of the band.—Yours sincerely,

NORMAN V. HARDING.

King's Lynn.

PEAL RINGING IN HEREFORDSHIRE

Dear Sir,—As Rector of Presteigne, I purposely made no protest against Mr. Felstead's inclusion of Presteigne tower in his interesting article on Peal Ringing in Herefordshire.

Presteigne civil parish (it is true) is the capital town of Radnorshire, but the ancient ecclesiastical parish which is served by Presteigne Church extends far becond the bounds of the civil parish of Presteigne and includes no less than four civil parishes of Herefordshire, and it has always been in the Diocese of Hereford and, therefore, in the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

As it is unlikely that Mr. Felstead will write an article on Peal Ringing in Radnorshire (which has only six rings of bells) I was glad he had slipped us into Herefordshire—we are half in it.

(REV.) E. G. BENSON.

Presteigne,
In the counties of Radnor and Hereford.

LESS PEALS IN HERTS?

Dear Sir,—The excellent article by Mr. Felstead was more than interesting to those of us who know the answers to his many queries as to why certain towers have become less active as far as peals are concerned. Changes in the 'go' of the bells, in the leadership of the tower, in the incumbency of the church or in the surrounding population all have a marked effect on the number of peals permitted, but I find from a summary of our records that 29 peals per year were rung between 1885 and 1913, 44 between 1920 and 1939 and 49 between 1945 and 1954 on the average.—Yours, etc.,

H. V. FROST.

St. Albans.

MR. ROE REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS

Dear Sir,—May I reply to my critics, Messrs. Speed, Border and Blagrove?

Four places in one pair of rows: Cambridge is cited as a good method to justify this defect yet ringing text books with Central Council backing state 'Cambridge is an inferior method.' However ancient this example, it is not hallowed by time; its defects remain. It is not a matter of terminology to say that a Doubles change is the result. Could one claim to have rung Major after having rung, say, Bob Doubles with three covering bells?

I am indebted to Mr. E. W. Tipler and others for the identification of Mr. Blagrove's methods Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 12, 17, 18, 19, 22, 25, 30, 32. No. 6 was recently given in 'The Ringing World' by S. Ivin. For the remaining methods I give the f.c.h's using Maurice Hodgson's grouping and the number of true courses available for each. Mr. Blagrove will be able to judge how many of these methods offer possibilities for 5,000 changes or more:—

Method No.	f.c.h's	True C'ses	Method No.	f.c.h's	True C'ses
2	BIK	24	20	FG	30
7	BOS	11	21	FO	20
8	BON	15	23	O	18
9	BO	23	24	OG	17
10	BOK	20	26	NER	11
11	NS	17	27	NIK	16
13	O	18	28	NI	16
14	OG	17	29	NG	16
15	O	18	31	N	24
16	NR	12	33	NO	16

Despite any criticism that has been made, I am unrepentant about my three-fold plea, viz:—

(1) For revision of the definitions.

(2) For a return to purity in construction.

(3) For an acceptance of responsibility for methods published, circulated or rung.

To assume the cloak of anonymity on the grounds that probably others have already produced the same figures is merely an excuse to avoid any personal responsibility.

This might be regarded as one degree better than having methods attributed to some other composer, alive or dead, however inadvertently this may happen. Mr. Speed has graciously acknowledged two methods of his which had been so attributed.

Mr. Border says I desire to abolish 'Surprise' but this is not so. My suggestion was for two classes of methods with Treble bob hunt, the simple and the difficult, i.e., 'Treble Bob' and 'Surprise.' My apologies if I did not make this clear. The effect of this would be to abolish or rather absorb the other classes or terms that are neglected, redundant or simply ignored. At present, according to reliable authority, we have Treble Bob, Exercise, Delight, Surprise, and on the higher numbers Passallatria, Passallatessara. I remember also a peal report of London 'Marvel' appearing in 'The Ringing World.'

None of the methods published by Mr. Blagrove conform strictly to the definition of Surprise though they are accepted as such. Should the definitions be revised to meet present day requirements, or should we not make some effort to conform to them?—Yours sincerely,

K. C. R. ROE.

Wigston, Leics.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Gooding (first of Triples) 1, D. Gooding 2, L. K. Dawe 3, J. Glanvill 4, Marine E. Harrison 5, C. Deem 6, J. L. S. Glanvill (cond.) 7, J. Briggs 8. A farewell to Marine Harrison, who is leaving the district.

OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK WHITE

An Appreciation

Many ringers, especially throughout Kent, will regret the news of the passing of Mr. Frederick White, vice-president, and for many years trustee of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers. For the past four years Mr. White had been confined to his room at his son's residence at Luton, Bedfordshire, with indifferent health and the end came peacefully on February 5th at a nursing home at St. Albans. He was 73.

Mr. White was an excellent ringer and a great friend to all members of our Association. His typical advice was always simplified and accepted. I am sure we all express our sincere sympathy to his son and family.

With Mr. Stafford H. Green, Mr. White did most valuable work in Mid-Kent to improve the standard of ringing. He was proud of the quality of his peals, which numbered 232 and spread over 40 years. He was usually at the heavy end and achieved his ambition to turn in all the heavy tenors in Kent to a peal. In 1908 he rang five peals of Stedman in a week with the Rev. F. E. Robinson, and in 1912 he took part in 12,160 Bristol Surprise at Knebworth. He was proud of the peal of Superlative at Goudhurst in 1926, when a peal there was almost an impossibility.

Mr. White was a Freemason and took part in Freemasonry peals of Triples, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus.

The funeral took place on Saturday last at Tunbridge Wells cemetery. The Kent County Association was represented by Mr. G. H. Spice, T. E. Sone, Miss D. Colgate, Mr. and Mrs. W. Dobbie, and the Sussex Association by Mr. W. Rogers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by W. Dobbie, T. E. Sone, W. Rogers and Mrs. W. Dobbie. Immediately after the service the bells at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, were rung half-muffled and 503 Grandsire Triples was rung as a last token of respect by Miss M. Ladd, Mrs. W. Dobbie, T. E. Sone (conductor), A. F. Wellington, B. Collison, W. Dobbie, E. J. Ladd and L. S. Hohl.

MR. WHITE'S PEALS

His 232 peals were rung in 98 towers in 19 counties for 16 Associations and with 412 different ringers. His first peal was Grandsire Triples at Oxhey on February 3rd, 1904, and his last Grandsire Cinques.

Triples.—Grandsire 5, Stedman 41 (two 'in hand').

Major.—Plain Bob 4, St. Clement's Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 8, Spliced Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 27.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 23, New Cambridge 2, Superlative 53 (two conducted), London 10, Bristol 6 (including 12.160), Norfolk 4, Yorkshire 4.

Caters.—Grandsire 7, Stedman 7.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Kent Treble Bob 10, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Spliced Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 3.

Cinques.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 1.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 3, Little Bob 1, Canterbury Pleasure 1, Kent Treble Bob 2.

E. E. S.

MR. OWEN PORTER

We regret to report the death of Mr. O. Porter, of The Plowden Arms, Shiplake, who passed away on February 1st at the age of 84 years. He had been in ill-health for some time, and had done little ringing for a considerable time. To those who knew him it is a very sad loss, for although he suffered there was always a great welcome to ringers who visited his tower. He was a ringer for 71 years, and words cannot express his fine admiration and his all-out effort for the furtherance of bellringing. May we follow his example. P. J. D.

THE REV. PERCIVAL GOUGH, M.A.

The Rev. P. Gough, M.A., Rector of St. Mary's, Acton, and president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, died on January 27th at the age of 73, in Central Middlesex Hospital, to which he had been taken a few days previously, suffering from bronchitis and pneumonia. Ordained in 1902, he held curacies at Christ Church, Southport, Holy Trinity, Tulse Hill, and at Normanton and Halifax Parish Churches. From 1912 to 1921 he was Vicar of Heptonstall and after a year at St. Thomas', Halifax, came to London as Vicar of St. Mark's, St. John's Wood. In 1928 he exchanged livings with the Rector of Acton.

He was elected president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild in 1949 and did not once fail to take the chair at the annual general meetings. He always gave members of the Diocesan Guild a warm welcome to his church, and a meeting during the summer with tea on the Rectory lawn has been one of the most popular of each year's meetings.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and a funeral service at mid-day were held at St. Mary's, Acton, on February 1st, and the Diocesan Guild was represented at one or the other of these by F. A. Finch (assistant secretary, S. and W. District, and tower secretary at Acton), H. G. Hart and W. H. Coles (vice-presidents), T. J. Lock (secretary, N. and E. District), E. C. S. Turner (general secretary), and W. N. Genna (assistant general secretary). His body was subsequently taken to Golders Green for cremation, his ashes to be buried in the churchyard of St. Mary's, Acton.

That evening 1,280 Plain Bob Major was rung half-muffled by: F. W. Goodfellow 1, F. A. Finch (conductor) 2, A. H. Fulwell 3, A. J. Blair 4, A. Harding 5, W. H. Coles 6, T. J. Lock 7, F. C. Price 8.

MR. B. MERCHANT

The death occurred on February 5th of Mr. B. Merchant, aged 62, at Church House, Wembdon, Bridgwater, close to the tower where he had been a ringer since 1904. Until fairly recently he carried on the business of a carpenter and undertaker started by his grandfather and handed on by his father. He was also one-time sexton at St. George's Church, an office previously held by his grandfather and father before him.

After the interment the bells were rung half-muffled by members of the local band. This included Bob Doubles, deceased's favourite method.

MR. ARTHUR CRANE

St. Mary's, Bletchley, Bucks, ringers have lost a member of their tower of over 50 years standing by the death of Mr. Arthur Crane, aged 75 years. He was a founder member of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and his cheerful disposition will be missed by many friends. His peals numbered ten and included the first on St. Mary's bells by local bands of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

On the day of his funeral, February 5th, the bells were rung half-muffled to 1.260 Plain Bob Minor to his memory. The band consisted of A. E. Daniells (first quarter) 1, J. F. Brooks 2, H. Scar 3, W. Daniells 4, F. Stonton 5, R. Cadamy (conductor) 6.

MR. ARTHUR CRAWFORD

The death occurred at his home at Rampton, Notts, on January 23rd, of Mr. Arthur Crawford at the age of 70. He was interred at Rampton on January 27th.

Mr. Crawford, a well-known and highly-respected ringer, was the son of Mr. Charles Crawford (one of the founder member sof the North Notts Association), of East Markham. His ringing career commenced at an early age, for when only 12 years old he was presented with a set of handbells by his father for ringing his first 720 at Ordsall.

In 1928 he donated the 'Crawford' Cup in memory of his father, and this is still competed for each year

Not a prolific peal ringer (he rang his first peal of Plain Bob at East Markham in 1899), Mr. Crawford is better remembered for his work among learners and his help in restoration of bells. He had taught young people to ring at Rampton, Laneham, Dunham and East Drayton.

When Rampton bells were increased from four to six the parishioners gave one in memory of those fallen in the war, and Mr. Crawford donated the sixth.

East Drayton and Dunham also received enthusiastic behind the scenes assistance with their restoration.

Mr. Crawford will be missed by all, especially the locals and peal ringers who used to retire to his house for sumptuous teas and to hear his criticism or praise of their efforts.

The bells were rung before and after the funeral and an in memoriam peal in seven Treble Bob methods was rung at Rampton on Saturday, February 5th. The bells were left open, which was his wish. E. P.

MR. WILLIAM VINCENT

Sussex ringers regret the passing of Mr. William Vincent, of Bolney, at the age of 73. For 50 years he had rung at Bolney and for over 20 years was captain of the local band. He retired from ringing last summer.

Friends from Bolney, Cuckfield and Burgess Hill assembled at Bolney on the evening of January 24th, the day of his funeral, and rang 1,260 Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled. The band was T. Walder 1, J. Gasson 2, T. Gasson 3, R. Simpson 4, J. Ashdown 5, J. Jeffrey 6, F. Godsmark (conductor) 7, J. Hyde 8.

MR. B. F. TUBB

After a long illness, Mr. B. F. Tubb, of Finchley, passed away on January 29th at the age of 73. The funeral took place on February 4th at St. Mary's, and as the cortege left the church for the crematorium, the ringers—with bells half-muffled—paid their last respects with some well-struck rounds.

A member of the Finchley band since 1914, Mr. Tubb was secretary from 1939 to 1949, and was instrumental in the move to augment the bells from six to eight. Towards this end he spent much time and effort. Strangely enough, while he was a reliable Minor ringer, he was never 'at home' on eight bells and at times became depressed at not making headway.

Prior to his failing health he was always excellent company on the many trips and outings, especially the 'four quarter' trips. A really great feat of his was to teach a blind ringer to handle a bell—and he had the satisfaction of providing the band with a very capable ringer.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Rosemary Patching 1, Diana M. Gough (first as cond.) 2, Mary W. Brown 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown 5, Pamela Law 6. A 15th birthday compliment to the conductor, and a 16th birthday compliment to the tenor ringer. Also on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. D. Brown (first in method) 1, Mary W. Brown 2, Diana Gough (first 'inside') 3, Valerie Mepham 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. A compliment to Mr. G. A. Steele for his 83rd birthday.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Jan. 25th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Miss M. Disney (first of Major) 1, Miss J. M. Simpson 2, G. H. Arguile 3, D. S. Harris 4, A. Disney 5, R. Elkington 6, M. D. Staniforth 7, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 8. First in the method for 2 and 6. A farewell to David S. Harris on joining the Royal Air Force.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Hilton 1, H. Lilley 2, J. H. G. Gardner 3, E. H. Knapp 4, R. Overy (cond.) 5, G. Cecil 6, K. Snelling 7, A. E. Laker 8. A 96th birthday tribute to Miss C. Provost.

BARROW-UPON-SOAR, LEICS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (420 Plain Bob and 840 Grandsire): K. W. Graham 1, P. Chambers 2, G. J. Lowe 3, F. K. Thompson 4, R. G. W. Soars 5. Also on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Soars 1, K. W. Graham 2, P. Chambers 3, F. K. Thompson 4, R. G. W. Soars 5, K. E. Lovett (cond.) 6. A farewell to the conductor, who is shortly joining the R.A.F.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Pryke 1, J. H. Sitch 2, E. W. Furbank 3, H. Turner (cond.) 4, A. Pryke, 5, H. G. Goddard 6, B. C. Hines 7, B. W. Parke 8. First in method by 1, 6 and 8.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,320 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): J. Holloway 1, F. C. Castell 2, C. J. Castell (cond.) 3, J. Jarvis 4, S. Turley 5, E. Bucknell 6. Rung for the festival of St. Agatha.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Feb. 6th, at the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. J. Rawlings 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, B. K. Lunn 3, I. H. Oram 4, J. L. Morris 5, P. Beresford 6, P. N. Bond 7, D. Beresford (cond.) 8. Rung to celebrate the third anniversary of the Queen's Accession.

CLAYHIDON, DEVON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tozer 1, C. Manley 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb 5, J. Real 6.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Butler 1-2, Monica Howard 3, Diana Spice 4, R. Purchase 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 6. A 90th birthday compliment to Mr. F. V. Sinkins, late of Slough.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 7th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss K. Harrison 1, Miss B. Syrett 2, J. B. Morley (cond.) 3, A. G. Harrison 4, A. E. Cook 5, H. Moss 6, F. C. Roper 7, T. C. Ford 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam William H. Harrison, 50 years verger of the Parish Church, who passed away on February 1st.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Bird (first quarter) 1, W. Selly 2, G. Marchant 3, M. Stone 4, D. Miller (first as cond.) 5, C. Dyment 6.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Davies (13, first quarter) 1, F. R. Harris 2, Miss R. Bray (15, first 'inside') 3, L. T. Mainwaring 4, L. Evans (cond.) 5, P. Powles 6.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Medhurst 1, L. J. Holness 2, C. A. Tester 3, G. Fry 4, H. H. Usborne 5, K. S. Hohl (cond.) 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Saunders, of Mereworth

EWELL, SURREY.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Spittle (first quarter) 1, R. Spittle 2, Gladys Anderson 3, H. E. Good 4, A. S. Besant 5, C. W. Munday (cond.) 6, J. E. Beams 7, P. J. Wood (first quarter) 8. Rung for Confirmation service by the Bishop of Guildford.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, Miss Ann Gower 2, A. Warren 3, A. Goodall 4, Miss Gillian Ick 5, F. Tubb 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. B. F. Tubb, a member of the band for 50 years.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT GADDESDEN, HERTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Minor (being 720 each of Oxford Bob and St. Clement's): R. V. Wallis 1, W. Ayre (cond.) 2, G. S. Duncan 3, W. B. R. Ellender 4, R. L. Shutter 5, B. M. Barker 6.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Gallop (first of Minor) 1, V. Green 2, J. Hadfield 3, R. Trebilcock 4, M. Stone 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,320 Reverse St. Bartholomew: Kathleen Yeo 1, Laura M. Beeney 2, C. J. Piper 3, F. H. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 6, A. Ellis 6. First in the method by all.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Cambridge Surprise Major: I. Biggs 1, A. Newton 2, D. Cornwall (first in method 'inside') 3, P. Newton 4, Doreen Coker 5, J. Kape 6, R. Biggs 7, A. E. Cox (first in method as cond.) 8.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Norwich Surprise and 540 Plain Bob): G. Perkins 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Also on Jan 30th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise): G. Perkins 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Also on Feb. 6th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, G. Perkins 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HEMYOCK, DEVON.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Webb 1, J. Real 2, C. Manley 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, B. Tozer 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Webb 1, J. Real 2, C. Manley 3, F. Warren 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, B. Tozer 6. Rung for morning service.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Jan. 31st, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. E. Retter 1, W. Seldon 2, Miss E. Lomas 3, W. D. Ashdown 4, W. Reeks 5, A. Holway 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, A. Tapley 8.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Barbara M. Forster 1, W. G. Wright 2, Judith D. Shedel 3, W. T. Hill (cond.) 4, C. E. Hill 5. Rung for morning service.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss E. Farrell 1, Mrs. K. Parr 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, W. Rogers 4, S. Croft 5, T. E. Davies 6, F. D. Bishop 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. An engagement compliment to Miss E. Farrell.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Leeden 1, R. Taylor 2, F. S. Parsons 3, W. Moore 4, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 5, J. Moore 6. Birthday compliments to the treble ringer and Miss P. Watson, a member of the choir.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bishop 1, L. Newman 2, L. J. Holness 3, T. Saunders 4, H. H. Usborne (first as cond.) 5, J. Saunders 6. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to the ringer of the tenor. All the ringers except the conductor are over 70 years old.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Feb. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: K. Moore 1, G. Ford 2, S. Collins 3, B. Ryles 4, E. Kettle 5, G. C. Beech 6, A. Gaunt 7, R. S. Anderson (cond.) 8. First quarter peal since rchanging. Rung to mark the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Rector (Preb. J. C. Watkins).

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,176 Grandsire Triples: D. Bell 1, Ruth Morgan 2, S. Wright 3, H. Goakes 4, P. Amos 5, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 6, J. Haw 7, G. Cowling 8. Rung for morning service.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Feb. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Handford 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, R. Wilmore 3, J. Handford 4, G. Brewin 5, P. Plowright 6. First quarter for 5 and 6.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Rundle 1, Miss A. Ward (first 'inside') 2, Miss V. Cubley 3, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 4, J. R. Joyner 5, E. H. Norman 6. A birthday compliment for the ringer of the 2nd.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Feb. 4th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Spliced London and Wells and 720 York): Rita Stratford 1, Christine Stratford 2, C. R. Hayward 3, J. A. Smith 4, J. Vernon 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. First quarter in three methods by all the band. Rung for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Abbott.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss H. G. Snowden 1, F. Claydon 2, A. Catterwell 3, T. Earle 4, W. Arnold 5, T. Bird 6, J. H. Brett (first as cond.) 7, V. S. Connell 8. First in method for 6, 7 and 8.

SHILLINGTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,259 Doubles (480 each of Winchendon Place and St. Martin's, 120 each of Plain Bob and Stedman and 59 Grandsire): D. P. Jones 1, A. R. Agg 2, K. C. Timbury 3, P. Mchew 4, L. M. Orme (17) 5. Rung to mark the engagement of Mr. P. I. Chapman, of Kettering, and Miss Joan Morris, of Kidderminster.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): G. Jeanes 1, D. Sweet 2, F. J. White 3, A. Bown 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, C. Gratton 6. First in five methods by all except the conductor. Rung after Evensong for the third anniversary of H.M. the Queen's Accession.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: Miss M. Matthews 1, F. Roberts 2, A. H. Zplett 3, Mrs. J. M. Simpkin 4, D. Burnett 5, C. W. Jose 6, H. Harper 7, R. A. Southwood 8, C. K. Brewer 9, A. Carveth (cond.) 10. First of Royal by all except ringer of 8th. A wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Brian Parkin.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl Colbran (first in method) 1, H. J. Wilde 2, Patricia M. Howard (first in method 'inside') 3, C. F. Bonnett 4, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 5, E. J. Constable 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Jan. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, D. Neal 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, G. A. Parsons 6, J. Hales (cond.) 7, D. K. Brady 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss N. Hales.

YORK.—At the Minster, on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. H. Steel 1, B. Rodgers 2, D. Clegg 3, F. Atkinson 4, D. Forth 5, H. Forden 6, H. Walker (cond.) 7, J. Bower 8. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to His Grace the Archbishop of York.

RUDDINGTON RINGERS' SUPPER

For the third year in succession Ruddington ringers enjoyed their annual supper on January 18th. More than thirty ringers and their wives, including six visitors from neighbouring towers, wish to express their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Horspool, who so kindly provided a most generous meal consisting of traditional Christmas fare.

Mr. S. Adams (captain), in welcoming the visitors, said that real progress had been achieved during the last year, the highlights of which were a quarter peal last March as a compliment to Mr. Horspool on the occasion of his birthday, the after service ringing at harvest festival which was much appreciated by the village, and a quarter peal last November.

Mr. W. Nicholls, of St. Mary's, Nottingham, on behalf of the visitors, returned thanks and said that he and his fellow-guests would always be pleased to give any help that lay in their power.

The Vicar, the Rev. A. C. Shrimpton, in thanking the ringers for their services, said that he had hoped when he first came to Ruddington that he would eventually hear the bells for both morning and evening service. That hope had been realised and it was seldom now that less than six bells were raised.

The Youth Fellowship gave an entertainment, and several touches on the handbells were also given. R. A. B.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District Review Past Year

On January 22nd the annual meeting of the Northern District was held at Hitchin. Ringing began at 3 p.m. and continued until a local Press photographer wished to take a photograph just before the service. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. N. O. Walsh) and Miss A. Scott played the organ.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting. The secretary, Mr. E. Buck, read a letter from the Vicar of Norton about the Thomas Werrett Memorial Fund. This now stood at £17, and an application had been made for a faculty to put a plaque in the ringing chamber, and devoting any remaining money to a bell fund for the planned new church in the parish.

Mr. Buck's report was encouraging; 11 new ringing members and three non-resident life members had been elected, and Pirton had joined the Association. Eighteen peals had been rung in the District and one by the Association at Stotfold (Beds). There was an increased balance, which now stood at £30 10s. 6d.

Mr. Buck was re-elected secretary, and Miss J. Sanderson elected 'Ringing World' representative. The general committee will be: Messrs. J. Dear, B. Marks, D. Gullick, F. Croft, H. Werrett and E. Winters. The Ringing Master at the meetings will be decided each month.

Ringing continued until the bells were rung down in peal at 9 p.m. The methods rung ranged from rounds to Pudsey and Bristol Surprise. J. S.

St. Albans District

Ringing on the Abbey bells and also those of St. Peter's preceded the annual meeting of St. Albans District on January 15th.

At the business meeting held at St. Peter's Institute the secretary (Mr. S. Huckle) reported that six new members had been elected during the year, plus four non-resident life-members.

Sunday service ringing had been maintained throughout the year and although there seemed to have been less night practice the standard seemed to be as high as ever. Cash in hand amounted to £24 17s. 3d.

The following new members were elected:—Abbey, Gerald Penny, Michael D. Frost and Mr. J. L. Cox (ringing members); St. Peter's, Marion Waldron, Georgina Goodey (probationary members) and Christine Pullen (ringing member); North Mymms, Mr. A. J. Scull (ringing member); Monken Hadley, Mr. J. Soper (ringing member); Wheathampstead, Mr. F. Ellis (ringing member).

Mr. Huckle was re-elected secretary, Mr. Eric Edmondson Ringing Master. The committee comprises Messrs. A. Day, G. Spencer, F. Bamford, J. Page, D. Price and G. Dodds. Messrs. Page and Dodds were elected District representatives to the county committee. The president (Mr. J. Hobbs) was in the chair.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District Elect 23 New Members

The quarterly meeting of the Canterbury District was held recently at Wickhambreaux. Once again this little village, pretty even in the winter, attracted a large gathering, there being 57 present, these representing 18 towers in the District, with visiting ringers from the Ashford and Maidstone Districts. Ringing during the afternoon was followed by the usual service. As there is, at the present time, no rector of the parish, the Vicar of the neighbouring village of Littlebourne officiated. One of the local ringers, Miss W. Miles, was at the organ.

The business meeting followed tea in the Village Hall. Twenty-three new practising members were elected, these including the band from St. Peter's-in-Thanet, who were welcomed back into union with the Association. One new honorary member was also elected. A report was given by Mr. S. Walter of the business carried out by the Central Committee at their meeting at Maidstone. Deal was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting, with Chilham as the place for a by-meeting. Thanks were expressed to all who had made the local arrangements for ringing, tea and the service, especially to the Rev. S. B.-R. Poole, who had sandwiched the service in with other engagements. B. J.

A KENT GOLDEN WEDDING

Quarter peals were rung at East Peckham on February 4th, and Mereworth on February 5th, as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Saunders, of Mereworth. Mr. Saunders has been a bellringer for 55 years. He started his ringing career at East Peckham, but he has been a member of the Mereworth band for 30 years.

Taking part in the quarter peal at Mereworth with Mr. Saunders were ringers with whom he has been associated for most of his ringing life, namely, Lewis Newman, Tom Saunders, Joe Bishop and Luther Holness. All these ringers are past 70 years of age and made the ringer of the fifth bell feel quite a youngster, although he is over 40, and has been ringing with Mr. Saunders for about 20 years.

Besides his ringing activities Mr. Saunders is verger and steeplekeeper at Mereworth, an office he has held for 15 years. He is also a member of the Church Council.

After ringing the quarter peal, the band were joined by other bellringers, who helped to ring touches of Plain Bob until tea time, when everybody was entertained to a wonderful tea by Mr. and Mrs. Saunders and their family. After tea ringers returned to the belfry for further ringing until 7.30. P. J. B.

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD

Basingstoke District

The annual meeting of the Basingstoke District was held at All Saints', Basingstoke, on January 29th and was attended by over 70 ringers and friends. The Guild service was taken by the Archdeacon of Basingstoke (the Ven. A. W. Chute) and the Rev. D. L. Board, of Wolverton,, who gave an excellent address.

Tea was provided by the Ladies' Committee at All Saints' Church Room under Mrs. E. P. Austin and was very much enjoyed.

Officers elected were:—Chairman, the Archdeacon of Basingstoke; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Chesterman; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Osley; representatives, Mr. H. Balaam and Mr. B. Garrett.

Meetings were arranged at Rotherwick on April 23rd, Wolverton on June 25th, and Sherborne St. John on September 24th.

It was also decided to arrange a combined practice for six-bell ringing throughout the year under the direction of the Ringing Master. Seventeen new members were elected and one compounding member.

Votes of thanks were warmly passed to the Archdeacon, the Rev D. L. Board, the organist and the ladies. Good use was made of the bells at both All Saints' and St. Michael's. J. C.

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COMING-OF-AGE

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes to David John Marshall, of Sawley, and Ringing Master Bristol University, for February 22nd.—From Mother, Father, and all ringing friends, Sawley and district. 5845

ENGAGEMENT.

HOLLOWAY—CAMPBELL. — The engagement is announced between Sidney O'C. Holloway, 40, Edward Road, Smethwick, and Brenda Kathleen Campbell, of Langley. 5868

DEATH

JEFFS.—On February 9th, 1955, at the home of his younger daughter, at Peterborough, George Jeffs, of Titchmarsh, Northants, in his 90th year. 5859

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — St. Paul's, Bedford.—A 10-bell practice will be held on Feb. 19th. Bells available 5 p.m. till 6.30 p.m., 7 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Short service 6.30 p.m. 5823

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Duxford, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5828

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—Meeting at Hemingford Abbots on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 5841

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Chipping Sodbury (6), Feb. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 5876

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Burwash, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. 5811

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster District.—Annual meeting Saturday, Feb. 19th, at Leominster. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. in Church Institute. Notify by Wednesday for tea.—J. F. Fox, Hon. Sec. 5854

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting at Wheathampstead, Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells (6). Ringing 3 to 7.30 p.m. Kimpton available evening.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5815

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting, Feb. 19th, at High Halden (6). Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — W. P. G. 5774

LONDON UNIVERSITY SOCIETY. — Annual dinner, Feb. 19th, White Lion, Upper Thames Street, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing: 2.45 St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green (8); 4.15 St. Olave's, Hart Street (8). Service 5.30, St. Olave's, Hart Street. Tickets, 10s. 6d., from Graham McKay, Hon. Sec., Halliday Hall, South Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4. 5790

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Heston, Feb. 19th. Bells (8) from 4. Tea 5.15. Norwood Green bells (6) 2.30-4. Subscriptions now due.—J. D. Rock, Hon. Sec., 346, Staines Road, Bedfont, Feltham. 5817

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Adderbury (8) on Saturday, Feb. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. All welcome. Please notify for tea.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. Phone 350. 5773

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Annual meeting, Shoreham-by-Sea (St. Mary's), Feb. 19th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 5809

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Locking, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (6) 5 p.m. —E. C. Wickham, Hon. Local Sec. 5871

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Durleigh, Feb. 26th, 6.30 p.m. Look up something and make good use of this practice.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 5858

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Kingsbury Episcopi, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify for tea.—T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 5844

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—A. A. Potts, Hon. Sec. 5769

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Darley Dale on Saturday, Feb. 26th, 2.45 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5870

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Denby (6), Saturday, Feb. 26th, 2.30. Service 3.30. Buses: Services 1 and 55 to Kilburn Toll Bar; 98 to Denby at 2.13, 2.58, 3.43. Good attendance requested.—M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 5877

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Arksey on Feb. 26th at 3. For tea inform A. Cooper, 6, Grosvenor Crescent.—F. Jackson, Hon. Sec. 5872

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 26th, Blaydon, St. Cuthbert's, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon.—C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5851

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Monthly meeting at Winchcombe, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (6) available 6 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Branch Sec. 5857

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Baldock, Feb. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Ealing Surprise. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5846

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at All Souls', Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Business 6. Cups of tea only. Buses Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31 from Trinity Street to Tramways Hotel. (8, 25 cwt.) —J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 5856

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.—Meeting, Birstall, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; bring own food. Business meeting afterwards.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 5874

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Meeting at Hose, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. **Names, please,** by the 23rd, to Mr. A. Moulds, Hose, Melton Mowbray.—J. H. Cook. 5867

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—The postponed annual meeting arranged for Feb. 5th will now take place, Saturday, Feb. 26th, at Diss. Same arrangements. Please notify again for tea by 22nd.—Albert G. Harrison, 10, Mount Pleasant, Diss, Norfolk. 5827

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for all who notify N. Harding, Roydon, King's Lynn. —C. Tovell, Hon. Branch Sec. 5852

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — Boyne Hill, Feb. 26th, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Names for tea before 21st. —Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 5842

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Annual meeting, Woodstock, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, King's Arms Hotel, 5. Bells also available: Bladon 2-3 p.m. and after meeting. Please notify for tea, Miss Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 5829

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Long Crendon, Bucks, on Saturday, Feb. 26th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Feb. 22nd.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. Tel. Thame 193. 5848

OWSTON FERRY, ISLE OF AXHOLME, LINCS.—Bells available all day Saturday, Feb. 26th, after rehanging 6 (tenor 12 cwt.). A cordial invitation to all ringers from the Vicar and churchwardens. Tea for those who notify, by Tuesday previous, George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5866

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Symondsbury on Feb. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 5864

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting at Nutfield, Feb. 26th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Feb. 23rd, to Miss M. Kempsall, 1, Church Hill, Nutfield. 5820

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Annual meeting, St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Names for tea must be received by 23rd.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 5865

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Meeting. East Budleigh, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by March 2nd, to R. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 5849

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Sandon (6), Saturday, March 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, postcard, please, to A. Everett, Plantation Road, Boreham. 5850

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckingham, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 26th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 5873

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). —The 67th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner and Bi-centenary Celebration will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 5th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Mr. Frank E. Haynes, M.A. Early application for tickets, accompanied by remittance (15s.), should be made to George E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone: SPR. 1025. 5875

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Lenton, Saturday, March 5th. Bells available 2.30 to 3.30 and after 4 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food.—C. W. Towers. 5853

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Sketty, Swansea, Saturday March 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, by Feb. 26th.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 5843

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general committee meeting, March 12th, 3 p.m., St. Mary's Church House, The Butts, Reading. —W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 5863

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary announcement.—The annual festival will be held at Marlborough on Saturday, May 21st, 1955. Details later.—W. C. West, Hon. Sec., Melksham. 5855

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

A good company gathered for the meeting and social at Harbury on February 5th. The five bells were kept going to a number of methods, and call changes were rung for the less experienced ringers. The service was taken by the newly-inducted Rector, the Rev. W. F. E. Smith. The ladies who put on the very good tea had a good idea of ringers' requirements. We thank them very much.

At a short business meeting Hatton was selected for the March meeting and Butlers Marston for April.

There was further ringing until 7.30 when a few friends joined us at the social. Miss Purkiss was M.C. for the 'fun and games,' and the music was supplied by radiogram, lent by the hon. secretary, Mr. H. Windsor. Records were also loaned by Miss Middlemiss, who is shortly leaving for Canada. Good luck, Mary! A very jolly and friendly evening was 'wound up' with Auld Lang Syne. R. J. B.

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A POET IN NEW ZEALAND

READERS of 'The Ringing World' are familiar with the name of Albert J. Lancefield. As a keen ringer who shared in the joy of a peal, he was regarded as one of the coming young men of Kentish ringing. And then, to the surprise of his friends, in December, 1948, at the age of 28, he sailed as an immigrant to New Zealand. The daily round at his former engineering workshop after his foreign service with the Royal Air Force became dull and uneventful. He responded to the wanderlust in his blood. His journeying and ringing experiences have been recorded from time to time in our pages, and while in New Zealand and also in Australia he made a valuable contribution to local ringing, acting as a conductor and instructor.

Another side of his character has been revealed—that of a poet, and in 'By Wandering Tempest' (The Mitre Press, 7s. 6d.) he has modestly enabled others to share in his thoughts and aspirations. These would not have appeared in print but for the exhortations of a very respected friend, for in their initial form they were written with no thought of publication in mind.

Following a meeting of the Ashford District of the Kent County Association at Smarden on November 27th, 1948, came this tribute to its six bells with a tenor of 18¼ cwt.:—

To the fine bells of Smarden must I sing
One song of praise and love,
Before I say goodbye to their domain
To wander and to rove.

Last night we heard them on the frosty air
As from the church we strolled;
November mists and murky darkness hung
Around us damp and cold.

As down the wealden village street they pealed
In rhythm clear and slow,
We lingered to enjoy their harmony,
Rich, resonant and low.

Three more verses were added a week later off Cape Finisterre, which read:—

The mists are lifted now and I am gone
Across the ocean foam,
But sometimes in the quietness of the night
They call me back to home.

Some day I'll answer, some day I'll return
To hear their haunting strain;
And I shall take my place there in the tower
And feel the ropes again.

Loved bells of Smarden, from your tongues I hear,
Soft, retrospectively,
The music of past years, around whose theme
Revolves Life's Symphony.

Mr. Lancefield was present at the ceremony of blessing the new ring of eight bells at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Hamilton, and the inspiration of that service is contained in 'Their New Te Deum':—

'We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord,'
The Very Reverend from the psalter read,
And clear and sweet the bells from overhead
Upon the congregation their new Te Deum poured.

From tower to city young, beyond its precincts flung,
Their proclamation sounded; far and wide,
O'er gully bare, o'er paddock newly sprung,
Wild, pristine forest bush, green, fruitful countryside.

'The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee,'
The congregation in full concourse sang;
The bells with swinging tongues the echo rang,
And to the hearts of thousands conveyed their psalmody.

Another memorable occasion for Mr. Lancefield was when the bells of All Saints' Cathedral, Christchurch, were rung on December 16th, 1950, to mark the centenary of the landing of the Canterbury Pilgrims from the first four ships—'The Charlotte Jane,' 'Cressy,' 'Randolph' and 'Sir George Seymour'—at Lyttelton Bay, now part of Christchurch. The following day the Archbishop, Dr. G. F. Fisher, conducted a service attended by over 20,000 people held in the Cathedral Square, Christchurch. 'The Centennial Message' tells the story of that great occasion:—

'We are the pioneers,' they said,
'We came to make our future here,
And by the grace of God prove true
To the far land we love so dear.'

'God of our fathers, pledged to us,
God of our children yet to be.
In faith were England's churches built,
In faith we raise this fane to Thee.'

Then Rhodes supplied a ring of bells
To hang in the Cathedral tower
That every Sunday, year by year,
'Twould prove them seed of Britain's flower.

True symbol of the pilgrims' creed,
Of everything they fashioned here;
The bells now bear to everyone
The gist of the Centennial year.

Provoked by articles in the daily papers on the Atomic Age, Mr. Lancefield gave this answer in a poem, 'Why should we fear?':—

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How prone we are to pride ourselves as free
Self-governed units, learned and supreme.
And yet our latest thought is but a gleam,
A moment's portion of eternity!
Can we design ought never meant to be
In the ascending Universal Scheme?
Or has our skilful scientific team
Made one more step towards maturity?
Why should we fear? The natural order rolls,
And man and everything that he controls
Responsive moves to the Creative Will,
Though Death and Hell and Judgment's Final bill—
Terms we have pilfered from archaic scrolls,
Like worms eat out our understanding still.

There are some 55 poems in the collection. The odd verses we have quoted give an indication of the author's style, and all who read the book will say a special thank you to 'a very respected friend' who induced their publication to a wider field. There are many of our readers who enjoy verse, and we feel certain they will not be disappointed in Mr. Lancefield's first essay in this direction.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

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RONALD C. NOON	3	GEOFFREY PAUL	7
*THOMAS H. CHARLTON	4	DENIS A. FRITH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JACK MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.
Rung in honour of the baptism of Simon Phillip Freeman, son of the Rev. and Mrs. P. M. Freeman, and grandson of the Master of the Guild.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Six-part (C.C.C. No. 4). Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	*IVOR R. NICHOLS	5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
ROBERT W. HINDE	3	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Oxford Bob Triples.
Rung on the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hinde, parents of the ringer of the 3rd.

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CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	5
W. ARTHUR RIDDINGTON	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
*BASIL W. WHITE	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
*FRANK H. HICKS	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal in the method. 50th peal as conductor.
A 3rd birthday compliment to Margaret Anne Riddington.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS HILL	5
*ROHILLA M. COOKE	2	DENIS R. AIREY	6
*MARY P. REED	3	THOMAS COOKE	7
†DAVID ROBINSON	4	‡MAURICE STEWART	*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES-JAMES. Conducted by THOS. COOKE.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal.
A farewell to Canon George E. Holderness, M.A., Vicar of Darlington, on his appointment as Bishop Suffragan of Burnley.

DORE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

BENJAMIN BARKER	*Treble*	ALEX. RICHARDSON	5
MARK J. BARKER	2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	6
WILLIAM LANCASTER	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	7
JOHN E. TURLEY	4	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
*ELIZABETH BATE	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
WILFRID F. MORETON	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

HAWKHURST, KENT.
THE HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Ten-part No. 1. Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb.

*ANN POWELL	*Treble*	†LESLIE W. JARVIS	5
†MALCOLM CLOKE	2	JAMES G. POWELL	6
†ALBERT H. KEMP	3	†JACK BROWN	7
WILLIAM GORRINGE	4	*BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM CLOKE.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a special compliment to Harry Brown, of Hayes, Kent, whose 90th birthday occurred in the week.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*PALMER WHITTELL	*Treble*	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	5
*MAX P. PAGE	2	*KEITH WHITTELL	6
JAMES BENNETT	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	7
*JOHN R. MUNNINGS	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ERNEST V. BLAKE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise.

NEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

CYRIL J. HIBBERT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
*MICHAEL H. MAISEY	2	†FREDK. E. TURNER	6
PATRICIA A. GAUNT	3	‡HAROLD P. REED	7
*C. JOHN CASTELL	4	WILLIAM G. HIBBERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal and first attempt. ‡ 50th peal.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. C. Mathews, who was inducted as the Rector of Newbury on January 12th.
Rung after meeting two short for Caters.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

REGINALD H. HOWSON	*Treble*	FREDERICK VICKERS	5
HERBERT C. EDWARDS	2	WILLIAM A. YATES	6
*F. REGINALD EVANS	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
VICTOR S. ADAMS	4	HERBERT C. BEARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.
* First peal.
Rung for the Enthronement of the Bishop of Oxford.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	ROY K. MOWFORTH	5
RICHARD C. INGRAM	2	WALTER J. COPE	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
ROGER HAWKESWORTH	4	ROY BASTONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon J. H. Kempson, Custos of Lichfield Cathedral, and formerly Vicar of Penkridge from 1911 to 1937.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. in E flat.

NORMAN J. SMITH	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	5
*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	ROGER BALDWIN	6
†ROBERT WAKE	3	BRIAN J. LUFF	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN J. LUFF.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN A. SMITH	*Treble*	ALFRED E. BALLARD	5
C. ROGER HAYWARD	2	JOHN VERNON	6
*RITA STRATFORD	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
*CHRISTINE STRATFORD	4	NUN L. WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
* First peal of Stedman.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Pickering, also a birthday compliment to Mr. Pickering, for many years a ringer at this church.
Also a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*Vivienne Horton	*Treble*	*Gordon A. Halls	5
Albert E. Thompson	2	*Sampson Walklate	6
*†David K. Walklate	3	Harold Taylor	7
*Alan G. Foster	4	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. †25th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

COLE-ORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Feb 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

W. Geoffrey Hair	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	5
Derek P. Jones	2	John W. Rawson	6
John A. Underwood	3	Joseph Wm. Cotton	7
Arthur E. Rowley	4	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Wilde. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Curson, chairman of the Guild. Also to Mr. S. H. Jones, of Repton.

SIX BELL PEALS

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Jan. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's: (1) Lightfoot, (2) Wearmouth, (3) Beverley, (4) Surfleet, (5) York, (6) Durham, (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne. Tenor 12 cwt.

Frederick W. French	*Treble*	Cecil Wade	4
James W. Haw	2	James H. Musson	5
Leonard C. Blanchard	3	Albert E. Scott	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Feb. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Phyllis Freckelton	*Treble*	†Derek Webster	4
Madeline P. Smith	2	†Kenneth J. Jones	5
Harold Marcon	3	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Ronald Edwards.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

James W. Williams	*Treble*	Harold Parkinson	4
*Edith H. Lord	2	James Walsh	5
George Brown	3	Roger Leigh	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years' ringing at this church by George Brown.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	Michael Vernon	4
William Thornley	2	C. Roger Hayward	5
*Graham Ball	3	John Vernon	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Thornley.
* First in four methods.
Rung as a 87th birthday compliment to the Rev. H. M. Gorham; also a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Abbot on the gift of a son.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

Josephine Green	*Treble*	Charles G. Jones	4
Mollie Tilbury	2	Austin T. Wingate	5
Philip G. Morgan	3	Reginald T. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 6 cwt.

Frederick G. Hooper	*Treble*	*Harold Stevenson	4
Dennis Simpson	2	F. William Midwinter	5
Clarence F. Briggs	3	William L. Exton	*Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 85th birthday of Mr. William Clarke, formerly of Duffield, later of Lincoln Cathedral, and now ringing in the Newark district; and for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stevenson, of Newark, parents of the ringer of the 4th.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount-Without,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Tudor P. Edwards	*Treble*	David J. Marshall	4
Elizabeth A. Grime	2	Frank D. Mack	5
Brian Grinter	3	Frank G. Hooper	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald G. Hooper and David J. Marshall (3½ extents each).

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents: (1) Rossendale and Stamford, ((2) London and Wells, (3) Cambridge and Ipswich, (4) Bourne, (5) Norwich, (6) York and Durham, (7) Beverley and Surfleet; 62 changes of method.

Andrew C. Sinfield	*Treble*	James G. Newnham	4
Ronald J. Sharp	2	John W. Sinfield	5
Charles H. Harding	3	C. Edward Jeffries	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
A birthday peal for C. H. Harding.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, viz., (1) London Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Plain Bob, (4) Double Court, (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Albert Saunders	*Treble*	John Warner	4
Frank B. Lufkin	2	Walter Arnold	5
Alan R. Syder	3	Terry Earle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Terry Earle.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Oxford, and two extents each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Brian M. Barker	*Treble*	Walter Ayre	4
Pamela A. Martin	2	Augustin V. Good	5
*Geoffrey S. Duncan	3	Derek E. Latchford	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek E. Latchford.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

BERGH APTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents of Bourne, two extents of Ipswich, one extent of Spliced Cambridge and Ipswich and two extents of Cambridge.
Tenor 8 cwt. 99 lb. in G.

STANLEY W. COPLING	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	4
*JAMES W. FORDER	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal in three Surprise methods.

PRISTON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, 15 different six-scores. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

EDWARD F. CONNOCK	*Treble*	*ERNEST E. BRAY	4
FRED SAVAGE	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
A. GEORGE CLARE	3	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

Rung to commemorate the induction of the Rev. A. F. Bell to the joint living of Englishcombe. Also a birthday compliment to Christopher Bennett, aged 13 years, who is a ringing member of the local band.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in 72 individual plain course methods, viz., (1) Datchet Bob, Reverse St. Osmund's Bob and St. Julian's Bob; (2) St. Gregory's Bob, Reverse St. Osmund's Bob and Datchet Bob; (3) Reverse St. Vedast's Bob, Reverse St. Remigius' Bob and Reverse St. Osmund's Bob; (4) Uffington Bob, Reverse St. Simon's Bob and Union Bob; (5) St. Alphage's Bob, Reverse St. Simon's Bob and Uffington Bob; (6) Reverse New Bob, Reverse St. Nicholas' Bob and Reverse St. Simon's Bob; (7) Stowe Place, Reverse St. Martin's Bob and St. Faith's Place; (8) St. Andrew's Place, Reverse St. Martin's Bob and Stowe Place; (9) Reverse Huntspill Bob, Reverse Winchendon Place and Reverse St. Martin's Bob; (10) Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Coxwell Place; (11) Reverse Bob, St. Bartholomew's Bob, Reverse All Saints' Place, St. Sebastian's Bob and Canterbury Pleasure; (12) Reverse Shipway's Place, Coxwell Place and Reverse Bob; (13) St. Botolph's Place, Stedman's Bob, Coxwell Place and Reverse Bob; (14) Shipway's Place and Colnbrook S.C.; (15) Tandridge S.C. and Shipway's Place; (16) Westminster II. Bob and Knapton S.C.; (17) Chesham S.C. and Westminster II. Bob; (18) St. Hilary's Bob, Intwood S.C. and Ockham S.C.; (19) Blackburn Place and Lyng S.C.; (20) Broughton S.C. and Blackburn Place; (21) New Bob and Forncett S.C.; (22) Itchingfield S.C. and New Bob; (23) St. Vedast's Bob and Bedingham S.C.; (24) Chipstead S.C. and St. Vedast's Bob; (25) Huntspill Bob and Ellingham S.C.; (26) Oakley S.C. and Huntspill Bob; (27) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Raveningham S.C.; (28) Dorton S.C. and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (29) St. Nicholas' Bob and Fundenhall S.C.; (30) Longford S.C. and St. Nicholas' Bob; (31) St. Remigius' Bob and Harpley S.C.; (32) Hascombe S.C. and St. Remigius' Bob; (33) Winchendon Place and Haddiscoe S.C.; (34) Thornborough S.C. and Winchendon Place; (35) Plain Bob and Candlesby S.C.; (36) Boxford S.C. and Plain Bob; (37) St. Simon's Bob and Braywood S.C.; (38) Rugby S.C. and St. Simon's Bob; (39) St. Osmund's Bob and Longworth S.C.; (40) Merton S.C. and St. Osmund's Bob; (41) St. Martin's Bob and Welford S.C.; (42) Slapton S.C. and St. Martin's Bob, with 315 changes of methods and plain leads only used throughout. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

MONICA HOWARD	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
FRANK T. BLAGROVE	2	MICHAEL HATCHET	5
	3	ALAN D. RIVERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

First peal in 72 methods for all, on the bells and for the Guild. This is the greatest number of Doubles methods yet rung to a peal; each method had its own plain course and each plain course conformed to Central Council requirements. No bobs used and no method was the bob lead of another.



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CREATON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

		Tenor 8 cwt. in A.	
*ARTHUR E. BROWN	*Treble*	C. WILLIAM BROWN	4
*STANLEY A. BROWN	2	RICHARD J. SEATON	5
MICHAEL F. AMOS	3	ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
* First peal. The first peal of Minor on the bells.

DUNKERTON, NEAR BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Bath Branch.)
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (10 callings).		Tenor 8 cwt.	
*BETTY M. WHITE	*Treble*	ENID A. BOND	4
THOMAS W. HARRIS	2	SEALY S. WOODBURN	5
*KENNETH C. BRAIN	3	ALBERT F. BUTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by SEALY S. WOODBURN.
* First peal.
Rung for the 33rd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Butt, tower master at the above church.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents		Tenor 11 cwt. in G.	
*COLIN BINGHAM	*Treble*	LEWIS CORDELL	4
HARRY KING	2	ROBERT BRIDGES	5
†ROY STEVENS	3	WILLIAM WEDLOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEDLOCK.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to Colin Bingham, who joined the R.A.F. on February 14th.

ZENNOR, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SENARA.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	4
MARION L. LIDGEY	2	HARRY MILES	5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM	3	GERALD A. UGLOW	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
First peal of Minor as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

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		*TREVOR A. CROSS	5—6

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal with a working pair. First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Law 1, W. Brown 2, D. H. Paine (first 'inside') 3, Diana M. Gough 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown. Rung as a compliment to Stella Wickens, of Twineham, and Ken Knight, of Bolney, on their engagement.

APPLEDORE, KENT.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Maisie Vantom 1, S. J. Boulden 2, Olive M. Boulden 3, A. Hicks 4, R. Hodgson 5, G. Pearson 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, J. R. Cooper 8. First of Stedman Triples by 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

BARTON ST. DAVID, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Stedman, Union, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 540 of Grandsire): Stella Allen 1, D. Sweet 2, F. J. White 3, A. Bown 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First in seven methods for all except the conductor.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Shiels 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, J. Harrison 3, R. Buckland 4, D. Lamb 5, A. Bridges 6, R. Keeley 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. Lamb. Also on Feb. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, J. Harrison 3, R. Keeley 4, D. Lamb (first in the method) 5, A. Bridges 6, W. Edwards 7, R. Buckland 8. Rung to commemorate the consecration of the Rev. Canon H. J. Carpenter as Bishop of Oxford.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles: W. B. Jones 1, W. Pike 2, G. N. Harding 3, K. H. Thomas 4, T. P. Jones (cond.) 5, R. Thomas 6. First quarter for 3, 4 and 6. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of the ringer of the second.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 6th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. G. T. Steere (first quarter) 1, Miss P. M. Steere 2, E. J. Razzell 3, N. Brown 4, F. E. Mitchell 5, R. Davies 6, F. E. Collins (cond.) 7, W. F. Oatway 8.

EALING, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 13th, at the Church of Christ-the-Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Stephanie Bedborough 1, W. Eveleigh 2, J. E. Lewis Cockey 3, Betty Nolder 4, G. M. Harvey 5, F. Ranson 6, Wilfrid G. Wilson (cond.) 7, Enid Palmer 8. Rung for Evensong.

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary-de-Lode, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cobb (first away from tenor) 1, P. Williams (first quarter) 2, D. Cobb 3, H. Worral 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, P. Hurcombe 6. Rung to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the burning of Bishop Hooper.

GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Ongley 1, E. Pimlott 2, N. Lomas 3, S. Sage 4, L. Copnall 5, B. J. Ongley (first quarter of Minor as cond.) 6.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Jan. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Boon (first quarter) 1, S. Huckle 2, D. C. Wellington 3, J. M. Page 4, D. J. Wilsden 5, R. Tysoe 6, E. Edmondson (cond.) 7, R. A. Cochrane 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. S. A. Woods), who is leaving for Christchurch, New Zealand, shortly.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 April Day Doubles: F. H. Beency 1, Laura M. Beency 2, Kathleen Yeo 3, G. Beeney 4, C. J. Piper (cond.) 5, P. Message 6. First in the method by all the band.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Jones (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. F. A. Woodard) and the conductor.

HURST, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: E. Allum 1, J. Froome 2, G. A. Eele 3, L. Hall 4, Mrs. B. C. Castle 5, S. G. Day 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. J. E. Hicks 8. For the enthronement of the Bishop of Oxford.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. L. Crocker 1, Miss Stella Allen 2, D. Sweet 3, F. J. White 4, A. Bown 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 6. First in two Minor methods by all except the conductor and in such as conductor.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On Jan. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Clarke 1, E. Bowden 2, D. Miller 3, M. Stone 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, B. Keirle 6. To mark the third anniversary of the induction of the Rev. W. Griffin.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Feb. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. N. Sellars (first quarter) 1, D. Simpson (first of Triples) 2, Geo. E. Foster 3, C. F. Briggs 4, H. Stevenson 5, J. W. Raithby 6, W. L. Exton (first of Triples as cond.) 7, F. W. Midwinter 8. First quarter on bells since rehanging by Messrs. Taylor, 1954. A wedding compliment to Mr. L. Colebeck and Miss Pamela Smith, of Newark.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: K. B. Jones (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, D. Wright (first quarter) 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, A. Twiddle (first quarter) 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion Parker 1, J. D. Harris 2, R. H. Parker 3, E. A. Marsh 4, A. York-Bramble 5, L. D. Duguid 6, T. R. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8. Also on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Marion Parker 1, J. D. Harris 2, R. H. Parker 3, A. T. Greenwood 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. York-Bramble 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, H. T. Macey 8.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Feb. 13th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. C. J. Matthews 1, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 2, D. Bereford 3, A. R. Ling (cond.) 4, P. Beresford 5, J. L. Morris 6, D. Priestley 7, G. McKay 8, W. R. Winterton 9, T. H. Francis 10, F. J. Matthews 11, A. J. House 12. First of Cinques for 6 and 7.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Feb. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Rodson 1, I. M. Parry 2, Miss E. M. Perrin 3, E. J. Rowe 4, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 5, L. Green 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam R. P. Crump, ringer, St. Mary's, Hornsey.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. Devenish 1, P. Devenish 2, H. Cox 3, J. Tomsett 4, M. Sinden 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6. For the 14th birthday of Susan Jacobs.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Doubles (120 Old, 120 April Day, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): F. Patrick 1, E. J. Hill 2, L. T. Oliffe 3, G. H. Wright 4, B. J. Coggins (first as cond.) 5, D. J. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. Viner, interred this day.

QUARTER PEALS

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Jan. 30th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: Miss D. Perrins (first of Major) 1, B. Downie (first of Major) 2, H. Yardley 3, A. Short 4, J. L. Gray 5, W. Pettigrew 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, R. C. Ingram 8. Rung for Evensong on the occasion of the first visit of the Bishop of Aston as bishop.

AXBRIDGE, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Brooks 1, Miss S. Banwell 2, A. Peters 3, A. Hooper 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, F. Brooks 6. First quarter for 2 and 6.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck (first of Minor) 1, Mrs. K. Ketteringham 2, F. W. Pinchbeck 3, D. A. Frith (cond.) 4, A. Hartley 5, K. Ketteringham 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Print 1, G. Ingram 2, A. T. Shorey 3, V. Hunt 4, H. Huxley 5, F. Lyne 6, C. A. Manning (cond.) 7, W. J. Moore 8. First quarter on the bells since being augmented and rehung.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On Jan 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Jill Tombs (first of Stedman) 1, A. C. Boxley 2, C. Skidmore (cond.) 3, J. Lloyd 4, F. Jukes 5, T. Hemming 6, A. Peakman 7, S. Mallen 8. A birthday compliment to Mr. T. Hemming.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hurst 1, W. G. Clarke 2, H. Daniels 3, H. C. Edwards (cond.) 4, A. W. Dillow 5, J. E. Dillow 6. Rung to commemorate the enthronement of the Bishop of Oxford.

CAVERSFIELD, OXON.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Susan D. Clarke 1, F. Sharpe (cond.) 2, Patricia J. Ayris 3, W. J. Baggett 4, C. H. Kinch 5. Rung in commemoration of the enthronement of Dr. Carpenter as Bishop of Oxford. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire): H. Hatfield 1, C. H. Kinch 2, E. G. Jones 3, W. J. Baggett 4, E. J. Smith (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. E. Butler (79), verger and caretaker for 50 years.

GREAT MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Dec. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cook 1, Heather Bonner 2, E. D. Poole 3, Evelyn Gibson 4, L. J. Young 5, E. Silvey 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, J. T. Clay 8. For service of nine lessons. Also on December 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cook 1, H. Buckingham 2, Heather Bonner 3, E. Silvey 4, Evelyn Gibson 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, R. E. Dean 7, L. J. Young 8. Also on Christmas Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cook 1, Heather Bonner 2, Evelyn Gibson 3, J. T. Clay 4, E. D. Poole 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Jan. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Caters: N. Lees 1, Miss M. Walshaw 2, F. Barraclough 3, A. Ward 4, H. Reynolds 5, B. Walshaw 6, W. Pye 7, G. Pye 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, H. Longden/G. Longden 10 (the time was divided between the two tenor ringers to enable both to ring). Also present in the tower were J. Simpkins and H. Hollingworth. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of Arthur Ridyard, ringing master of Manchester Cathedral, who died January 19th.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith Midgley (aged 17, first quarter) 1, R. Cooper 2, Jill Tombs 3, D. J. Midgley 4, F. B. Cookson 5, D. N. Layton (cond.) 6, D. H. Watson 7, B. Crannage 8. Rung for Evensong.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on Jan 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Buckland 1, C. J. Hathaway 2, W. Carter (cond.) 3, Terry Collins 4, C. Cavalot 5, M. Looker 6, P. Minchin 7, T. Collins 8.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Slack (cond.) 1, Mrs. C. W. Roberts 2, M. Austin 3, F. W. Tomlin 4, H. Duncan 5, T. Pearson 6. First quarter by 3, 5 and 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 13th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hewitt 1, A. Boyack 2, F. C. Maynard 3, R. J. Chapman 4, E. E. Holman (cond.) 5, J. Ketteringham 6, T. C. Coles 7, F. Taylor 8. Rung for Evensong.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Extract from 'The Ringing World' February 26th, 1915

SURPRISE RINGING AT SOUTHGATE

Later on, when the conclusion of peace enables peal ringing to resume its normal course, we look forward to a peal of London Surprise Major being rung at Southgate by a band who have not only learned their ringing in the tower, but who were all born within the sound of the bells. We do not say that this will be absolutely unique, but certainly there are very few towers where a peal of London has been rung by a local band who can claim this distinction. That the Southgate men have the opportunity before them is proved by the fact that on February 10th they rang 1,344 in the method . . . . in 55 minutes: G. Bester 1, G. W. Fletcher (age 18) 2, E. G. Tomlinson 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, F. G. Tegg 8. It was the first quarter of London by the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd.

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LATE NEWS

The College Youths were successful in their peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, on Saturday. The same day an attempt for Stedman Cinques at Trowbridge came to grief after three hours' ringing, through the conductor missing a bob.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Frank T. Blagrove and his band at Stanwell have given another exposition of Doubles ringing with a peal in 72 methods, the greatest number yet rung to a peal.

Mr. J. W. Cotton has now 'completed the circle' at the ninth tower in the area by ringing the seventh at Cole-Orton to the peal of Double Norwich on February 14th.

The last peal rung by the late Mr. E. J. Gale was a 5,003 of Grandsire Caters on December 3rd, 1938, at St. Peter's, St. Albans. It was his first peal on ten bells.

Mr. C. W. Woolley has been nominated to serve as president of the Hertford County Association. The annual meeting will be held at Watford this year.

There is many a history lesson in our quarter peal columns. Ringing took place at St. Mary-de-Lode, Gloucester, to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the burning of Bishop Hooper.

The 90th birthday of Mr. Harry Brown, of Hayes, Kent, was commemorated by a peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Hawkhurst, Kent, rung by a local band except the conductor, Mr. M. Cloke, who was a former resident. Many ringers in the Hayes and Bromley district owe their proficiency in the art to Mr. Brown.

Hawkhurst bells were rehung in a new oak frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1904 and have not had the attention of a bellfounder since. The 'go' of the bells is still good, although the gudgeons and bearings have worn through constant use Sunday by Sunday.

At the East Berks and South Bucks Branch meeting at Boyne Hill to-morrow the Vicar will dedicate at 4 p.m. a stone memorial tablet to George Martin and William Walker, which is erected in the ringing chamber, where they both rang for more than 60 years.

In regard to the leading peal ringers at Erith (see page 106) the name of Mr. J. Bennett should be included. He has rung 53 and conducted three there. The author expresses his regret at the omission.

Wales has its veterans Mr. W. Pike rang in a quarter peal in honour of his 80th birthday at St. Martin's, Caerphilly.

Mr. George Brown has completed a half century as a ringer at Christ Church, Bacup, Lancs. He rang in a congratulatory peal.

Writes a Cheshire correspondent: 'I must say that after all the opinions expressed about "The Ringing World" I read it from cover to cover and find it very good.'

The Hertford County Association are hoping to revive the Benington Great Ringing Day on Whit Saturday. In Squire Proctor's time it was always held on May 29th.

Any members of the R.A.O.B. who may be interested in a peal attempt are asked to contact Mr. Ernest J. Rowe, 3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15.

The peal at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, reported in our issue of February 11th, was the first there for 20 years. The next peal at Cadoxton, near Neath, will be the 50th on the bells, writes the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

The bells of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, rang merrily on February 12th. There were two golden wedding anniversaries in the village on the same day. Those who rang the peal want to know if any other village has had a similar coincidence.

Mr. H. Cox, of Wimbledon, and formerly of Boyne Hill, has entered Wimbledon Hospital for a serious operation, and the best wishes of the band were extended to him on the completion of a quarter peal, which appears in our columns, and in which he took part.

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PEAL RINGING IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Huntingdonshire, being such a small county, and having, therefore, few towers, it will be possible to mention them all in a review of peal ringing since 1881. The first peal recorded in the county was at Keyston (5) in 1888. I can't remember that a 5-bell tower has been able to claim first peal in the county anywhere else, but it is probably so in this case. It is the only peal ever rung on the bells, too, so the tower holds a pretty good record for silence as well! The footnote to the peal says: '. . . and it is a great many years since, if ever, a peal has been rung in this county.' I certainly haven't come across an earlier one yet and it would be very interesting to know if anyone has. Whether there was anything wrong with the peal, I don't know, but the next peal in the county, at Huntingdon, St. Mary's (8), in 1890 has a footnote: 'This is considered to be the first true peal rung in the county.' Perhaps we shall never know. But it seems that this time it is possible to give a complete record of peals since none had been rung before 1881 apparently.

There are no 12- or 10-bell towers in Huntingdonshire, only five eights, 17 sixes and 15 fives. No group has had all the towers rung to a peal. Bluntisham among the eights, Conington among the sixes, and Abbotsley, Buckworth, Elton, Great Gidding, Kimbolton, Leighton Bromswold, Great Paxton and Winwick among the fives remain virgin territory. Although there aren't a great number of peals to talk about (only 264 in all), it is clear that more are being rung now than at any time in the county's history, for 148 of them have been rung since the last war. This is a very encouraging sign.

A 6-bell tower, Holywell, leads the list of number of peals with 41. The first peal here was in 1925 and the remaining 40 have come in the last seven years, which is very good going. St. Ives (8) comes second with 33—22 of these have been rung since 1944 (but none since 1953) and the remainder were heard in the years 1931 to 1938. Another 6-bell tower is third—Spaldwick, with 32. Eleven were rung from 1922 to 1931, then there was a gap until 1948, since when the remaining 21 have been rung. In the 20's are three more 6-bell towers—Huntingdon, All Saints' (24—first peal in 1904, then three peals in 1928 and 1929, and the remaining 20 in the last seven years). Hemingford Abbots (22—first peal in 1903, 10 peals from 1926 to 1938, and 11 since 1946), and Woodstone (21—first peal during the first war, in 1916, 16 more up to 1927, three in 1933 and 1935, and an odd one in 1948 to complete the count).

Only two other towers have reached double figures—both have eight bells, They are Huntingdon St. Mary's with 15 and St. Neots with 10. The former is one of the exceptions to the general trend in this county of more peals in recent years, for 10 of them were rung before 1914. There were three between 1927 and 1930 and the remaining two in 1948 and 1949. St. Neots' peals are spread evenly over the years since 1920, when the first peal was rung. There have been four since the war. The only other 8-bell tower is Godmanchester, which has scored nine peals. The first was in 1895 and then came a gap of 30 years, when four more were rung during the next seven years. There have been four more in the past three years, so things are looking up a little here.

As for the six-bell towers, the following is a complete list of those not already mentioned:—Alconbury (one peal in 1927); Alwalton (three, in 1905, 1937, 1950); Eynesbury (six—two before 1914, two between the wars and two since); Great Gransden (three, in 1938, 1930, 1932); Hartford (two, in 1930 and 1932); Hemingford Grey (five, in 1896, 1903, 1924, 1927, 1948); Ramsey (two, in 1904 and 1906); Somersham (six, in 1933, 1935, and four since 1944); Stanground (two, in 1947 and 1948); Great Staunton (eight, four from 1921 to 1935, and four since the war); and Yaxley (eight, in 1913, 1926, 1933, and five from 1948 to 1954).

Warboys, with four peals in the past two years, has most in the 5-bell towers. All the rest [Buckden (1935), Fenstanton (1923), Fletton, Houghton and Tetworth (1953) and Keyston (1888—see above)] have only one, with the exception of Brampton, where two peals were rung, one in 1908, and the other 40 years afterwards, in 1948.

I think every tower in the county has been mentioned. May the recent signs of activity in the county long continue.

SHORTER PEALS

W. T., Consett.—

It seems we've got to curb our zeal
For ringing out the 'lengthy' peal,
Thus defer, with dubious grace,
To the ever-encroaching populace.

Those noble souls, so gently nurtured,
Must never have their senses tortured
With sound of bells;
Who yet approve of howling scenes
On noisy, nasal picture screens.
Will these the Exercise placate,
And shortened peals appreciate?

Mr. K. G. Ornbo, Hull.—A rose by any other name would smell as sweet. A half-peal by any other name would give as much annoyance to those who don't like it, and as much pleasure to those who do, so why bother to change the name? In any case a 'peal' is only an endurance test. Beauty lies in good striking, even if it is only rounds.

Mr. E. T. Paul Field, Long Sutton, Somerset.—In my opinion no peal attempt should be made in any 'objection' area (factual or likely) unless for some very special occasion, ecclesiastical, national or parochial. When, however, such attempt is to be made, the incumbent should be asked to announce in church at each service on the previous Sunday, the date, time and probable duration of the ringing, together with an explanation of the reason, and with such other points of interest which he might consider beneficial. The parishioners would then know why the bells would be ringing and the objectors have a chance to be absent.

H. A. Price, Yatton, Somerset.—Surely in church life there is no short cut to glory. There seems no legitimate cause to cut the length of a peal for the ringer who 'rings to the glory of God,' and, therefore, it is unreasonable to 'cut' the peal short for the 'peal grabber.' Again, towers where ringing genuinely annoys are in the minority and should be avoided. Long peals are the exception rather than the rule. Stick to the 5,040 changes for a peal.

Mr. L. G. Brett, Framsden.—5,040 is the **maximum** in Triples. Peal ringers, please keep 5,000 the **minimum** on other numbers.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Monmouth Branch Report Progress

The annual meeting of the Monmouth Branch was successfully held at Chepstow on February 12th. Despite the very cold weather a large number of ringers attended, including visitors from Bristol and Rugby.

The choral service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Ernest Evans, who gave a warm welcome to the Branch. The Rev. David Jones assisted.

A plentiful tea in the Church Hall followed, prepared by the wives, mothers and friends of the Chepstow ringers. These ladies were most sincerely thanked by Mr. R. E. Coles..

At the business meeting the secretary reported steady progress in Branch affairs. 22 new members having been elected during the past year and meetings well attended.

New members were then elected from Caldicot, St. Woolos, Peterstone, Chepstow, Usk and Rumney. Mr. J. Alsop (Ebbw Vale) was elected Branch Ringing Master. The secretary, Miss Jacqueline Evans, was re-elected.

Progress was reported from Penhow, Peterstone, St. Woolos, Caldicot and from the monthly Surprise practice. Wash was finally chosen as the place for the next meeting.

THE LADIES' GUILD'S ACTIVITIES

Midland District

The annual meeting of the Midland District was held at St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, on January 29th, when approximately 50 ringers and friends were present. The standard of ringing was good, ranging from rounds to Surprise Major. A short service was conducted by Father Pickering, prior to tea at the nearby Castle Inn.

Before the gentlemen returned to the tower Miss I. B. Thompson (vice-president) expressed thanks to all concerned.

At the business meeting the following officials were elected: Vice-president, Miss I. B. Thompson; secretary, Miss J. M. Simpson; two general committee members, Mrs. H. J. Poole and Mrs. B. G. Warwick; four District committee members, Mrs. H. J. Poole, Mrs. I. Hitchborn, Miss L. Ffoulke and Mrs. J. Lewis.

The vice-president thanked the members for their good attendance at meetings during the past year and said that she hoped they would keep it up.

One new member was elected. It is hoped to arrange a joint meeting with West Midland District at Tamworth sometime in June.

The next meeting will be held at Burton-on-Trent on March 26th.

Central District's High Standard

Thirty-six ringers, half of them members, attended the annual meeting of the Central District held at Upper Clapton on January 29th. The standard of ringing was good with a predominance of Surprise methods. The Vicar, the Rev. Shaw Kew, conducted the service, and welcomed the ringers. Short work was made of an excellent tea, after which 14 members sat down to the business meeting.

The 1954 annual report and financial statement were satisfactory, showing an increase in attendance at meetings. Mrs. Lock, North Mymms, was re-elected vice-president, and the following members were elected to the committee: Mrs. Savory, Mrs. Hodgson, Mrs. Bullock, Miss Sanderson and Miss Lawrence (secretary). Four new members were elected. Members were reminded about the next District meeting at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, on April 30th.

The business meeting ended with votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist, and the ladies who prepared tea. Ringing of the former high standard continued until late in the evening.

M. L.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY SOCIETY REUNION

THE annual dinner and reunion of the Society was held on January 29th in the Senior Common Room of the Refectory by invitation of the president, Professor R. J. Brocklehurst. After preliminaries at the bar, about 50 members and guests sat down to a three-course dinner. The formal toasts of 'The Queen' and 'The Church' preceded the following speeches.

Mr. J. R. Worrall proposed a toast to the 'Exercise.' He hoped that when the Central Council visited Bristol at Whitsun a very warm welcome would be afforded by local ringers and that the University Society would take its place with them. He also reminded those present that non-members of the Central Council were able to attend in a voteless capacity, and this would be an excellent opportunity to see the Council at work. Next Mr. Worrall drew attention to the most important link between ringers—'The Ringing World'—more important even than the Central Council, to which it belonged. Mr. Worrall had noted a decline in handbell ringing and suggested that Bristol handbell experts should make an effort to remedy the situation.

Replying to this toast, Mr. J. T. Duke spoke about the way in which the Universities' Association of Change Ringers was brought into being as a link between the so-called 'intelligentsia.' It seemed to Mr. Dyke that conditions in his younger days were far more difficult for anybody trying to learn an art such as riding a bicycle or change ringing. It was sometimes quite evident that theory was in advance of practice twenty or thirty years ago, and he instanced students at Wells.

The secretary, Mr. M. Sprackling, proposed the toast to 'The Visitors' and mentioned some of the notable persons present, commencing with Mr. J. T. Dyke, a stalwart of the Bath and Wells Association. The Master of the Cambridge University Guild was representative of the other University Societies linked by U.A.C.R. and this one. He was very pleased to see the Society's former president, Professor Piper, and the Rector of St. Michael's, the Rev. Vyvyan Jones. In welcoming Mr. L. Barry (Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association) and other friends of the Bristol Branch, he made allusions to the privilege which had been bestowed upon various members of the Society—that of visiting the headquarters of Bristol ringing at the Naval Volunteer.

Mr. George Briggs, in his reply, said he was glad that this University Society could provide a means of drawing together ringers in an activity to lighten the burden of scholastic work for a while.

UNIVERSITIES AND CENTRAL COUNCIL

The toast to 'The Society' was proposed by Mr. C. M. P. Johnson, the Master of the Cambridge University Guild, who was grateful for the informal but pleasant welcome afforded him. He referred to the special function of University Societies in allowing young ringers to associate in and out of the tower and then to return to their own localities having made considerable advances into the higher spheres of ringing. It was interesting to know that no less than 28 University men and women had places on the Central Council. Although the Bristol University Society was comparatively juvenile (being only 11 years old) it had already made an export to Australia, and by applying aerodynamic principles to change ringing, wonderful flights into the theory had been made by another member.

Replying, the Master (Mr. D. Marshall) outlined some achievements the Society had made during the year. A number of learners had been taught and continued to make progress. About 60 towers had been visited by the Society and could thus be termed 'tower grabbers.' Eleven peals had been rung, five 'in hand' (Bob Major, Bob Minor, and four, five and six methods of Minor), and six on tower bells (Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples, seven methods of Doubles and three of Grandsire Doubles). One peal had been for the Chancellor of the University, Sir Winston Churchill, as an 80th birthday compliment, and this was also the president's first peal. Of the members, certain specialists were notable: for conducting from belfry rafters, handbell ringing, in theory and in unaccepted methods, especially in Grandsire Minor and Royal. Mr. Marshall ended by thanking the president for the invitation to the Senior Common Room, the various tower representatives locally and everybody connected with helping the Society to function.

In conclusion the president expressed his pleasure to see the old members back again and hoped that they would not forget to revisit Bristol on future occasions.

On retiring to the lounge the old members present gathered together to discuss a method of retaining connections with past and present members of the Society. It was decided with the nomination of Mr. I. H. Trueman as a Bristol secretary, that a magazine would be circulated each December giving notice of old members' addresses and any items of general interest to them.

During the day ringing had taken place at St. John's-on-the-Wall, St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (the first time for over two years), St. Mary Redcliffe and St. James Horsefair, with many visitors at these towers.

The Society's 32nd peal was rung at Long Ashton in the morning, this being on the heaviest bells yet for the Society.

The home tower of St. Michael's-on-the-Mount-Without was open before the service at 6 p.m. The Rev. Vyvyan Jones officiated, and Mr. Kenneth Pinney played the organ. In the short address the Rector referred to the present members' activities in his choir, for which he did not mind the few minutes' wait whilst they came down from the belfry.

F. D. M.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Scoring Their First Quarter Plans

When the Western District held its annual meeting at Hemel Hempstead on January 22nd the secretary, Mr. R. Shutter, was able to report some success in recruiting new members during 1954. It was evident, he said, from the high proportion of younger ringers present, that interest in the art of change ringing was increasing in the District.

Mr. A. V. Good was unanimously re-elected to the office of Ringing Master, a position which he has held for over 20 years.

The retiring committee put forward a comprehensive scheme designed to improve the standard of ringing in the nine towers which form the Western District. At least 30 attempts are to be made this year to ring quarter peals. The attempts will be organised so that new recruits have every opportunity of ringing with experienced ringers, and, in many cases, new conductors will be encouraged to take charge of the proceedings.

From the proceeds of the Christmas function the meeting voted eight guineas each to Flamstead and St. Mary's, Apsley, to help their restoration funds; £5 to the County Association; and one guinea each to the Benevolent and Voluntary Bell Funds.

The service in St. Mary's Church was conducted by the Rev. A. Malley.

WALSALL'S 'CARILLON'

Young Ringers' Invasion

On January 29th the so-called 'carillon' of Walsall Town Hall was invaded by a number of young ringers from St. Matthew's, Walsall, and nearby Rushall. We were whisked to the first floor of the Town Hall in a lift of palatial dimensions—then we had to climb the 124 steps of the cast iron spiral staircase leading up to the top of the tower. At last we reached the chamber (if such it can be called) which houses the bells—it is open to the wind and rain on all sides and looks from the outside like a gigantic wedding cake. The bells are operated electrically by what is, in effect, a small pianola. The noise in the tower is deafening, although in the street below they can hardly be heard.

After we had admired the Parish Churches of Rushall and Walsall and had climbed over and under the bells, caught our heads on the wires, been poked in the middle by the devices used to counterbalance the chimes, and taken photographs (none of which turned out much good), we reluctantly descended the tower. On the way down one of our members gave a demonstration, with the aid of a penny, of how bells are tuned (the rest of us were not very impressed as, according to his method, they were hopelessly out of tune!).

Back in the Town Hall we inspected the manual which operates the bells. Several of us played rounds, Queens and Whittingtons, then one, becoming very bold, played an 'extent' of original Minimus.

We are considering having a quarter peal 'in hand' on them one day. S. T.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bridgnorth Branch

The resignation was received with great regret at the annual meeting of the Branch at Bridgnorth on February 4th of Mr. H. G. Thomas, who has been secretary of the Branch for 20 years. His sterling work for the Branch is much appreciated. Mr. H. Edge, of Much Wenlock, was elected his successor. Both the Ringing Master (Mr. B. H. Heath) and the Deputy Master (Mr. J. E. Fox) were re-elected.

The passing of the Rev. C. S. Jackson, of Broseley, a great friend of the ringers, was remembered, the members standing in silence.

Meetings were arranged for Worfield, April 2nd; Broseley, June 25th; Madeley, September 10th; joint meeting with Shropshire Association in November.

The service in the afternoon was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Kemp, and the address given by the Rev. Mr. Hickling, of Coalbrookdale.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

N.W. District at Harlow

A membership of 154 (110 ringing members, 37 honorary members and seven non-resident members) was reported at the annual meeting of the North-Western District at Harlow on January 22nd. The Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Bevan, R.D.), who had previously conducted the service, presided.

The financial statement showed a credit balance of £24 1s. 11d., £4 16s. 11d. of which was from collections allocated to the Bell Restoration Fund.

Officers elected were: Master, Mr. B. G. Burton; secretary and treasurer, Mr. G. E. C. Blake; committee members, Messrs. R. Hayden and K. C. S. Wood.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, and to the organist.

Ringing was then resumed in the tower until 8.30 p.m. Methods rung included Bob Major, Kent, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Cambridge and Superlative.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MR. FELSTEAD REPLIES TO HIS CRITICS

Dear Sir,—I know that it would probably be best to be like Brer Rabbit and 'lie low and say nuffin' but I think I ought to remind various critics of the following facts:—

(a) The present Methods Committee has never been asked for an opinion on Plain Bob Triples and, so far, has had nothing to do with this.

(b) We did not make the rule about irregular lead heads, we merely examined the position, as requested by the Council, and gave our opinion, which was accepted, that, on the whole, we felt that the existing rule be endorsed. It was pointed out that this result was arrived at by taking into account several factors (as I said in my last letter on the subject) and that there was no one firm reason for it. After all, judgments are usually made by weighing the pros and cons of a matter, for it isn't always that a clear cut decision can be made because of one predominant fact. (May I also stress, in connection with this, that two of the five on the committee have had more experience of Minor ringing than most of the critics.)

(c) This business of the Methods Committee wanting 'a rule changed to suit itself' and similar statements are quite ridiculous on examination. The only rules we have asked to be changed, I think, were some in connection with the preparation of a collection of Doubles methods, and these were of **relaxation** of rules to widen the possible field. But have we been thanked for this? No, we are still out to impose our will on Doubles ringers (I notice there has been complete silence about my mentioning about ten methods which have a plain course the same as Plain Bob !).

(d) As for imposing our views on the Council, there are five members of the Methods Committee. There are 150 members of the Council, of which about 120 are usually present at the Council meeting. It is not a very good compliment to about 115 other persons to suggest that they act as stooges to we five. I seem to remember that for several years the Council would not accept parts of our report on Extension, which hardly suggests it is in our pocket.

(e) Frankly I do not believe these sweeping statements that our views are those of a very small percentage of ringers. I should be interested to know on what grounds they are made. On the contrary, since our reports and recommendations have been accepted by the Council (which represents a far better cross-section of ringers than any with which our critics come into contact) I would say that they (the critics) were in the minority without any doubt whatever.

(f) It is rather typical of some people's wishful thinking when it is suggested that there is too much 'passive acceptance of the so-called recommendations put forward by the Standing and other committees of the Council.' As, I think, a member of the Council then, Mr. Bond will surely remember that of recent years business has been noteworthy for the quite frequent refusal of the Council to accept the Standing Committee's suggestions.

(g) In asking for specific reasons why the Methods Committee supported the retention of Plain Bob lead heads, critics should ask themselves why we follow any rules in ringing. I think it would be found that it is not possible to give a single good reason in support of anything we accept (e.g., why 5,000 changes for a peal?). On the other hand, if one of the present rules is thrown out, the process would not stop there and we should soon have chaos.

(h) Finally, since our organisation is a voluntary one, I should be rather interested to know what our critics think our motives are in all this if they are not, as they would seem to suggest, the good of the Exercise in general. After all, as Mr. Martin kindly points out (and how nice to receive a pat on the back for once), many members of the Council are giving a lot of their spare time to its work, and it can hardly be suggested that they are deliberately trying to be dictators. What would be the point of it?—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

INSPIRED BY OTHER ONE-ARM RINGERS

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank the many ringing friends who have written to me and made inquiries about me, also visited me in hospital since my recent unfortunate accident resulting in the loss of my left arm. I have been greatly cheered by them and am pleased to say I made a quick recovery. I am now out of hospital and feel quite fit and well in myself.

I even attended the annual meeting at Reading recently to try my luck at ringing with one arm, and successfully rang Stedman Cinques and Spliced Surprise Major. I have been greatly inspired by letters from one-armed ringing friends and I shall follow their example and continue my ringing in a moderate way.

Again thanking everyone for their kind thoughts for me.

REGINALD W. REX,

Thatcham.

THE POPULARITY OF GRANDSIRE

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Bond's letter in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated February 11th about his statement of Grandsire Triples, I am open to gamble that if he took half the country he would find that Grandsire was and is still the most popular method rung by our Sunday Service ringers. Also, if he will read his 'Ringing World' and notice the quarter peals, 50 per cent. are in the Grandsire method. I am wondering if Mr. Bond has ever conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples. I can tell him it takes more to conduct than Plain Bob. What about Holt's Original? When I was a boy the local band (Milverton, Somerset), which was at that time one of the leading bands in Somerset in peal ringing, used Holt's Bob and Plain Leads Singles.

I have been ringing 50 years and I still enjoy ringing Grandsire Triples; it is a real odd-bell method. I still hope the Central Council will delete Plain Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques from their lists.—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

Gillingham, Kent.

R.A.F. RINGERS—AN APPEAL

Dear Sir,—I have been stationed here at Wallop for about ten months, and, up to now, I have not found another ringer in the camp, or, in fact, in any other camp where I have been stationed. I am sure that there must be many other National Service ringers stationed around Salisbury. If they are interested I should like to hear from them, so that we could arrange some practices together.

I am sure that local ringers and incumbents would co-operate, as I have always been made welcome at all the towers that I have visited for practices and Sunday ringing. May I say 'Thank you' to all of the ringers at those towers, especially to Mr. and Mrs. Joyner, of Rugeley, who were very kind to me whilst I was stationed at Hednesford, in Staffordshire, last year.—Yours faithfully,

2715671, L.A.C. ROGER J. FOX.

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Near Stockbridge, Hants.

LET THE INCUMBENT KNOW

Dear Sir,—The article on page 94 of your issue dated February 11th concerning a visit to St. Gabriel's, Westminster, refers to the Vicar being appalled at the condition of the bells. It also says that he had no idea of the poor state of affairs, but in this respect he is not unlike many other incumbents, who merely accept the fact that their church bells are rung on Sundays and on practice nights and take no interest in the bellringers whatever.

It is high time an effort was made by all ringers to see that their local incumbent is kept fully informed of their activities, or, better still, to invite him to be present whenever the bells are rung. Possibly in this way only can the gap be bridged, which undoubtedly exists between many ringers and their local incumbent, thus furthering the cause of change ringing for its true purpose—to remind parishioners that a service is soon to take place at **their** parish church — and to improve relations between the ringers, the church and, in particular, its congregation.

If our local incumbents are not kept in touch in this way, it is not really surprising that they are loath to spend any money on repairs or maintenance, even less so if they hardly ever see their ringers at any church services or functions. This dissociation between the clergy and ringers has often led to the stoppage of ringing, and hence the bells have fallen into disrepair, as is the case at the above-mentioned tower; then, when an attempt is made to form a new band, newcomers to the Exercise find it very difficult to handle the bells, and so they quickly lose interest. One can think of many—far too many— illustrations of such a situation, one of which it was the misfortune of the Ladies' Guild to come across.

Therefore, for the sake of the future of our noble Exercise, let us make a start **now** to interest **all** our clergy in our activities.—Yours sincerely,

IAN H. ORAM.

Lee, S.E.12.

MUFFLED PEALS

Dear Sir,—Congratulations on the first of what looks to be a promising new series, 'Topic for the Month.' My first reaction to A. Y.-B.'s ideas was 'For the love of Mike don't make peal ringing easier—" The Ringing World " is already overloaded with peal records.' Dare one suggest smaller type?

I am quite sure that something should be done to prevent ringing from being a nuisance to anyone. From my own experience as a very mediocre ringer, and from what I have noticed of others, I think we can do with more practice rather than less and so I think that the only satisfactory answer to our problem is to have an arrangement whereby we can muffle the sound of the bells when we want to.

As a practical man, a carpenter, I am sure that this could be done in most cases by local labour, but we do need expert technical advice. There are many soundproofing materials on the market to-day, ranging from two-inch thick wood-wool boards for shutters to glass-wool or seaweed quilts which could be used as roller blinds. I am sure many of these materials have been tried, and advice could be obtained on the others from the manufacturers.

Here is where 'The Ringing World' can help by giving details of what has been done, what could be done and where advice can be sought, and promoting a general discussion on the technical side of the problem.—Yours faithfully,

E. F. FOSBERRY.

Horsham.

[Editorial Note.—A new edition of the Central Council's valuable publication 'Preservation and Repair of Bells' is now available, price 2s., from Miss P. J. Ayris, 10, Sherwood Close, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. This deals with the problems raised by our correspondent.]

LETTERS—Continued

DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION

Dear Sir,—I hasten to assure the Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith that I am as earnest a supporter of democratic principles as he is. That is why I desire to see Central Council representatives expressing the views of their members and not their own as individuals.

My contention is that our 'representatives' are delegates, though not so termed. Those elected by my own and many other Guilds and Associations receive payment for their services, and many ringers with whom I have recently discussed this matter agree with me that, should our representatives receive any reimbursement of expenses out of Guild funds, they are, strictly speaking, **delegates** and can, therefore, be **instructed** how to vote.

Mr. Smith points out that if we don't approve of our representatives' actions they can be replaced at the next election. Quite so, but that might permit them to do three years' untold harm in the meanwhile. Nevertheless I should be most reluctant to support any disciplinary action, such as withholding payment against a representative who, having been given a mandate, voted contrary to instructions.

One of our greatest difficulties is in knowing what guidance to give our representatives, as we are never furnished with the subjects and motions to be discussed at the Council meetings. Other national bodies take a referendum on important issues or send the resolutions to be discussed to their constituent organisations for their consideration. This is true democracy, and it is high time the Central Council reviewed its constitution so that its members do not find themselves suddenly confronted with important issues they have neither had time to consider, nor to place before the Association they represent. Until the present system is radically overhauled the ordinary ringer will not have proper representation, and I hope some Central Council representative will have the courage to raise this matter at Whitsun (or before).

Let me instance the new Doubles collection. We don't know whether it is to be presented this year, or when. If it is presented, will there be a proposal to delete all peals containing methods not in the collection? If it is merely presented to give the Exercise some methods worth ringing, then no harm will be done—a few may be sorry to see some of their favourite methods omitted—but it would be quite a different matter if only these were accepted by the Peals Analysis Committee! With the position so vague, what advice can any Association give its representatives? There should be no 'ifs'; they should know exactly what they are going to discuss and have been briefed by their Association beforehand. —Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM

Slough.

BOUQUET, NOT BRICKBAT

Dear Sir,—For many months now there have been many letters directed against the rulings of the Methods Committee of the Central Council, and especially against Mr. Felstead.

I do not agree with many of the decisions, but I should like to congratulate Mr. Felstead on the work being put in by recording the peals rung in the last 74 years. Most of the criticism is directed straight at Mr. Felstead, and I think this is quite unfair, as he is not the only member of the committee. If anyone is to be told it is the Council representatives who pass the rules.—Yours, etc.,

D. K. WALKLATE.

Derby.

'FURTHER OUTLOOK'

Dear Sir,—Whilst the point raised by Mr. Barnett in his letter 'Flower Names for Methods' is trivial (see page 11, January 7th, 1955), it leads to questions which concern the Exercise in general.

The method for which I proposed the name 'Daffodil Delight' has not even been rung yet. If and when it is rung, the band which rings the first peal should, by an unwritten law of the Exercise, be entitled to attach the label they choose. 'Daffodil' was recommended for the reasons given in my last letter; and in giving a name to any method before it is rung, my object is clearness of possible reference in future issues.

It seems that when following the 1920's controversy over flower names, Mr. Barnett has not realised that the Editor whom he quotes was exaggerating to emphasise his point. To use 'Onion,' 'Beefsteak' and 'Geranium' is obviously going a little too far; but there is no justification for rejecting the simpler names, such as 'Bluebell' and 'Daffodil.'

The important point I wish to raise, however, is, 'Why should the present age be subjected to rules made by the last and last-but-one generations, when revision of several of these rules could lead to real progress?' Certain aspects of ringing at present seem inclined towards a combination of out-dated and cumbersome ideas with a modern, slightly frustrated, slightly materialistic outlook.

Consider, for example, the rut of glamour into which peals of Surprise seem to have fallen. The air of shallowness associated with many of these peals is a reminder that there is a difference between stardom and greatness. Would it not be better to attempt a binding of some more ideas from the present age with the older, more human outlook? This appears to be part of the seed sown by Billy Graham and by those who made the films 'Lease of Life,' 'I Confess' and 'High Noon.' Perhaps the less-important rules of the Central Council would then be made a little more flexible. Some of them are at present as rigid and categorical as the conventions brought out by various conferences on scientific affairs. If we become any more pedantic we shall be tightening a noose around our own neck.

These, then, are some thoughts over which I have pondered during quite a period of time. Certain mistakes which I have referred to (directly or indirectly) are overdue for rectification. Others, such as the adoption of the Methods Committee's report on extension, are of more recent origin. But let us remember that to err is human, and those who never make mistakes never make anything. Moreover, let us have remedies in the not-too-distant future. Some bad wood will then be removed from the activities of the Central Council, and its mechanism will become less unwieldy in operation. More attention would then be devoted to the really important matters, whilst those who put in a good deal of work for the Council (and quite a number of members do) could become masters of their responsibilities instead of slaves to them.—Yours sincerely,

D. MOTTERSHEAD.

Wilmslow, Cheshire.

PEALS AT ST. MARY REDCLIFFE

Dear Sir,—I am endeavouring to collate the peals rung at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol, and have all those recorded as having been rung for the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

I understand that a few have been rung for other Associations, Guilds or Societies, and would be grateful if the conductor or someone taking part or having knowledge would send me the particulars. Could you help?—Yours truly,

F. HANSFORD.

Nine, Sabrina Way,
Stoke Bishop, Bristol 9.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Chertsey District at Chobham

Ringing during the afternoon at the annual meeting of the Chertsey District, held at Chobham on February 5th, varied from rounds to Cambridge Surprise Major, with plenty of Grandsire for plenty of learners. The Guild's order of service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. O. R. Acworth, assisted by the curate, the Rev. P. A. Campbell. Tea was provided in the new Church Hall, which has only recently been constructed voluntarily by parishioners.

The Vicar regretted that he was unable to stay for the meeting, but left it in the capable hands of his curate.

Mr. R. Collins, of Chobham, became the new hon. District secretary, and Mr. J. King the new Executive Committee representative.

The District Ringing Master and auditor remain as last year, i.e., Mr. J. F. Dodson and Mr. W. Shepherd respectively.

Owing to the District secretary's absence the District Ringing Master presented the report and balance sheet, the latter showing a slight profit on the year's working.

In his report the Ringing Master stated that several towers in the District had many ringers who were not members of the Guild, and he also gave figures of attendances at six meetings that implied a serious state of apathy actually existed.

A vote of thanks to the ladies who provided the excellent tea, to the Vicar and curate and also the organist concluded the meeting.

Further ringing until approximately 8.30 p.m. included methods up to Double Norwich Major.

J. F. D.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

East Farleigh Receives £20

The meeting of the Maidstone District at East Farleigh on February 12th was well attended by ringers from all over Kent and visitors from Sussex. Although it was only a by-meeting ringers were attracted to East Farleigh because the bells had recently been rehung. Ringing commenced at 2.45, and at 4.15 a short service was attended.

Before tea in the Village Hall Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, secretary of the Kent County Association, presented the Vicar with a £20 grant from the Kent County Association towards the cost of rehanging the bells.

After tea ringers returned to the belfry, where ringing continued in rounds and various methods from Plain Bob to Primrose Surprise until 9 p.m.

P. J. B.

CAWTHORNE'S PEALS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the article on ringing at Cawthorne, Yorks, especially in the mention of the early peals on the bells. I wonder if Mr. Moxon knows the exact date of the first peal on the bells, rung by the Barnsley ringers? I should be grateful for the information if he does. I don't know whether the tower has kept a record of the peals rung. Nineteen have appeared in 'Bell News' and 'The Ringing World.' The first was a peal in 14 methods in 1883. All except two of the subsequent peals have been in seven methods and these two were the ones which 'broke the ice' after the last war—Oxford Minor in 1945 and Minor (three methods) in 1946. The next peal after 1883 was not until 1912. The third was in 1916. There were two in the 1920's and eight in the 1930's. The remaining six have come since 1945.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

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Of these methods only the following have been previously published: (12) Essex; (25) Bristol; (34) Dunmow; (38) Dublin; (39) Double Dublin; (50) Reverse Dublin; (51) Southall; (76) Edmundsbury; (80) Premier; (82) Carlton; (100) Barnsbury; (104) Cray; (105) Norfolk; (106) Derwent; (107) Chelsfield; (126) Falmouth; (127) Cornwall; (135) Battersea; (147) Kenninghall; (182) Eardley; (183) Frodsham; (196) Boveney; (197) Brighton; (198) Ashtead; (199) Shoreham; (202) Melbourne; (216) Delrow; (254) St. Blaise; (265) Byfleet; (278) Longton; (280) Cobham; (306) Albion; (176) and (177) are Tipler's C9/1.

I trust that the remaining 249 methods will prove useful.

F. T. BLAGROVE.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham Ran Social With Annual Meeting

There were about seventy ringers at the annual general meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild, held at St. Andrew's Parish Church, Farnham, on February 12th. The shortened ringing time during the afternoon was under the leadership of Mr. E. J. Wells, Joint Ringing Master. A variety of methods was rung and enjoyed.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. A. Wheeler with an informal address given by the new Rector of Farnham, the Rev. H. R. Wilds.

An excellent tea in the Owen Hall, Farnham, was followed by the business meeting. Mr. G. Grover, general secretary to the Guildford Guild, was in the chair. During the meeting new officers were elected for the coming year. Mr. E. J. Wells continues on his own as Ringing Master with Mr. Tom Page acting as his deputy. Mr. S. Joyce was re-elected secretary with Mr. R. Mills as assistant secretary and treasurer. Mr. S. Russell is the new representative to the Guild. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and adopted. The Joint Ringing Masters were able to report a successful year, with most towers able to 'hold their own.' Thirteen peals were rung during the year for the District, including a peal of Grandsire Triples at Worplesdon, conducted by Miss E. Turner, this being the first time a lady has conducted a peal for the Guildford Guild. Twenty-two new ringing members were elected.

The business matters settled, ringers and their friends were able to enjoy themselves at the very entertaining social evening, organised and run by Mr. C. W. Denyer.

M. A. C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Sonning Deanery Plans Seventy-Fifth Anniversary

The members of the Sonning Deanery Branch met in Wokingham on February 5th for their annual meeting. After some good ringing on the bells of All Saints' Church divine service was held at 4 p.m., conducted by the Rector. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. H. Wilson, of Arborfield, and the lesson read by Mr. W. J. Brooks, vice-chairman of the branch.

About 52 members assembled in the Church House for tea, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by Archdeacon Shaw, branch chairman, and supported by Mr. F. Sharpe, Deputy Master of the Guild, Mr. W. Hibbert, general secretary, and branch officers.

No change was made in the officials of the branch for 1955, and the secretary reported steady progress during the past year. Seventeen new members were elected. Twyford was chosen as the venue of the summer meeting on June 4th with the usual combined practices on the first Saturday of each month.

It was announced that in May of this year the branch celebrates the 75th anniversary of its foundation, for in May, 1880, the old Sonning Deanery Society was formed in Wokingham. It is hoped that towers will arrange some special ringing in May to mark the event.

Mr. Sharpe in a short speech urged members to make an effort to attend the Guild Festival at Oxford, while the general secretary wished the branch continued success and paid a warm tribute to the former secretary, Mr. W. J. Paice, now ringing again after his serious illness.

RANG IN 28 PEALS WITH SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD

The peal at Barnby-in-the-Willows recorded this week was rung in honour of the 85th birthday of Mr. William Clarke, of 41, Gainsborough Drive, Newark.

Mr. Clarke must be one of the very few surviving ringers who rang with Sir Arthur Heywood in his heyday. Learning to ring at Dufficld, his first peal was Bob Triples on September 13th, 1888.

In the next ten years he rang 35 peals, 34 were at Duffield, and 28 of which were conducted by Sir Arthur Heywood. These included 15 peals of Double Norwich Court Bob Major along with Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Oxford, Duffield, London and Superlative Surprise Major.

From Duffield he moved to Lincoln, where he rang peals at all the towers in the city. He was in the band which rang the first peal on the Cathedral bells after their restoration, and also on St. Botolph's when they were five and the first on the six.

Among other places of interest where he has rung peals include All Saints', Nottingham, St. Mary's, Nottingham, St. John's, Beeston, and the first peal (Stedman) on the bells at Harmston.

Last year along with two car loads of friends from the Newark district Mr. Clarke revisited the tower where he first learnt to ring, and he soon showed them that he had not lost any of his former style. His friends were amazed to see a photograph, including Mr. Clarke, of the band that rang a peal of London Surprise Major in 1891. His name also appeared on several peal boards around the ringing chamber.

On his birthday he attempted a quarter peal at his local tower, Winthorpe, where he still rings on Sundays, but owing to a very heavy cold, was unable to complete it; but he is still determined to ring one during this year. We all wish Mr. Clarke many happy returns, and the best of luck in his attempt to ring at least one more quarter peal.

W. L. E.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Eastern District Ring By Candlelight

It was a sunny afternoon when the Eastern District held their annual meeting at Hertford on Feb. 5th. The eight bells at St. Andrew's Church were set going just after 3 p.m. and ringing continued until 4.30. There was then a short service conducted by the Rector. About 35 ringers sat down to a delicious tea provided by the ladies and a business meeting followed.

The party then moved to the ten at All Saints' Church to find all the lights out of action. Ringing took place throughout the evening with the aid of six candles. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Grandsire Caters.

OBITUARY

MR. ARTHUR RIDYARD

With deep regret we record the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Ridyard, of Manchester Cathedral, who passed away on Wednesday, January 19th, aged 67.

It was a request by Mr. Ridyard that his body be carried by the Cathedral ringers beneath the Cathedral bells whilst they were being rung half-muffled, and that the handbells be rung at the graveside.

The funeral was on January 24th. At the service in the Cathedral there were about 75 people present. The bearers were Messrs. B. Walshaw, H. Hollingsworth, H. Reynolds, R. Longden, W. Pye and G. Pye. The bells were rung in the traditional way of tittums and whole pull and stand by N. Lees, 1, A. Bennion 2, J. Simpkins 3, H. Lees 4, E. Reeves 5, D. Sanderson 6, W. Moss 7, P. Derbyshire 8, H. Longden 9, A. Ward 10. Other ringers at the service were: Mr. Arthur Tomlinson (vice-president of the Lancashire Association), Ex-Supt. R. Williams (Manchester City Police), R. Ravenscroft, Miss Mary Walshaw, F. Barraclough, G. Longden, Mr. Joseph Ridyard and Miss Margaret Ridyard (cousin and niece of Mr. Arthur Ridyard). The service was conducted by the Precentor (the Rev. Mr. Meggicks).

The interment took place at St. Peter's Church, Blackley, where homage was paid by Mr. Herbert Barlow, of Oldham (a very old friend of Mr. Ridyard) and Mr. John Mulliner. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by G. Pye 1-2, A. Ward 3-4, W. Pye 5-6, Miss M. Walshaw 7-8.

Mr. Ridyard learned to ring in the year 1904, at the Church of St. Mark, Worsley. When he was married, in 1917, he went to ring at Manchester Cathedral. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1905 and rang 67 peals. Apart from these 67 he rang other peals for other Associations and Guilds. He had been Ringing Master at the Cathedral for the past ten years. During the 1914-18 war he was an R.S.M. in the Royal Army Medical Corps.

Mr. Ridyard was a well-known person at Messrs. Mather and Platt, Ltd., where he had worked for the past 42 years. He was a foreman over the crane drivers, slingers and maintenance department. Fifteen people represented the company at the funeral apart from two of the ringers who are also employed there.

MR. REGINALD P. CRUMP

In the sudden death of Mr. Reginald P. Crump on February 1st, the Hornsey, Middlesex, band has lost a keen and valuable ringer. He died at the age of 28 after a short illness.

He started ringing in 1943 but it was only in the last six years that he did much ringing outside his own tower. He rang in several peals and it was through his efforts that the only two peals rung at Hornsey since the first warld war were attempted.

Several of his colleagues attended the funeral on February 7th, and in the evening the bells were rung half-muffled. W. G. K.

MR. NORMAN R. BAILEY

By the sudden passing of Mr. Norman R. Bailey on January 11th the Suffolk Guild lost one of its best-known and most respected ringers. A life member of the Norwich Association, for which he rang nearly 250 peals, he joined the Suffolk Guild of Ringers on its formation in 1923 and remained a keen and worthy supporter up till the time of his death.

Norman was the fourth in order of age in that wonderful family of eleven brothers, born and brought up in Leiston, Suffolk, where they all learned the noble art of change ringing. He commenced his peal ringing at the age of 17 with a peal of Bob Major, conducted by the late A. J. Lincoln, and rung on the tower bells of his native town on November 5th, 1904. His dearest wish was fulfilled by commemorating the 50th anniversary of this with a peal of Surprise Minor at Blythburgh on November 6th, 1954, thus bringing his total number of peals, from Minor to Maximus, on tower and handbells, to nearly 400.

Among these were many of outstanding interest, but perhaps the peal of Bob Major rung at St. Margaret's, Leiston, on October 21st, 1911, with seven of his brothers, has received the greatest publicity. Another of worthy note was the longest length on these same bells, 11,040 of Double Norwich, rung on Whit Monday, 1909. He was also very proud of an excellent peal of Kent Maximus in which he struck the tenor superbly to that grand old twelve of Great Yarmouth.

For the last 35 years he had been ringing Master at SS. Peter and Paul's, Aldeburgh, where he taught many to acquire the art he loved so well. Although an expert in ringing and conducting the most intricate and difficult methods, he was ever ready to help a beginner through a peal, however simple the method. He was an excellent striker, insisting at all times on the 'open lead.'

Mr. Bailey was an engineer by trade and at the time of his death was a charge hand at the Richard Garrett engineering works, where he had been employed all his working life. He was a craftsman of the highest skill, greatly respected by the management and staff and admired by all his fellow workers. He was an acknowledged expert in first aid work, and in his younger days a keen and enthusiastic footballer.

Widely known over a very large area of East Anglia, his cheery smile and happy greetings will be greatly missed at ringing meetings in this part of the country, and his passing mourned by a very large circle of friends, whose sympathies are extended to his widow and family.

The funeral service at Ipswich on January 14th was attended by a representative gathering of ringers, including Charles J. Sedgley, the Ringing Master of the Suffolk Guild.

The church has lost an ardent worker and a very dear friend. J. P.

MR. J. M. BAILEY'S 450 PEALS

When Mr. J. M. Bailey rang his 450th peal as a 65th birthday compliment to himself, he completed a list which was in many ways remarkable, not least from the fact that so many of his performances were rung entirely by himself and his brothers. By ringing the tenor for his 450th peal he had 'circled' Leiston tower 14 times. He also rang 50 consecutive Surprise peals on these bells.

MR. BAILEY'S LIST

Minor.—Three methods 2 tower, seven methods 1 t, seven Surprise 2 t, Cambridge Surprise 1 t.

Grandsire Triples: 3 t.

Stedman Triples: 14 t, 9 hand (one to 7 h with brothers); Royal: 3 h (all with brothers); brothers); Stedman Cinques: 1 t, 2 h (2 h with brothers).

Plain Bob.—Major: 12 t, 14 h (2 t, 7 h with brothers); Royal: 9 h (7 with brothers); Maximus: 1 h with brothers.

Double Oxford Bob Major: 1 t.

Kent Treble Bob.—Major: 32 t, 18 h (including 7,008, 13 h with brothers); Royal: 2 t, 8 h (6 h with brothers); Maximus: 1 t, 3 h (3 h with brothers).

Oxford Treble Bob.—Major: 12 t, 5 h (4 h with brothers); Royal: 3 h (all with brothers); Maximus 1 t.

Double Norwich Court Bob Major: 22 t (including 11,040) 3 h (1 t and 3 h with brothers).

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BIRTH

SPEED.—On Sunday, Feb. 20th, 1955, at University College Hospital, to Anne (nee Stockdale), wife of Richard F. B. Speed, a son (Robin Charles). 5907

ENGAGEMENT

WRIGHT—HIGGINS.—The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Wright, of West Malling, Kent, and Kathleen, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Higgins, of Bradford, Yorkshire. 5878

HANDBELLS WANTED

WANTED.—Set of 13 handbells, must be good condition, price no object.—Broadley, 183, Ash Road, Aldershot. Phone 1577 between 8.30 and 6. 5816

WANTED.—A good secondhand set of handbells.—Write: Stooke, Somerset Blind Association, 28, Park Street, Taunton. 5879

PUBLICATIONS

'BY WANDERING TEMPEST,' a Journey to New Zealand in verse. Contains some verses on bells. A new pen for lovers of poetry. 7s. 6d. post free from the author, A. J. Lancefield, 4, Boys Hall Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. 5860

EVERY TOWER should have a copy of the Central Council's Handbook on the Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell Frames and Fittings and other kindred matters. Fourth edition just published. Price 2s. post free from Miss P. J. Ayris, 10, Sherwood Close, Launton, Bicester, Oxon.

A FEW COPIES remain of 'The Church Bells of Flintshire,' 3s. 6d.; 'Ayrshire,' 3s. 6d.: 'Scottish Rings of Bells,' 2s. All post free from the author, Ronald Clouston, Swanslea, Westerfield, near Ipswich, Suffolk. 5825

MISCELLANEOUS

ALL SAINTS', BOYNE HILL, MAIDENHEAD.—Practice night inevitably changed to Monday evenings, 7.30, during Lent only. Reverting to Wednesday evenings again after Easter. Visitors' help always appreciated at Boyne Hill.—E. E. Gosling. 5904

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Please note that the new hon. District secretary is Mr. Peter J. Shipton. 5882

WANTED.—Secondhand books: 'Bells of the Church,' by H. T. Ellacombe; 'English Bells,' by T. North; 'The Bells of England.' by Rev. J. J. Raven.—Write Rev. P. J. Nixseaman, Northill Rectory, Biggleswade, Beds. 5894

MR. J. M. BAILEY'S PEALS—Cont.

Surprise Major: Cambridge 57 (one by eight brothers), Superlative 51 (one by eight brothers), London 44, Bristol 57, New Cambridge 6, Guildford 8, Suffolk 5, Yorkshire 3, Dublin 2, Rochester 13, Surrey 2, one each Norfolk, Lancashire, Edinburgh, Camden, Essex, Premier and Waveney, all tower.

Total: 362 tower, and 88 hand.

There were six peals by the eight brothers on tower bells, viz: Bob Major, October 21st, 1911; Bob Major, June 27th, 1914; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, February 4th, 1920: Superlative Surprise Major, September 18th, 1920, Stedman Triples, June 21st, 1921; Cambridge Surprise Major, July 24th, 1922.

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery.—Quarterly meeting, Kingsbury Episcopi, Saturday, Feb. 26th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify for tea.—T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 5844

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Michael's on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—A. A. Potts, Hon. Sec. 5769

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Darley Dale on Saturday, Feb. 26th, 2.45 p.m. Cups of tea only. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 5870

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Denby (6), Saturday, Feb. 26th. 2.30. Service 3.30. Buses: Services 1 and 55 to Kilburn Toll Bar; 98 to Denby at 2.13, 2.58, 3.43. Good attendance requested.—M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 5877

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Baldock, Feb. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method, Ealing Surprise. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 5846

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Western Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, on Saturday, Feb. 26th. Bells (10) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 for all who notify N. Harding, Roydon, King's Lynn. —C. Tovell, Hon. Branch Sec. 5852

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Long Crendon, Bucks, on Saturday, Feb 26th at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. Tel. Thame 193. 5848

OWSTON FERRY, ISLE OF AXHOLME, LINCS.—Bells available all day Saturday, Feb. 26th, after rehanging 6 (tenor 12 cwt.). A cordial invitation to all ringers from the Vicar and churchwardens.—George L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 5866

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Symondsbury on Feb. 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 5864

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting at Nutfield. Feb. 26th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. 5820

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Meeting, Thurleigh, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to me before Tuesday, March 1st absolutely essential. A good attendance please; everyone welcome.—P. J. Shipton, Dis. Sec. 5881

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Annual Dinner, March 5th. Ringing: St. Andrew's 2-3; Great St. Mary's, 3.15.-4.45; R.C. Church 5-6.30. Members intending to come who have not notified, please do so without delay.—W. T. Cook, Jesus, Hon. Sec. 5890

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch.—Annual meeting. Cathedral, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea not later than March 2nd.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 5885

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District. — Meeting, Hatton, March 5th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. — A. R. Barrett. 5906

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—Meeting, East Budleigh, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by March 2nd, to R. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 5849

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting at Dudley, March 5th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting in St. Thomas' Hall 4 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Hon. Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 5901

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Heighington, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea (essential), by March 2nd, please, to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 5896

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Sandon (6), Saturday, March 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea, postcard, please, to A. Everett, Plantation Road, Boreham. 5850

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural Branch. — Monthly meeting at Stapleton, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15. Names for tea by Tuesday, March 1st, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 5887

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham (8), March 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names to K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec., 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley. 5884

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. — Meeting at Whalley, March 5th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 5883

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at Cockerham, Saturday, March 5th. Ringing (6 bells) 2.30-8. Service 4. Tea 5. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to Rev. B. Higginson, The Vicarage, Cockerham.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 5898

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Helens Parish Church on Sat., March 5th (not 12th). Bells open from 3.15. Service 4.30, Tea and business meeting in Parochial Hall at 5. Names for tea must be sent in before Wed., March 2nd, to M. A. Wallace, 11, Whitefield Road, St. Helens. 5880

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock St. James on Saturday, March 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. A. Parker, 89, Barnsley St., Wigan.—W. A. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 5899

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Hugglescote, March 5th. Ringing 3. Tea in School 5.15. Service 6.30. Names, by March 2nd, to H. O. Over, 130, Ashburton Road, Hugglescote.—C. W. Hall. 5810

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hanley, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Tea (Grosvenor Cafe) 5 p.m. Names for tea, before March 3rd, to N. Sergeant, 58, Eastbourne Road, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 5902

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Buckingham, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Names for tea by Feb. 26th.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 5873

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Binfield on March 5th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 5908

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Watford, March 5th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous.—J. Kinchin, Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 5889

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements, March 5th: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 1-2 p.m.; Bishop Ryder's Church (8) 2-3 p.m.; St. Martin's (12) 3-4.15 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 4.30-5.30 p.m.—G. E. Fearn. 5886

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—North Bradley (8), March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 5905

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Practice meeting, Codford St. Peter (6), March 5th, 2.30. Tea 5. Chitterne (5) and Wylye (5) after tea. Names for tea by March 1st, please. — Miss Eloie, 66, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 5891

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Ranmoor, Sheffield (10), March 5th, 3 p.m. Committee meeting 2.30 p.m. For tea notify Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Ecclesall, Sheffield 11. Subscriptions for 1955 now due.—N. Chaddock, Hon. Sec., 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham. 5847

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Lenton, Saturday, March 5th. Bells available 2.30 to 3.30 and after 4 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food.—C. W. Towers. 5853

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — Practice meeting, Cowfold (6), Saturday, March 5th. Names for tea, by March 2nd, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 5893

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Sketty, Swansea, Saturday March 5th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea. Names, please, by Feb. 26th.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 5843

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.— Quarterly meeting at Mickleton, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. Names, by March 1st, to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 5895

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Dodderhill, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Tuesday, March 1st, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 5903

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Great Easton (6), Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, the 9th, to H. Elliott, Battles Cottage, Great Easton, Dunmow. 5892

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Chilham, March 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. 3d. per head. Numbers for tea, cash please, to me, not later than Wednesday, March 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5888

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Next meeting at Netherton, near Dudley, Worcs, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) at 4.45. Names for tea, by Tuesday, March 8th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall, Staffs. Everyone welcome. 5897

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general committee meeting, March 12th, 3 p.m., St. Mary's Church House, The Butts, Reading. —W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 5863

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Byfield, Saturday, March 12th. Names for tea, by Saturday, March 5th, to Mr. F. W. Hutt, Knowle Cottage, Byfield, Rugby.—F. W. Hancock. 5900

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stanton-on-Hine Heath, March 12th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. P. Leighton, Church Farm, Stanton, Shrewsbury.—E. V. Jones, Hon. Sec. 5862

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JOSHUA SHORT

AN observer on the tower of the Parish Church of Aston, Birmingham, gazing northwards over the wilderness of houses, factories and railways, intersected by power lines and set about with monstrous chimneys, may find it difficult to visualise the rural Witton of two centuries ago, or may even doubt that such a Witton ever existed. To-day the great industrial agglomeration stretches away in all its dreariness to where the rising mass of Kingstanding surges up the slopes of Barr Beacon, and old Perry Hall, Perry Church and even the River Tame itself are engulfed in these masses of brick, concrete and steel. Two hundred years ago the water meadows of the broad valley were dotted with trees and the roofs of cottages and farms, and lines of alders marked the leisurely course of the river dipping from Hampstead and turning north again to Witton on its sinuous course to Tyburn and Castle Bromwich.

In this quiet countryside, a mile to the north of Aston spire, was Short's Farm, close to the Yew Tree Inn and the ancient ford in Brookvale Road, and here Joshua Short and his family farmed and prospered for four generations. Joshua was born in 1765, and grew up to succeed to the business founded by his grandfather. Both his grandfather and his father were ringers and rang on the old five at Aston, and the boy had early acquaintance with this church. He was entered in the choir and later, together with William Hassell, he played in the church orchestra. Hassell played the flute and Short the oboe, and it was not unusual for them to practise together in the belfry. This early friendship was to continue for many years.

In 1775 the bells at Aston were made into eight, and the band practised Bob Major with great assiduity. Thirteen years later began a succession of four remarkable peals. The first, in 1788, was 10,080 Bob Major, conducted by William Bennett, in which Joshua and his father, John, both rang. This was followed by 14,224 in 1789 and 10,192 in 1792, both in the same method. Then came the crowning achievement, 15,360 Bob Major in 1793, conducted by Joshua himself. It is said that the composition was arranged so that it could be brought round at different numbers up to 20,160, and that it was allowed to come home at 15,360 because Hassell's hands were sore.

Together with Job Perrins, the Aston blacksmith, Joshua Short and Hassell were associated with the ancient parish church for the remainder of their lives. Largely through the efforts of this trio the bells were increased to 10 in 1814. Each gave generously to the fund, and the new treble bell bore the inscription: 'The Treble Bell was presented to the Parish of Aston by the Interest of Job Perrins, Joshua Short and William Hassell, 1814. T. Mears of London Fecit.'

It is often for his social qualities and innate character that a ringer is remembered, even when his technical skill has been forgotten and his achievements blotted out by the performances of later prodigies. It was so with Joshua Short. He was highly respected by the ringers of his day, but he had a convivial turn that made him very popular, and the young men flocked to his office to enjoy his company and his hospitality. He was a stout-built man of great muscular strength, and he had a high-pitched effeminate voice of the quality not unknown among men of his build. Thomas Day knew him well and told many stories of him and his band. He was fond of 'lapping' changes, the mode of passing the bells from hand to hand, and he would say, 'Now, lads, I'll call you a touch of Bob Major all in the tittums.' This would usually come to grief owing to the old man missing a bob. He was fond of tapping changes and tunes on his handbells, and he would often end an evening by saying, 'Now, lads, I'll give you "God save the King" with all the thorough bass.' 'How he managed to do all this on only sixteen bells,' comments John Day, 'was, I suppose, only known to himself.'

Joshua's son, John Short, was of a somewhat different type. He disapproved of his father's conviviality and familiarity with the ringers and, while not an unkindly man, his natural austerity led him to look askance at what he thought his father's frivolity. John appears to have been busy restoring and increasing the family fortune, and he seems to have succeeded tolerably well. He was, however, a good churchman, and his granddaughter, Mrs. Parish, stated that he gave a bell for Aston Church. This latter fact cannot here be verified, but it is certain that John was not unmindful of the ringers, for at his father's death he presented them with the handbells in a box with Joshua's name on the lid.

John Day states that the family has died out. But recently it has come to light that Mr. E. A. Butcher, late of Bromsgrove, and now resident at Arthog, is great-great-great grandson to Joshua Short, and it has been the good fortune of St. Martin's Guild to acquire from Mr. Butcher,

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on permanent loan, a fine oil painting of the old worthy of Witton, together with a vellum giving particulars of the 10,080 Bob Major at Aston in 1788. This document reveals itself as an original print from the elaborately designed plate said to have been made by the Veiseys, the copper engravers of Moor Street, and used by the Society for the invitations to the annual feast. Steps are being taken to preserve this old document, and it is hoped that the portrait will find a natural home in the ringing chamber at Aston. E. C. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
At the Collegiate Church of St Peter,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 33 cwt. 21 lb. in C sharp.

Anthony Ager	*Treble*	Terry R. Hampton	7
Shirley V. Rymer	2	Bryan D. A. Woolley	8
Muriel Reay	2	George E. Fearn	9
J. Edward Cawser	4	*David A. Carpenter	10
John Pinfold	5	Clifford A. Barron	11
Arthur V. Pearson	6	Ralph G. Edwards	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* First peal of Maximus.

BRISTOL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary, Redcliffe,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

John Phillips	*Treble*	Michael V. Chilcott	7
John Chilcott	2	Roger O. Fry	8
Albert M. Tyler	3	Fredk. E. Collins	9
Arthur H. Reed	4	John H. Crampion	10
Selwyn H. Dearden	5	Wilfred Williams	11
Donald G. Clift	6	Frank E. Darby	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 4 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 35¼ cwt. in C sharp.

James Fernley	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley	7
Fred Dunkerley	2	J. Frederick Milner	8
Basil Jones	3	John Worth	9
John E. Bibby	4	Peter Laflin	10
Leslie W. G. Morris	5	Joseph W. Whittaker	11
*Thomas W. Strangeway	6	Edward Jenkins	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Leslie W. G. Morris.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximum A birthday compliment to Mr. John Worth.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

James S. Eastwood	*Treble*	Arthur T. Dutton	6
Christopher Wallater	2	*Roger L. Hawksworth	7
George W. Hughes	3	William Davies	8
Ernest Stitch	4	Howard Howell	9
Stella Hughes	5	David G. Woolley	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by James S. Eastwood.
* First peal on ten bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar of Walsall (Canon A. T. Jenkins, M.A.) and the conductor.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes.*
In St. Hugh's Tower at the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 OAKHAM SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in D.

Charles E. Brown	*Treble*	Geoffrey Paul	6
*Norah M. Bibby	2	Denis A. Frith	7
*Geoffrey R. Parker	3	Sydney A. Chambers	8
Jack L. Millhouse	4	H. Leslie Pask	9
*George H. Randles	5	John Walden	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Oakham Surprise Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Feb. 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
At Bishop Ryder's Church.
A PEAL OF 5024 DIGBETH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

Henry H. Fearn	*Treble*	Clifford A. Barron	5
Muriel Reay	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
John Pinfold	3	Michael G. Morton	7
George E. Fearn	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. Tipler. Conducted by Peter Border.
The first peal in the method. (Tipler's A/15/1.)

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Feb. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Evelyn M. Fletcher	*Treble*	J. Edward Cawser	5
Edgar C. Shepherd	2	George E. Fearn	6
Muriel Reay	3	Clifford A. Barron	7
Jeffrey B. Webb	4	Michael G. Morton	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Roger B. Morris	*Treble*	William J. Ridgman	5
*Brian J. Stafford	2	J. Henry Fielden	6
J. Desmond Painter	3	Chris. M. P. Johnson	7
William T. Cook	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in the method.

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On Wed., Feb. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 10 lb. in G.

*Mrs. W. Maughan	*Treble*	†Thomas Cooke	5
Dennis R. Airey	2	*Kenneth Lawson	6
*Mrs. K. Lawson	3	†W. Norman Park	7
*William Maughan	4	Roland Park	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Hunt. Conducted by Roland Park.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together.
Rung as a welcome to Kathleen Margaret, infant daughter of the Vicar, the Rev. R. Brown, and Mrs. Brown.

GOUDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 992 changes of London, 768 of Bristol, 1,664 Superlative and 1,632 of Cambridge, with 105 changes of method and with all the positions of the four methods for each bell. Tenor 26 cwt.

Thomas E. Sone	*Treble*	Robert Swift	5
Fredk. G. Huckstepp	2	Albert J. Lancefield	6
*John R. Cooper	3	Mark S. Lancefield	7
*Geoffrey Pearson	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore.
Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* First peal of four Spliced Surprise.
Rung in memoriam Frederick White, a vice-president, and for many years a trustee of the Kent County Association.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	*ROBIN G. TURNER	6
BASIL JONES	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
*JAMES FEARNLEY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method.

BEXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. in A.

*JUDITH COX	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
†MARY R. ANDREWS	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	6
†D. MARY WARD	3	RALPH BIRD	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

BORDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

EMILY B. P. WALKER ..	*Treble*	FRANCIS J. CHEAL	5
GEORGE A. NAYLOR ..	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
*EDWARD C. BARTON ..	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
†HARRY SPRINGATE	4	GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR A. CROSS.
* 25th peal. † 75th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. John L. Phillips, the new Vicar.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 13 lb. in F sharp.

ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Treble*	ALBERT H. HINTON	5
VICTOR A. PERRY	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	6
HAROLD HAYNES	3	BARRIE HENDRY	7
*DAVID W. JAMES	4	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Henry Harding.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19. 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD	*Treble*	*KEVIN S. HOHL	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	*JOHN W. MEADE	6
*GEORGE FRY	3	BERNARD V. COLLISON ..	7
*PETER N. BOND	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BEDDOW ..	*Treble*	JOHN F. BUTLER	5
BESSIE A. CARTER	2	HENRY DOUGLAS	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	JOHN N. LINDON	7
MOLLY P. FLYNN	4	ERNEST F. WILLCOX	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Ernest F. Willcox and on the occasion of his engagement to Miss Sylvia Beddow.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

MARK HATCH	*Treble*	GORDON A. HALLS	5
ROBIN G. TURNER	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON ..	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	PHILIP H. WHITAKER ..	7
DENIS R. CARLISLE	4	REV. GORDON G. GRAHAM	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
Arranged on the day of the Derbyshire Association Dinner and rung as a wedding compliment to Joan Bailey and Maurice Dalton.

HAWKLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5376 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

*JOY GUMBRILL ..	*Treble*	NORMAN J. SMITH	5
ROGER BALDWIN	2	E. WINIFRED KEYS	6
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	3	BRIAN J. LUFF	7
ROBERT WAKE	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT ..	*Tenor*

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by FREDERICK W. BURNETT.
* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*HAROLD F. WHITE ..	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
*BERNARD MADELEY ..	2	EWART H. EDGE	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ..	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
*FREDERICK PRICE	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in method.

NORTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9½ cwt.

CLAUDIA A. CRITCHLEY ..	*Treble*	*COLIN HARWOOD	5
*EDWIN G. BUCK	2	*JACK S. DEAR	6
G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY ..	3	C. MICHAEL ORME	7
*PATRICIA HUTTON	4	*R. THOMAS NEWMAN ..	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of New Cambridge.

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PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours* 2 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*JOHN CLUTTON	*Treble*	GEORGE F. SPERRING	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
†JOHN HUGHES	3	*ROBERT W. HINDE	7
WILLIAM CATHRALL	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT W. HINDE.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor.

SOUTHPORT, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5184 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	*JACK ASHCROFT	5
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	PETER COXALL	6
*†ERNEST GOWER	3	RONALD KENRICK	7
DOREEN DUTTON	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.
Rung as 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jean Fairclough and a 19th birthday compliment to Miss Bunty Marshall. Both are members of the local band.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*CLEEVE F. FINCH	*Treble*	RICHARD S. PAYNE	5
MARGOT R. THOMPSON	2	C. JACK GIBSON	6
†RAYMOND PECK	3	†PETER S. BEDFORD	7
JACK PILGRIM	4	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
SHIRLEY BURTON	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	7
*CHARLES HONE	4	†JOHN MOORE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE (C.C.C.8) Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' † First peal of Surprise.
A compliment to Samuel J. Haines and Annie E. Humberstone (both of All Saints', Wigston Magna, band) who were married this day at Wigston Magna.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 HUMBERSTONE DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

CECIL H. F. KNIGHT	*Treble*	RICHARD F. ROE	5
ANDREW R. CARTER	2	FRANK S. CHENEY	6
T. MAUREEN LLOYD	3	KENNETH A. ROE	7
THOS. EDWARD HARROLD	4	RICHARD J. CARTER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. E. HARROLD. Conducted by KENNETH A. ROE.
First peal in the method.
Rung for the wedding of Samuel J. Haines and Annie E. Humberstone, who are both members of the local band.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt 2 qr. 21 lb in F sharp.

CHARLES A. HUGHES	*Treble*	HAROLD W. ROGERS	5
A. ST. JOHN N. BOYACK	2	WILFRID G. WILSON	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	LEONARD N. BULLOCK	7
SQUIRE CROFT	4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.
Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
First peal on eight bells as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HAMBLEDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5280 DOUBLES
Being 10 extents of Stedman, six of St. Martin's, six of St. Simon's, four of Reverse St. Bartholomew, six of Plain Bob, 10 of Grandsire and Morris's 240. Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*MRS. C. WILKINSON	*Treble*	WALTER LEE	4
*DOREEN COKER	2	ROLAND BIGGS	5
*ANTHONY E. COX	3	*CHRISTOPHER WILKINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER LEE.
* First peal of Doubles.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield & District Society).
On Mon., Feb. 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents Rung on the front six. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*MARGARET MILLS	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4
*GORDON K. CHADDOCK	2	†JOHN NUTBROWN	5
FRED FISHER	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal.
Rung on St. Valentine's Day and Old Candlemas Day

BELCHAMP ST. PAUL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM CUTMORE	*Treble*	GEORGE WATERMAN	4
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	2	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	3	THOMAS BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BIRD.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
On Wed., Feb. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes*
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

G. E. LARNER	*Treble*	JOHN WILSON	4
ERNEST A. SHIPP	2	CHAS. F. TOVELL	5
LESLIE HOUGHTON	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.

OWSLEBURY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (five callings). Tenor 9 cwt. 1 lb. in A.

*CLIVE W. BARNES	*Treble*	*RAYMOND E. FINCH	4
*DERECK C. JACKSON	2	*PETER NASH	5
*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Kent Minor.

THORNTON CURTIS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 17½ cwt.

ARTHUR CROWDER	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY	4
RONALD CHAFER	2	JACK BRAY	5
HARRY HALL	3	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 18, 1955 *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

*RAYMOND W. BUSBY	*Treble*	RICHARD BUSBY	4
ROBERT T. SIMPSON	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
FREDERICK W. COOKE	3	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal. In memoriam the Rev. E. J. Simpson, M.A., Vicar of this parish since 1947, who passed away Feb. 9th, 1955.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being extents of (1) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise, (2) Durham and York Surprise, (3) Beverley and Surfleet Surprise, (4) London and Wells Surprise, (5) St. Clement's and Childwall Bob, (6) Double Oxford and Thelwall Bob, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ANGELA WILLES	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	4
JAMES G. NEWMAN ..	2	JOHN W. V. SINFIELD ..	5
ROBERT L. PIRON	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
First peal in 14 methods by all the band.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's Tenor 6½ cwt.

*RAYMOND BULLIVANT (16)	*Treble*	†HERBERT T. ROOKE	4
GEORGE CHALLANS	2	ARNOLD HILL	5
ALEC WILSON	3	†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal at first attempt. † 75th peal together.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. 8¼ cwt.

JOHN CHURCH	*Treble*	ALFRED C. HARRIS	4
*KENNETH C. TIMBURY ..	2	ALFRED W. CROFT	5
GEORGE CHERRY	3	PETER W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
* First peal in seven methods.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Avril Virginia Waldock and Mr. Derek Edward Poulton.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HAROLD C. PESKETT	*Treble*	HENRY C. WEAVER	4
SHIRLEY A. RICHARDSON ..	2	GEORGE FRANCIS	5
RICHARD J. WILSON	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PRIMROSE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	4
*STANLEY J. PONTING ..	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT ..	5
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.
* First Surprise peal 'inside.' The ringer of the third has now completed the circle of this tower.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising seven extents in eight methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, (3) Double Oxford, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Single Oxford, (6) Double Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. approx.

*BARRY E. SAUNDERS ..	*Treble*	*FREDERICK VICKERS ..	4
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ..	2	*GEORGE W. HOLLAND ..	5
*WILLIAM A. YATES	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan R. PINK.
* First peal in eight Minor methods. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to the new incumbent, Rev. A. C. Bliss.



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NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

*LAWRENCE OLIVER	*Treble*	HARRY BOYCE	4
*JOHN GALVIN	2	EDMUND J. MORRIS	5
GWYN I. LEWIS	3	*PAUL ASHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDMUND J. MORRIS.
* First peal. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS	*Treble*	CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	4
JOAN E. HOODLESS	2	ALLEN SIMPSON	5
WILLIAM L. EXTON	3	*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLEN SIMPSON.
* 50th peal.
A birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of: Carlisle, Bourne, Beverley, York, Cambridge, London and Norwich. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	4
*JOYCE DODDS	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
ALICK CUTLER	3	WALTER AYRE.	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First of seven Surprise.
A pre-Lent peal.

ALDERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch).
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of All Saints, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Colomb, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Old Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

*JOHN E. KING	*Treble*	†ANTHONY G. OSBORNE	3
†HARRY E. CURTIS	2	KENNETH D. PERKINS	4
ALAN C. COZENS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 10 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, and six extents each of Grandsire and St. Simon's. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

BRYAN S. COPE	*Treble*	LEONARD G. TOSELAND	3
BARRIE HENDRY	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	4
BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
The fastest peal on tower bells to be rung for the Guild.

WANLIP, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Feb. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*ARTHUR YATES	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
*RICHARD BOWLES	2	†OWEN T. NORTHWOOD	5
*DAVID H. BAKER	3	PETER R. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER R. JOHNSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor. First peal on the bells.
Rung to welcome the new Rector, the Rev. A. A. Lander, A.K.C.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*JOHN F. MURFIN (13)	*Treble*	JOHN S. HARRISON	4
ELISABETH GRIME	2	ALAN TAYLOR	5
MAURICE BAILEY	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal, including Treble Bob.
Rung to mark the wedding of Miss Joan Bailey, sister of Maurice Bailey, to Mr. Maurice Dalton. Also a 21st birthday compliment to David J. Marshall, of Bristol University Society.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1955 *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Forty-two extents, four callings Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*JAMES A. LORD	*Treble*	JOHN HAWTIN	4
†REGINALD UPTON	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
*DONALD WHITE	3	GEORGE HOWLETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a wedding compliment to John Rex Witham, a ringer at this church.

HARDWICKE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE
On Tues., Feb. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*SIDNEY J. PUGH	*Treble*	HARRY WORRALL	4
†PAUL WILLIAMS	2	R. GORDON CORBY	5
FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER	3	†JEREMY COBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

WIGTOFT, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch).
On Tues., Feb. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being one extent each of Childwall, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

ROBERT BAMBER	*Treble*	DONOVAN R. WHITE	4
ARTHUR YOUNG	2	LESLIE TAYLOR	5
JOSEPH W. BAILEY	3	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. FLATTERS.
A birthday compliment to Miss Jean Bailey.

HANDBELL PEALS

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes.*
IN QUEENS' COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E

*J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	1-2	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	5-6
*J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	3-4	*B. J. STAFFORD (Queens')	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's). Conducted by W. T. COOK.
* First peal of Major 'in hand.' First of Major as conductor.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes.*
AT 51, DOVER ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor size 15 in C

*TREVOR A. CROSS	1-2	†GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5-6
*CYRIL S. JARRETT	3-4	‡JOHN BURLES	7-8

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.
* First peal of Triples 'in hand." † First peal of Triples with an 'inside' pair. ‡ First peal 'in hand.' First peal of Triples 'in hand' as conductor.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District at Greenwich

After enjoying ringing of the reconstructed ring of ten bells at St. Alfege's Church, Greenwich, the congregation of 80 present at the service of the Lewisham District quarterly meeting admired the magnificently restored interior of the church. The pleasant service, conducted by the Vicar, will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to be present. The lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett. The Vicar's address was short, apt and interesting and included a warm welcome to Greenwich.

High tea for a company of 71 was served in St. Alfege's Parish Hall. The culinary art of Mrs. Bullard and the efficient service by her assistants were very much appreciated.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. S. Nason) presided at the business meeting. Welcoming members to Greenwich, he thanked the Association for its aid to the Bell Restoration Fund and for assistance in training a band of ringers, especially, in this last connection, Messrs. J. Dafters, G. H. Daynes and the ringers of St. Mary's, Lewisham.

Fourteen ringers were elected members of the Association and one election was ratified.

Mr. A. J. Richards, District representative, read a report of proceedings at a general committee meeting held at Maidstone on November 27th, and moved its adoption. The report was adopted with a vote of thanks to Mr. Richards for his able composition. Cudham was chosen as the place of the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, April 30th. Cordial votes of thanks to the Vicar, Mrs. Bullard, her willing assistants and to local officials concluded the business.

Further ringing was ably superintended by Mr. J. Cannell.

AN AMBITION ACHIEVED

Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, has—after 40 years' endeavour—achieved his ambition to ring a full peal in every possible tower with five bells and over in his native county. In Leicestershire there are 137 towers that fall into this category, and of these four are impossible for peal ringing in their present condition. At Church Langton (8) the folly of allowing a clock-making firm to hang a good ring is evident, for although the frame is strong, it is so constructed that it is impossible to ring the bells in full swing. Stapleford (6) bells hang 'dead.' Shawell and Skeffington (5 each) are quite impossible as they are at present. Therefore, Ernest Morris has —with the peal at Wanlip—rung a full 5,000 in 133 towers in his home county. The 137 rings are composed of 2 of 13; 4 of 10; 41 of 8; 56 of 6; 34 of 5. No one else has yet accomplished this number in one county, although practically all (save Rutland) must have many more towers available.

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N.W. Branch at Ashwater

In spite of deep snow and icy roads, enthusiastic ringers from Bridgrule, Merton, Okehampton, Petrockstowe Plymouth, Pyworthy, Stratton and those of the local tower attended the annual meeting of the branch on February 19th. We were all pleased to meet our old friend, Mr. R. H. Moon, who did so much for us.

The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. J. D. Newhouse, who in a very helpful address stressed that ringers are a part of the body of the Church and have a ministry. He gave the branch a hearty welcome. Mr. A. E. Moon (lay reader) read the lesson.

After an excellent tea, provided by the local ladies, including Mrs. Newhouse, Mrs. Moon and Mrs. Gubb, Mr. F. C. Smale took the chair. Mr. J. W. Sangwin reported that the balance in hand was over £7 and there were 38 members in the branch. The summer meeting at Holsworthy was a success. One new member was elected.

The Rev. W. H. Ravenhill was re-elected as chairman with Mr. J. W. Sangwin as secretary and treasurer (for the 25th time). Mr. C. Sangwin was made Ringing Master in place of Mr. Fred Sangwin, now living at Combe Martin. Messrs. R. Collacot, R. G. Pearce and W. H. R. Smale became representatives to the General Committee of the Guild. It was agreed that the summer meeting be held at Holsworthy in July and the annual in November at Petrockstowe. The Rector and the organist, Mr. Moon and the ladies were thanked for all they had done to make the meeting so successful.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

In 1805 Richard Sharp, sen., rang the treble in the first peal on the bells at Borden, Kent. In the peal of Grandsire Triples on February 19th, the same bell was rung by his great-great-granddaughter, Miss Emily B. P. Walker, daughter of Mr. W. J. Walker, the well-known Kent ringer.

Mr. Walter Ayre's peal at Apsley was his 350th as conductor.

Miss G. Newcombe, of Edmonton, has been elected 'Ringing World' representative for the North and East District of the Middlesex Association.

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Harding, of South Ealing. Mr. Harding rang the tenor to a quarter peal in honour of the occasion.

Despite the heavy snow, Miss J. Armstrong rang the 'Pancake Bell' at Morpeth Watch Tower on Shrove Tuesday and so preserved an ancient custom.

We are informed that an order has been placed for the ring of five at Napton-on-the-Hill, Warwickshire (tenor 11 cwt.), to be overhauled. An order is shortly to be placed for another Warwickshire five, Honiley, to be rehung.

Mr. C. A. Hughes, Master of the Northern District of the London County Association, and Mrs. Hughes entertained the band who rang the peal at Woodford on February 19th, to tea. Their kindness was much appreciated.

The old brigade are carrying on with the London Counties Association. At the annual meeting on February 13th Mr. T. H. Taffender was re-elected Master, Mr. H. W. Rogers secretary, with Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson and Mrs. Rogers as assistant secretaries. A report will appear in our next issue.

Warborough, Oxford, is to be augmented to a ring of eight. In response to a hope expressed in the Parish Magazine last month that two new trebles would be added, the Vicar has been offered anonymously the two bells necessary to make the octave.

The tenor ringer of the peal of Grandsire Caters at Nottingham on February 5th (page 98) was Mr. A. E. Hoodless, and not Mr. A. W. Hoodless.

Mr. A. Pat Cannon has had a bad start in his peal ringing attempts this year. In nine weeks he has only scored two peals—two cancellations and three failures have been his lot.

Mr. Gordon K. Chaddock, aged 17, has now rung Plain Bob Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus to peals all conducted by his godfather, Uncle Norman Chaddock.

The recast ring of eight bells at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, was dedicated on February 12th. The contract was carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

Twelve College Youths met at Southwark Cathedral last Saturday to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques in honour of the bi-centenary of the St. Martin's Guild. All were members of both Societies, and a composition of Henry Johnson had been chosen. Just before the half-way was reached it was noticed that the tenor rope was giving out below the sally. As the conductor called 'Stand,' the last strand parted, and so what promised to be a peal worthy of both Societies came to an untimely end. Those taking part were: J. Phillips 1, J. T. Smallwood 2, W. Williams 3, J. Chilcott (conductor) 4, F. E. Darby 5, G. W. Cecil 6, J. S. Mason 7, A. B. Peck 8, P. Chalk 9, J. Crampion 10, M. Chilcott 11, J. A. Prior 12.

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TOPIC FOR THE MONTH – II.

'Blue Book' and 'Register'

YOU couldn't be blamed if you failed to spot the topical subject implied in this title, for the phrase relates to the solution rather than to its related problem. It is closely allied, however, to last month's topic, which dealt with the relation between length and toleration of peals. It is, in fact, the much debated question of whether certain methods should find official favour for peal attempts, and what degree of recognition should be accorded to peals rung in such methods. The article seeks to provoke thought towards crystallising opinion on these matters.

As in most fields of interest and activity today, so in ringing, any realistic change or reform calls for fundamental rather than superficial consideration and treatment. It is all in keeping with the modern outlook—the trend of streamlining our work and our play. The Exercise will derive little satisfaction in these specific problems so long as we continue merely to argue about the merits and demerits of any particular method, or group of methods, in relation to peal-ringing. There is here a big and highly important job to be done, radically and comprehensively; so that, in reaching decisions, allowance must be made, as far as possible, for future trend and development. Far from the concept of finality having been reached in method design (and therefore also in composition), research in this field since the war has shown wide possibilities of novelty in structure. Of this, perhaps, more may be said in a subsequent article.

It may come as a shock to us, when we think about it, to realise that though the Exercise has an elected advisory body—the Central Council—to whom it looks for official pronouncements on guidance on ringing matters, yet:—

(a) There exists no comprehensive 'catalogue' of officially recognised methods, and of stage forms of each of those methods, duly classified and indexed; so as to be readily identifiable by say, an 'official' index number.

(b) While performances have to be 'acceptable' to the Central Council for inclusion in the Peals Analysis, the lack, as in (a) foregoing, persists and there remains no authenticated tally of all such peals rung.

As to (a) above, there are, of course, Central Council and other publications of 'Collections' of methods; but the logical issue seems to be that if the practice of 'exclusion' from the Central Council annual Peals Analysis is to be generally acceptable as 'legal and binding' and without equivocation, then, beyond the present rather arguable dicta about certain methods not being acceptable, there must be a more authoritative, and in some respects informative, kind of 'statute book' of methods; a Methods 'Blue Book,' if you like.

As to (b) above, it is true, of course, that peal performances are published in this paper and that peal records exist in the ringing Guilds and Associations; and it is right and necessary that they should be so recorded. But it seems a natural corollary that if there is a recognised authority for the approval of methods, in which may be rung peals that are to qualify for official record in summarised statistics, then there should be an official record (in main data only, perhaps) of all peals duly rung **in such methods**; a Peals 'Register,' if you like.

The more thought we give to these ideas the more certain will the majority of us realise that the longer the deferment of these compilations, the greater will grow the two main difficulties arising, namely:—

(1) The question of qualification of extant methods, and any extant or potential stage variations of each, for inclusion in the 'Blue Book.' (New methods can be added as approved.)

(2) The initiation of, and the manner of maintaining, the 'Register.'

Still, the difficulties are by no means insuperable; and the advantages (one might almost say the essential uses) may be shown to be beyond question.

It is important, at this stage, to realise that the 'Blue Book' and 'Register' in their proposed formats (which are visualised as being mainly of the form of one-line entries), would not and could not supplant or replace the existing forms of publication and record. Rather would the latter be complementary to the former—the Central Council Collections of Methods to the Blue Book, and 'The Ringing World' and Association reports to the Register. The utility of each would enhance that of the other. Consider first, however, the question of compilation.

THE BLUE BOOK

Earlier, it was stressed that this important job calls for 'radical and comprehensive treatment.' Before the Blue Book could be compiled there would necessarily be preliminary work (arising from the controversial issues recently discussed by correspondents in these pages), and resulting in a review and restatement of the presently agreed principles of method structure. This would devolve upon the Methods Committee of the time, of course; but their proposals would have to be drawn in well defined terms, and logically and simply stated and published well in advance of the ultimate Central Council consideration; so that representatives could vote informedly and with complete satisfaction to themselves and their constituents. These decisions could then be set out in the preamble of the Book. A revision of method classification is necessary, too, preferably in the direction of simplicity. It is unnecessary and indeed impractical at this stage to attempt a detailed exposition of all this; although a satisfactory lay-out has been worked out on the 'loop-hole-proof' and intelligible lines.

The cataloguing of the methods, however, would be based on the revised classification, and the numbering of the methods would follow accordingly.

Only such methods, and such stages of each, as comply with the accepted principles would qualify for inclusion; and each would receive its specific 'Blue Book' official code number. The one-line entry for each method would indicate also the stage of its basic form and its other accepted stages. (The actual design or figures of the basic and other stages would not appear, these being given in the Central Council 'Collections,' as now.) A method, or any of its stages, not included, would not have any peal performance in it recognised as qualifying for entry in the Register; though such performances might still be published in 'The Ringing World' and in Association reports. In this way freedom of choice would remain to the individual band, to 'peal' whatever it pleased and publish it; but the collective decision of the whole Exercise in technical preferences as to methods would be exclusively maintained, and indeed endorsed, by the qualified entries in the Register.

All **published** methods would find an entry in the **index** of the Blue Book, either by name or collection number; and those not qualifying would be marked (say with an 'X') as 'excluded,' and would not appear in the one-line entries positions. Thus the intending conductor would have a sure guide as to the 'status' of his method. New methods and/or stages would be notified in 'The Ringing World' as acceptable or otherwise, and if the former, with the next serial number (according to class) allotted. Correction leaflets, giving addenda, and deletions if 'Decisions' so varied things, would be published annually, bringing held copies up to date. A reprint, to cover all amendments, might be published, say, every five or seven years. All District secretaries of Associations would be urged to hold a copy, and no doubt most conductors would require one for personal reference.

THE REGISTER

Here a number of concomitant new ideas should make for easier and more efficient working of the machinery of recording peals. First it is suggested that a new office should be created within the Central Council—that of Registrar of Peals. He would hold and maintain the Register, which would be compiled in volumes, each covering, say, three- or five-year periods. The current volume would be started at the ensuing January, and those for the past made up gradually. Each volume would be identified by the numbers of the years to which it related. Entries would be made by the Registrar in order of receipt, receiving the next serial number. Each series starts afresh for each year, and each number in the series is prefixed by the year. Thus, towards the close of next year, for example, a typical registration number might be '1956/908.' This number then positively identifies this one peal among all other officially recorded peals ever rung. The next entry on the line would be the month, then the date; then, following across the double page, and possibly in this order—Parish, County, Tower, Association, Method Code Number (from Blue Book), Number of Changes, Composition, Conductor, and Notes. (The Code Number gives the stage also.)

The tie-up, in recording, from Conductor, through Association, to Registrar, and on to 'The Ringing World' publication, could be effected quite simply and surely in some such way as the following:—

Peal Report forms.—These should help everybody concerned. First the Central Council would have printed a number (say 5,000) in quite simple yet standard form, ensuring uniformity and completeness, with two entry-spaces that are new; one for the Blue Book number of the (acceptable) method, and the other for the Register entry number. The stock of forms would be held by the Registrar and obtained from him at, say, 3d. a dozen post free. The Conductor now simply fills up the spaces, and with a bit of carbon paper he does two copies at once. These he passes immediately to his Association Peals Secretary. The latter retains one for Association records. Each week, say, on Mondays, he sends off the other copy (or copies if more than one peal has come in) to the Registrar. The latter, if the method be in the Blue Book enters its number in the form, together with the next serial Register number. He then copies the essential particulars into the Register. Once a week, say on Thursdays, he sends on to 'The Ringing World' **all** forms he has received, whether he has transcribed them or not, and thus they get to the journal in standard form and marked as to whether they are registered peals or not. Thus all performances get published, even 'numbered versions' of extensions for instance; but only 'accepted' methods and their natural extensions are registered. The Registrar will thus have helped, too, the peals analysis officers in their task, since 'The Ringing World' publication will indicate the 'regular' peals at a glance.

Previous records.—As to the opening of the Register volumes for all time prior to the current volume, this large task would take considerable time, of course, and would be undertaken by others than the Registrar. It would no doubt be brought within reasonably easy grasp by access that might be kindly granted by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, to the results of his multitudinous labours of love, in checking all extant published records of peals to

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Matters Discussed by Southern Division

The annual meeting of the Southern Division took place at St. Mary's, Shoreham, on February 19th with an attendance of over 50, representing 17 towers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. W. Simpson).

Tea was taken in the Church Hall, at the conclusion of which Mr. and Mrs. Pike, Miss J. Pike and other helpers were thanked for preparing such a delightful meal. Prior to the business meeting, at which the Vicar presided, the secretary stated he had received a letter from the Master (Mr. S. E. Armstrong) apologising for his unavoidable absence. He also expressed thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service, and to the organist for giving his services.

The balance sheet and secretary's report were adopted and the following officers were elected: Ringing Master, Mr. J. Dearlove; secretary, Mr. C. W. Linington; committee, Mr. S. W. Brown, Miss J. Pike; hon. auditor, Mr. H. Stalham. Seven new members and one non-resident member were elected to the Association.

Under 'Any other business' the question arose as to when the proposed badges for the Association would be ready. Mr. R. W. Percy (hon. general secretary) said he was awaiting the approximate numbers required by the Divisions, as the cost of making the badges depended entirely upon the number ordered.

'The Ringing World' was also discussed at length. It was reported that some members had withdrawn their subscription following the increase in price. The raising of the price from 4d. to 6d. was deprecated, and considered not to be the remedy to make the publication pay.

It was suggested that peals should be a secondary feature. To a learner it was rather frightening on opening his newly-acquired copy to be confronted with a formidable list of peals. It was agreed that more articles appertaining to towers and bells would be welcomed and, when possible, illustrated; also articles should appear on ringing which would be within the scope of the younger and less advanced ringer.

Mention was made of the recent operatic contribution to 'The Ringing World' by a young ringer of the Keymer band. He was heartily congratulated by all present. C. W. L.

Northern Division at Horsham

The Northern Division held its annual meeting at Horsham on February 5th with 40 members present. The Vicar (the Rev. R. C. O. Goodchild) conducted the Association form of service. Mrs. Rapley was re-elected secretary, and the Ringing Master for the coming year will be Mr. George Jennings. The committee and auditor were re-elected.

Under the heading of any other business a lengthy discussion took place on a motion made by Mr. Fosberry and seconded by Mr. Stilwell that the meeting deprecated the attitude of 'The Ringing World' towards articles of instruction for learners, as stated on the front page of the issue dated October 22nd last.

Also another lengthy discussion took place on the ringing of the bells at Danehill.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist, secretary and Ringing Master. E. R.

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date. In compiling those volumes the acceptance or rejection of performances would be governed by the Central Council conditions ruling at the times of the peals; and peals would be identified by the name of the method applying or authorised at that time. A. Y.-B.

Brief comments welcome.—Ed.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North and East District Report Progress

Members and friends attending the annual meeting of the North and East District at Bishopsgate on February 12th became more enlightened in the history of London and of St. Botolph's Church as the result of an address by Prebendary Treacher. It was a successful occasion from all aspects, and thanks are due to all concerned who contributed to this factor. Ringing took place at Clerkenwell in the afternoon and at Bishopsgate in the afternoon and evening. Among the welcomed visitors were Miss F. Brown from Melbourne, Australia, and Miss V. Willard, who has recently returned from that country.

At the business meeting the chair was occupied by Mr. H. G. Hart, vice-president, who reminded the 44 members present of the recent death of the Rev. P. Gough, Rector of Acton and president in office. In addition, the deaths of the Rev. C. S. Durham, Vicar of Harrow Weald, B. F. Tubb, Finchley, and R. P. Crump, Hornsey, were referred to, and the meeting stood in silent tribute to the memory of these past members.

All the retiring officers received the confidence of the meeting in being re-elected, but owing to the departure of R. H. Begrie and P. J. Coward, Miss R. Foreman and J. R. Mayne were elected to the District Committee.

The hon. secretary, in his annual report, stated that twelve meetings had been arranged and ringing in various other towers had been organised. Attendance at meetings, however, had been greatly increased by ringers who reside outside the area of the Association, and greater support from resident members was called for. Five members had been lost through death. New members elected comprised one honorary life, seven non-resident life and 28 ringing members. A total of 94 quarter peals had been rung in the several towers, Harrow Weald leading easily—in quality and quantity—with 27. The report concluded by recording with pleasure that the new young band at Edgware, having received instruction from Mr. and Mrs. and John Mayne, had become members of the Association, and several new members at Edmonton, Harrow-on-the-Hill and Stepney had recently been elected.

The statement of accounts, which showed an improved balance, provided for a sum of £33 4s. 9d. to be carried to the Central Fund.

The election of the following 30 new members then took place: J. D. Duggan and R. Wood, St. Andrew's, Enfield; J. M. Bailey, W. Dorrell and the Misses C. Borst, S. H. Dorey, J. Gossling, J. Ransley and B. Woodward, Harrow-on-the-Hill; N. K. Solomon and Miss J. Baggott, Hendon; M. Chamberlain, G. Ellis, P. Flint, J. G. Morgan, D. Saunders, J. C. Taylor, J. Voss, Miss E. Little and Miss J. Smith, Kingsbury; Miss M. Tomlin, Stamford Hill; Miss W. Brindley and Miss D. Ward, Stanmore; H. A., A. C. and Mrs. H. A. Martin, A. P. Pearson, Willesden; W. Jarvis, Harringay, unattached, all as ringing members; and Miss B. Marks, Knebworth, and P. L. Baycock, North Mymms, as non-resident life members.

A programme of proposed ringing meetings as recommended by the District Committee was agreed to, and this included joint meetings with the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Essex Association.

Miss G. Newcombe, Edmonton, was elected to be a representative of 'The Ringing World' in the northern part of the district, to replace P. J. Coward. Other business dealt with included three recommendations to the Central Committee, with proposals for consideration at the annual general meeting of the Association.

A vote of thanks to Preb. Treacher, the Rev. —. Browne, Mrs. E. Davis, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Prockson and all who had assisted in the arrangements was passed with acclamation.

DEDICATION

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX

After being silent since last September, the bells of St. Mary the Virgin's, Ardleigh, were heard once again on Saturday, February 5th, when they were rededicated by the Bishop of Colchester (Rt. Rev. F. D. V. Narborough) in the presence of a large congregation of parishioners and ringers from Essex and Suffolk.

No major work had been done on the bells since 1892, when the present wooden frame was put in by H. Bowell, of Ipswich, who also had the fifth recast and added two trebles to complete the octave, and last winter it was decided that it was time Ardleigh had a more musical and better going ring after all those years.

The work was entrusted to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who decided that the fine-toned pre-Reformation tenor by Robert Burford, circa 1415, should be retained as the basis of a new octave; all the other bells with the exception of the third by John Darbie, 1676, were to be recast.

Thanks largely to the enthusiasm and energy of the tower captain, Mr. Felix Erith, the work of raising the large sum of nearly 1,200 required for the work proceeded steadily last year, and a very generous grant was obtained from the Trustees of the Barron Bell Trust, which removed any doubts that the work could be put in hand at an early date.

The eight bells have been rehung on new iron headstocks and ball bearings, the original frame was found to be in excellent condition and retained, but all other fittings have been renewed and the bell chamber thoroughly cleaned out.

All the old inscriptions on the bells have been reproduced; in addition, the seventh bears the names of the founder of the Barron Trust and of the three trustees, while the sixth has the names of the Vicar, churchwardens and captain of the ringers. The weight of the tenor is 13¼ cwt.

The representative gathering at the service included Messrs. H. W. Eldred and J. R. Pennell (Barron Fund Trustees), Mr. R. C. Heazel (Master, Essex Association), Miss H. G. Snowden (Master, North Division), Mr. H. J. Millatt (Master, North Division), Mr. C. W. Pipe (general secretary, Suffolk Guild), Mr. J. Gould (secretary, North-East Division), and many others, while Mr. John Fidler represented the bell founders.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. D. Leonard), the Rev. Mr. Biddlecombe (Rector of Polstead) acted as Bishop's chaplain, and the lesson was read by Mr. R. C. Heazel. During the singing of the hymn, 'Unchanging God, Who livest,' the Bishop, clergy and choir proceeded to the tower, where the Bishop was handed the ropes and blessed the bells in the following words: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ and to the Glory of God, we bless and dedicate these bells. In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.'

After the dedication prayers the bells were rung to rounds by members of the local company, while immediately after the service the opening touch of 216 Stedman Triples was rung by a representative band, followed by a course of Plain Bob Major by the local ringers.

A splendid buffet tea had been arranged in the Vicar's room by Mrs. F. Erith, assisted by other ladies of the parish, while during the evening coffee and cakes were served to all who required them. The bells were kept going until 9 p.m., under the direction of the Master (Mr. H. J. Millatt), who arranged a wide variety of ringing to suit all tastes, ranging from call-changes to London and Bristol Surprise Major.

The unanimous opinion of all who tried the bells was that Messrs. Taylor's had done an excellent job in blending the old tenor with the new bells, and Ardleigh now possesses an octave which for tone and 'go' are equal to any in North-East Essex.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CATERING FOR BEGINNERS

Dear Sir,—Following the annual meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association on February 12th, 1955, I have to convey to you and your Editorial Committee the following resolution which was passed unanimously at that meeting:—

'That this meeting, while it appreciates the good work carried out by the Editor of "The Ringing World" and his committee, cannot agree with his attitude towards articles of instruction for learners as stated in "The Ringing World" dated October 22nd, 1954, and earnestly requests him to consider such articles to be a very necessary part of "The Ringing World" if it is to fulfil its function of being a magazine for all ringers.'—Yours faithfully,

W. LESLIE WELLER.
Hon. Div. Sec., Western Division.

[Note.—In 1952 and 1953 we published a series of 36 articles for beginners. A reasonable lapse of time must take place before the series can be repeated. We always welcome short hints that experience has proved to be helpful, and have hopes that a reader would provide us with a weekly hint. The editorial referred to a treatise in the form of a text book.—Ed.]

BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Paragraph (a) of Mr. Felstead's letter in 'The Ringing World' of February 25th reminds me that no one responded to the invitation contained in my letter (published in your issue of October 15th last) and claimed that he was the brains behind the suggestion that the Analysis Committee should cut out Bob Triples.

I now note with interest that the Methods Committee (as a committee apparently) disclaims any hand in the matter. This disclaimer and the silence of the individual concerned strengthen my suspicion that his motives were not entirely altruistic.—Yours faithfully,

G. L. GROVER.
East Clandon, Surrey.

[Note.—A peal in this method is recorded on page 131, in which a member of the Central Council participated.—Ed.]

NEW SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—In view of the recent spate of new Surprise Major methods, would it not be possible for conductors to include the figures of the method (in Carter's notation) in the footnotes of the peal? This would be of great assistance to those who, like myself, keep records of Surprise Major methods.

Incidentally, can anyone supply the figures of Evington and Imberhorne Surprise Major, neither of which have I seen published in 'The Ringing World'?—Yours faithfully,

DENNIS KNOX.
Dunstable, Beds.

[Note.—We cannot entertain extending our footnotes unless the number of peals rung drops considerably. We would be able to find room for new methods in Carter's notation in the same issue.—Ed.]

WHOSE COMPOSITION?

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' published February 4th, 1955, on page 68 is a composition of 5,040 Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal by C. Kenneth Lewis. Now I have in my records a composition by F. E. Darby which is identical and which I am in the near future going to call to Oakham Royal. Please would either Mr. Lewis or Mr. Darby let me know who claims this composition?—Yours sincerely,

W. ROGERS.
Rotherfield, Sussex.

BELLS OF RADNORSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I sincerely hope that in due course Mr. Felstead will write an article on 'Peal Ringing in Radnorshire' and that Presteigne will be included. If the towers are few, they are worth recognition.

May I remind Mr. Benson that there used to be NINE rings of bells of five and upwards in his county — viz., two eights, Knighton and Presteigne; four sixes, Old Radnor, New Radnor, Nantmel and Llanfihangel Rhydithon (sometimes spelt Rhyd Ieithon); and three fives, Clyro, Llanbadarn Fawr and Gladestry—the last mentioned are unringable.—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE EVANS.
Eardisland, Herefords.

ST. ANDREW'S, RUGBY

Dear Sir,—I feel the readers of 'The Ringing World' may be interested to learn that the ring of eight at St. Andrew's Church are soon to be available again for ringing.

In 1948 the ringing of the eight in the new tower was discontinued owing to the very poor 'go' of the bells, and since that date regular ringing has been continued on the five bells in the old tower at the west end of the church—Rugby Parish Church is unique in having two separate rings of bells.

The work in the new tower comprises the fitting of the 2nd, 5th and tenor on ball bearings and the lowering of the whole frame 20ft. in the tower. This will considerably decrease the sway of the tower and also reduce the volume of sound in the main street below.

It is hoped that this work, which is to be carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will be completed by Whitsun.—Yours faithfully,

D. J. PITSTOW.
Rugby.

JOSHUA SHORT

Dear Sir,—Early last year I had a communication from Mr. E. A. Butcher, of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, referring to an article of mine in 'The Birmingham Post.' He informed me that he had in his possession a vellum setting out the account of a long peal of Bob Major at Aston in 1788, and that he also possessed a portrait in oils of Joshua Short, the old Aston ringer. You may imagine that I was greatly interested, especially in the picture, and after some correspondence and negotiation, during which time Mr. Butcher moved to North Wales, I secured the portrait and the vellum on permanent loan to St. Martin's Guild. I also found out that Mr. Butcher was great-great-great-grandson of Joshua.

The portrait is a fine one, and shows a large-faced, genial but shrewd old gentleman, one whose appearance well confirms his reputation for great physical strength and conviviality.

The vellum is an interesting survival. It is a print from the elaborately designed plate used by the Society for printing its invitations to the annual feast. It is inscribed as follows:—

'On the 29th day of September, 1788, was rung at Saint Peter and Paul's Church, Aston, a peal of Bob Major consisting of 10,080 changes in 6 hours and 31 minutes by the undermentioned persons:—

'Benjn. Baylifs Treble. Willm. Gibson Second. John Black Third. Joshua Short Fourth. John Short Fifth. Job Perrins Sixth. Joseph Rogers Seventh. Willm. Bennett Tenor. Colled by William Bennett. Weight of Tenor 20 cwt.'

We know, of course, of this performance, but I do not think we have any previous record of the band. We are taking steps to preserve the vellum, and we hope to present the portrait to Aston belfry.—Yours sincerely,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
Solihull.

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL BELLS

Dear Sir,—Our ringing may be a bit rough at times, but not bad enough to cause movement in the transept walls of our Cathedral as your unknown contributor to 'Belfry Gossip' states.

The facts are that the south wall of the south transept has for some time shown a tendency to move outwards at the top. Underpinning was decided upon, with the addition of a steel foundation grillage, and this work, which has been in progress for some time with a minimum interruption of ringing, is now completed.

Reinforced concrete bracing is now being put in above the vaulting, and the walls are weakened because a lot of the stonework has been taken out to get an effective bond between the old work and the new. While the concrete is being poured and stonework replaced, the architect and contractors consider it prudent not to ring.

Those with knowledge of the massive construction of the Cathedral will not take the statement seriously, and I only write because a published statement to the effect that the bells are a danger to the stability of the building ought not to go uncontradicted.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. DAVIS,
Ringing Master,
Hereford Cathedral.

ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—I have noticed in 'The Ringing World' published February 11th and 18th peals of Doubles rung on handbells at Sherburn-in-Elmet, Yorkshire, containing what is, I believe, if my memory serves me correctly, the illegitimate method of St. Dunstan's Doubles. This was condemned a few years ago by the Central Council for the reason that there was not the same number of leads in the plain course as there are working bells in the method. I am all for Mr. Alan Sheppard's peals on handbells, but I don't suppose he wants them 'thrown back' from the Peal Analysis Committee through what I presume is an accidental oversight. Can anyone else throw any light on this?

I should also like to take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. William Butler and his band on their peal of 18 Spliced Doubles, especially as all the methods ARE different and it was rung at a five-bell tower. — Yours sincerely,

CLIVE M. SMITH.
Lichfield, Staffs.

ANOTHER TASK FOR MR. BLAGROVE

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Mr. Blagrove on the splendid catalogue of c.p.s. methods you published last week.

As he seems willing to devote his time to the advancement of the Exercise, dare I suggest that he should give us a list of Surprise Major methods with no backward places and Plain Bob coursing order in 7–8?

When I examined 'Nechells,' as it proved, about six months ago, I was surprised to find that it had not been rung before. It seemed such an advantageous variation of 'Hitchin,' reducing the liability to falseness, simply by substituting Painswick for the Superlative front of the former method.

May I, too, plead for the use of place notation in publishing new methods: perhaps then the methods could appear in the same issue as the peal report. It would also be helpful to know the false course ends, so often omitted.

Thank you, Mr. Roe, for your cry for reforms in method construction.—Yours sincerely,

STEPHEN IVIN.
Bedford.

SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS

Annual Reunion at Leicester

The seventh annual reunion of the S.R.R. was held in Leicester on February 5th and was attended by 39 members and friends.

The party assembled at St. John-the-Divine's and, after ringing on this fine ten, went to St. Margaret's, where, with numbers almost complete, ringing ranged from rounds to Cinques. Tea drinkers and tower grabbers then went their various ways; the latter to All Saints' to enjoy ringing on the new eight, whilst the former, greatly fortified by refreshments, raised the Cathedral bells. The afternoon's ringing concluded with a well-struck bob course of Stedman Cinques for service, and the party then proceeded to the Royal Hotel for dinner.

Mark White took the chair at the meeting which followed. He extended a warm welcome to all present and particularly to Mr. and Mrs. Poole. Apologies for absence were received from several members, including two serving abroad with H.M.F., but happily four other National Service members were able to attend.

The secretaries reported a christening, a wedding and two engagements which had taken place in the Society during the year. Tony and Iris Oliver had received a coffee table as a wedding gift from the Society. Several members took part in the three peals rung for the christening and engagements.

The 1954 tour had been very successful and free from accidents, apart from the usual punctures. Seventeen members, including three new members, supported the tour, and 13 others were present at Sherborne, where a most enjoyable Bank Holiday week-end was spent. The secretaries apologised for the non-publication of the report of the tour, explaining that it had only been received from the author on the previous evening.

Letters were read from the Earl of Shaftesbury, who had met the Society during the summer, and from Mr. A. Macdonald. These acknowledged Christmas greetings, and it was decided to place the Earl of Shaftesbury's letter in the records of the Society.

The following new members were elected: Monica Fray, Farmborough, near Bath; Jean Powell, Blackwood, Mon.; Christine Ford, Loughton, Essex; and Richard Harbour, Banstead, Surrey. Honorary membership was conferred upon Mr. T. Setter, Yeovil, and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Poole, Leicester.

In accordance with the tradition of the Society, a new Ringing Master is elected annually, and Mr. N. J. Diserens was elected to hold this office for 1955. Other officers were re-elected as follows: Joint secretaries, Miss J. M. Winchester, Miss K. E. Weller; treasurer, Mr. R. Parsons; and recorder, Miss A. Bailey. A vote of thanks was given to the Retiring Master and all other officers for their hard work during the past year.

The rest of the evening passed all too quickly, interspersed with handbell ringing and the usual social activities.

Members took part in service ringing on Sunday morning at St. John-the-Divine's, the Cathedral and St. Mary-de-Castro's. Most of the party left for home after lunch, but several remained in Leicester until the evening, ringing on the back six at St. Saviour's in the afternoon and at the Cathedral and St. Margaret's in the evening.

Thanks are accorded Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. S. A. Jesson and all friends in Leicester who helped to make this week-end so enjoyable.

LATE NEWS

We regret to record the death of Mr. Joseph B. Fenton, aged 84, a founder member of the Warwickshire Guild. He died at Rugby on February 20th.

We regret to announce the death at Marlow on Sunday of Mr. James F. Smith, aged 74, a well-known Minor ringer.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Watford District

The A.G.M. of the Watford District was held at the Parish Church of St. Mary on February 5th and was well supported by District members and visiting ringers. Tea was taken in the nearby Old Free School and enjoyed by a company numbering 47. The two ladies who assisted in providing this excellent tea are to be congratulated.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar (Canon A. St. John Thorpe). The secretary (Mr. R. G. Bell) gave a very satisfactory report on the past year's work in the District, and the outlook was very encouraging with so many young members in evidence.

Officers elected were:—Secretary, Mr. K. R. Dunstan (in succession to Mr. R. G. Bell, who was thanked for his work during the past three years); Ringing Master, Mr. S. H. Hoare; representatives on County Committee, Mr. S. H. Hoare and Mr. G. W. Seaman. District Committee, en bloc with one exception. 'Ringing World' representative, Mr. K. R. Dunston, Brinklow.

The meeting carried unanimously the nomination of Mr. C. W. Woolley as president of the Association for this year, as recommended by the District Committee. Eight new ringing members were elected.

During the afternoon and evening a good standard of ringing was maintained, which ranged from rounds to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Royal. K. R. D.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Great Chart Bells To Be Inspected

On February 19th some 40 members of the Kent County Association attended a meeting at High Halden. Despite the very cold weather 18 towers were represented.

Canon Swan took the service, assisted by Mrs. Knight at the organ. A very homely tea was kindly arranged by Mr. and Mrs. J. Burden in the Village Hall. At the business meeting which followed, the main points mentioned were:—The arrangement for a representative of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to inspect the bells of Great Chart, which were reported by Mr. P. Jarvis to be in a very bad condition; the next meeting to be at Hythe on March 26th. S. G. W.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Leatherhead District

Despite the foggy conditions and other meeting attractions the attendance at the annual District meeting was up to standard. The Guild's service was taken by the Vicar, Canon F. Page.

Since the temporary church has been available the wives and friends of the ringers have helped Mrs. Harman in providing teas for meetings there, and this has proved a very satisfactory arrangement. This year their optimism was justified, 48 sitting down for tea.

Mr. H. N. Pitstow took the chair for the business meeting. The accounts showed a balance in hand (£40) for the first time. The report mentioned that the local captain, Mr. G. Marriner, had just completed 50 years as a ringer at Leatherhead and that the captain of Christ Church, Epsom, Mr. G. F. Oakshott, had been awarded the B.E.M. in the New Year's Honours, and, later, someone discovered that this was the secretary's 25th annual District meeting as secretary. There was no change in the District officers elected for 1955.

In proposing the votes of thanks for all who had made a successful meeting possible, Mr. Pitstow said a special one was due to Mrs. Harman and helpers for the grand tea provided.

Ringing was resumed until about 8 o'clock with a quiet interlude when the lights in the belfry fused. A. H. S.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Bristol Rural Branch Now 216 Strong

The annual meeting of the Bristol Rural Branch was held at the Parish Church of St. Ambrose, Bristol East, on January 29th, with over sixty members attending.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and the eight bells were kept going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major until 4.30 p.m. when the branch service was held, which this year was in the form of Holy Communion, and was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. M. Hocking. Some of the local ringers' wives prepared tea in the Parish Hall, and this was followed by the annual business meeting, with Mr. C. R. Harding in the chair.

The secretary and treasurer, in his report, stated that the branch had another successful year, and that its membership had now reached 216, of which only two members were in arrears with their subscriptions, and that only one tower out of the branch's 22 'live' towers was unaffiliated. During the year 11 meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 45, and there was evidence at these meetings that the younger members are taking an active interest in the branch's activities. The towers of Doynton and Iron Acton had rejoined the branch after an absence of many years, and it is hoped to see new members come from these towers in the coming year.

The balance sheet showed an income of £43 3s. 0½d., of which £37 had been paid to the general treasurer. Both report and financial statement were accepted.

The following branch officers were re-elected: Chairman, Mr. C. R. Harding; secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. F. Scudamore; representative on Management Committee, Mr. C. Baker; Ringing Master, Mr. R. G. Hooper.

It was proposed that the next annual meeting be again held at St. Ambrose, with quarterly meetings at St. Werburgh's, St. George's and Henbury, with the first monthly meeting at Stapleton.

One of the items on the agenda was the visit of the Central Council to Bristol in May, and three members of the branch were elected to join a committee formed for the reception of the Central Council.

When the meeting closed the bells of St. Ambrose and St. George were available for ringing. W. F. S.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Although wintry conditions prevailed, a very happy and successful meeting was held at Penistone, near the Pennines, on February 12th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30. when tea was served by the ringers' wives in the nearby schools, and a good square meal was enjoyed by all.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. H. Peace) acted as chairman for the business meeting, at which the following were elected new members:—Sheila Brooker, Tony Brown, Keith Darwin and Bruce Jones, all of Ecclesfield.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Ossett on March 19th. On the motion of Mr. N. F. Moxon, the Vicar was thanked for his services.

The Vicar, in reply, said that was the first time he had met the ringers. He had enjoyed it very much and assured all of a hearty welcome at any time. The best thanks were also given to the ladies for their splendid tea.

Good use was made of the bells, a splendid octave, during the afternoon and evening. It was very pleasing to see the curate taking part in rounds. D. S.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Sheils (first of Minor) 1, H. Wingrove 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, A. Bridges 4, R. Keeley 5, J. Harrison (cond.) 6, D. Lamb 8 (covering). Rung to commemorate the enthronement of the Bishop of Oxford.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Deacon 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, A. T. M. Perry 3, K. Everetter 4, H. Stebbings 5, G. M. Rouse (first in method as cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, Miss V. M. Westray 3, B. P. Danbury 4, E. G. Webb 5, D. E. J. Watts 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, F. R. L. Blewer 8. Rung for Evensong. This is the first time that the band has achieved a quarter peal under a visiting conductor.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,309 Grandsire Doubles: D. Jeeves (first quarter) 1, C. H. Harding 2, D. Bridges 3, E. Izzard 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, D. Wooding 6. Rung for morning service. Also on Feb. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: D. Bridges 1, E. Izzard 2, Miss S. Sands 3, J. B. Long 4, P. I. Chapman 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong on the 80th birthday of His Grace the Archbishop of York. Also on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Simpson (first quarter) 1, A. R. Lennard 2, D. Bridges 3, N. Hull (first 'inside') 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, R. A. Lucas 6.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary-within-the-Walls, on Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Helen Wickham (first quarter) 1, H. O. Baker 2, W. Pugh 3, G. Pugh 4, Rev. J. Kingdon 5, S. Jones, jun. (cond.) 6, J. W. Clarke 7, J. R. Rowsby 8. A 14th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

DOVER, KENT.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. George 1, E. T. Ellender 2, H. J. Saunders 3, G. Gray 4, E. J. Walker 5, C. George (cond.) 6, P. Westwood 7, D. J. Thomas 8. Rung for the dedication of the new east window.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On Feb. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Hornsby 1, Mrs. D. F. Goodhew 2, B. Elliott 3, G. Schleuter 4, R. C. Heazel 5, Dr. L. Castleden 6, H. W. Smith 7, G. Saunders (cond.) 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Thornhill, of Dunmow, and Mr. F. G. Askew, of Dutton Hill.

ELMORE, GLOS.—On Feb. 15th, 1,260 Doubles (960 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): S. J. Pugh 1, P. Williams 2, D. Cobb 3, F. E. T. Tranter 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, J. Cobb 6.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. A. Bowler 1, Miss M. Goode 2, Miss A. Martin 3, C. Pound 4, J. Salter 5, H. Gauntlett 6, F. Bowden (cond.) 7, J. Stevenson 8. First of Triples for 1, 3 and 5. Rung for morning service.

LATE NOTICES

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, March 9th, 6.30–8 p.m. Essentially for learners. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting at Meldreth, Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5958

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Combined practice, Horsell, Saturday, March 12th, 6–9 p.m.—R. Collins.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Redbourn (6), March 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea Mr. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Todmorden, March 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, to T. Halstead, 4, Queen Street, Todmorden, by Wednesday, 9th.—F. Pritchard. 5957

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, March 12th, St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10), 3–4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Meeting, ringing, service, St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green (8), 5.30–9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 5960

QUARTER PEALS

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. J. Newnes 1, Eileen Ricketts 2, P. A. Ruch 3, P. Betteridge 4, W. W. Webb 5, J. Walters 6, B. A. Rose (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Brian Morris, a young ringer.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 13th, 1,260 Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Triples (17 changes of method): D. W. Beard 1, D. M. Salisbury 2, J. Carrott 3, R. Brown 4, Dr. C. E. Wright 5, A. House 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Adams (first quarter) 1, Audrey M. Trott 2, D. Mitchell 3, J. Pullin (first 'inside') 4, S. A. Paice 5, E. F. Fosberry 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung by the local band on the conductor's 65th birthday.

IRON ACTON, GLOS.—On Feb. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hendy 1, E. Anstey 2, D. Elliott 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, V. Cater 6. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,280 Pudsey Surprise Major: Miss E. Farrell 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, Mrs. K. Parr 3, A. F. Thirst 4, S. Croft 5, T. E. Davies 6, F. D Bishop 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

LONG SUTTON, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Stella Allen 1, D. Sweet 2, F. J. White 2, A. Bown 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5.

MEARS ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Mabbutt 1, C. W. Partridge 2, J. Collins 3, H. J. Smith 4, W. G. Callis (cond.) 5, J. Mabbutt 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Brian Mabbutt, on National Service in Hong Kong.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Feb. 12th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Small 1, J. Uden 2, H. Allen 3, W. E. Eveleigh 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, F. Uden 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Rosamund Johnston, the daughter of the Vicar.

MOREBATH, DEVON.—On Feb. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Stedman, 900 Grandsire): C. J. Stevens (cond.) 1, Barbara J. Stevens 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, V. N. Burrows 4, D. M. Bellamy 5, A. G. Cooke 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Feb. 19th, at the Church of St. Edmund, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Line 1, B. O. Soden 2, W. A. Gammage 3, K. D. Perkins 4, A. C. Cozens 5, W. R. Hammons 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, R. Daniels 8. First in method for 1 and 8. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. W. Denny) on his appointment as a non-residentiary Canon of Peterborough Cathedral; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. W. Walmsley, treasurer of the P.C.C.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Erin, 120 each of Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob): Margaret Twidale 1, A. Hicks 2, Ruth Carey 3, Pat Forster 4, R. Hodgson (cond.) 5, W. Button 6. First quarter in more than two methods by all.

PAYHEMBURY, DEVON.—On Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tozer 1, T. Travers 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, O. Griffin 4, W. Webb 5, J. Real 6.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 13th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. R. Cooke 1, G. Greeves 2, R. Gilham 3, A. A. Cooke (first quarter) 4, A. Webster (first quarter) 5, G. A. Cooke (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. G. Gunn.

SIBSEY, LINCS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,264 Bob Major: Rhoda Brown 1, W. Elmitt 2, E. Flintham 3, W. B. Dawson 4, T. Cummins 5, A. E. Flatters 6, D. Smith 7, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 8. First quarter 'inside' by 3. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, who is leaving the parish.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 8th, 1,453 Stedman Cinques: H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 1, A. W. Coles 2, H. V. Frost 3, R. W. Darvill 4, Mrs. J. Dodds 5, A. Day 6, T. J. Southam 7, G. Dodds 8, R. F. Ewer 9, W. J. Arnold 10, W. Ayre 11, W. Nicolls 12. A birthday compliment to the conductor. This touch contains Whittingtons, Tittums and handstroke positions.

STOKE GOLDINGTON, BUCKS.—On Feb. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Stanton 1, E. Shouler 2, R. Croot 3, W. Mawby 4, A. Armstrong (first in method as cond.) 5, O. Warren 6. First of Minor for 1 and 3. First by the regular service band. Rung to commemorate the enthronement of Canon H. Carpenter as Bishop of Oxford.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Feb. 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Godden 1, D. Brand 2, H. D. Lister 3, J. S. Wybrew 4, R. E. Lester (cond.) 5, O. G Barnard 6. Rung on the back six as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Barnard.

SUTTERTON, LINCS.—On Feb. 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Bamber 1, S. J. Jessop 2, A. Young 3, R. D. White 4, H. Taylor (first 'inside') 5, F. P. Harwood 6, J. R. Young 7, R. F. Brown (cond.) 8. A 50th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Rhodes, local tower captain.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Helen Skinner 1, Marian Skinner 2, B. J. Luff (first of Stedman Doubles, cond.) 3, C. B. Skinner 4, B. W. Farhall 5, W. T. Cherriman 6. First in the method by 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6. Rung by the Sunday evening service band.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Feb. 6th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Miss P. Price 1, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 2, G. Price 3, A. F. Wellington 4, B. V. Collison 5, E. Brunger 6, A. Hilton 7, G. Fry 8. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. Rung as a 13th birthday compliment to Miss P. Price.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Feb. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, R. K. C. Wilkings 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal 6, G. A. Parsons (cond.) 7, D. K. Brady 8. Rung to celebrate the christening of Barbara Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings. Also on Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. K. Brady (first away from tenor) 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, C F. Neal 6.

UPWEY, DORSET.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss B. Virgin 1, C. H Smart 2, Mrs. A. J. Slade 3, A. J. Slade (cond.) 4, F. Virgin 5, A. J. Stewart Smith 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss M. Galpin Attwool, a ringer and also the organist.

WALTHAMSTOW, E.—On Feb. 20th, at St. Saviour's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. A. Hewitt 1, F. C. Maynard 2, R. Lumsden 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales (cond.) 5, A. J. Boyack 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, R. Chapman 8. Rung for Evensong.

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OBITUARY

MR. GEORGE JEFFS

The funeral took place at Tichmarsh, Northants, on February 12th, of Mr. George Jeffs, who died in the previous week in his 90th year. He has left behind a remarkable record of faithful service to the church, which included chorister and bellringer for about 70 years, sexton for 40 years and parish clerk for 30 years. In 1946, in recognition of his work for the church he was presented with an inscribed walking stick and a pipe.

He retired about ten years after being for 60 years a woodman on the Lilford Estate, and went to live in Peterborough with his younger daughter, Mrs. E. W. French. He leaves a son, Mr. G. W. Jeffs, of Thrapston, and another daughter, Mrs. H. W. French, of Kidderminster.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rector (Canon A. M. Luckock). Members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild present included the Master (Mr. E. E. Whitmore), the secretary (Mr. L. Witten) and Mr. L. Groom (Master of the Thrapston Branch). At the graveside Mr. Jeffs' handbells were rung to a course of Grandsire Triples by L. Groom, E. E. Whitmore, P. I. Chapman and J. King. The bells of the Parish Church were also rung half-muffled to a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, a touch of Stedman Triples and a 720 Plain Bob Minor.

A memorial service was held the following day. In a tribute the Rector said: 'Deeply devoted to the church, the bells, the choir, the churchyard, he did indeed serve in all ways right well. Skilled as a ringer, he taught many with infinite patience. As sexton, parish clerk and choirman he never failed in his duties. Last Easter Day he was able to take his accustomed place in the choir, so it was literally true that in every one of the four score years since he joined the choir as a small boy he sang in it.'

THE REV. E. J. SIMPSON

The death took place with tragic suddenness in church on February 9th at the early age of 44, of the Rev. Edward James Simpson, M.A., Vicar of Holy Trinity, Darlington, for the past eight years, after a period of indifferent health. Mr. Simpson, who also had two brothers in the ministry, was born at Kidderminster, Worcestershire, the son of the late Canon Allan Simpson. He was educated at Rugby, Corpus Christi, Cambridge, and Cuddesdon Theological College, and was ordained in 1932 in the Diocese of Southwark, his first appointment being assistant priest of St. Andrew's, Catford, London. In 1938 he was appointed Principal of Queen's College, St. John's, Newfoundland, where he remained until his appointment to Darlington.

On going to Holy Trinity he immediately sought out the ringers and expressed his pleasure at being appointed to a church with bells. He became a member of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association and attended meetings, whenever the duties of working a large parish single handed permitted. He was frequently with his ringers in the belfry, however, and was able to ring plain methods. Of a shy and retiring nature, he never sought the limelight, but those who had his friendship valued it as a privilege. The parish misses him greatly and will long remember the beautiful sermons he preached, the lucidity and brevity of their presentation being an art he had mastered.

The funeral service (which was followed by private cremation) was conducted at Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, by the Bishop of Durham, assisted by the Archdeacon of Durham and the Rural Dean of Darlington. A large number of robed clergy from Durham and the North Riding of Yorkshire were present. The bells were rung half-muffled by his service ringers before and after the service; they also rang a memorial peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on February 18th.

MR. FRANK YOULES

The passing of Mr. Frank Youles, of St. Anne's-on-Sea, on February 19th, at the age of 70, is a great loss to Lancashire ringing. For 53 years he had rung at St. Anne's Church and for 30 years he had been captain of the band.

Four of his grandsons took part in the fully-muffled ringing by the local band following the funeral service. The Lancashire Association was represented by Mr. J. Foster (Branch secretary) and Mr. E. Baldwin, both of St. John's, Blackpool.

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DEATH

WALKER.—On February 23rd, 1955, peacefully at 14, Crescent Road, Wokingham, Alice Houldsworth Walker, formerly Oxford Diocesan Sunday School organiser and lecturer in education at Reading University College, member Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, daughter of the late Colonel J. B. Walker. 5927

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MISCELLANEOUS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—Please note that the new hon. District secretary is Mr. Peter J. Shipton, of 16a, Kimbolton Road, Bedford (Tel. 5417), on the resignation of Mr. Bryan Pattison. 5942

COMING-OF-AGE. — Congratulations and best wishes to Brian Tomlinson, of Blackburn and Manchester University, for March 6th, from Mother, Father and all ringing friends. Blackburn—Manchester districts. 5952

ST. MARGARET'S, RAINHAM, KENT. — Please note.—Practice night changed to Wednesday evenings from March 9th. All visitors welcome.—Emily B. P. Walker, Sec. 5938

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MEETINGS

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Annual meeting at Dudley, March 5th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service, tea and business meeting in St. Thomas' Hall 4 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, Hon. Sec., 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 5901

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Sandon (6), Saturday, March 5th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 5950

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Christ Church (City) (10), March 5th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 5944

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Meeting at Aldenham (8), March 5th, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. 5884

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Ringing arrangements, March 5th: St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral (8) 1-2 p.m.; Bishop Ryder's Church (8) 2-3 p.m.; St. Martin's (12) 3-4.15 p.m.; Cathedral (12) 4.30-5.30 p.m.—G. E. Fearn. 5886

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch. — Practice meeting, Codford St. Peter (6), March 5th, 2.30. Tea 5. Chitterne (5) and Wylye (5) after tea.—Miss Eloie, 66, Hamilton Road, Salisbury. 5891

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual meeting, Ranmoor, Sheffield (10), March 5th, 3 p.m. Committee meeting 2.30 p.m. For tea notify Mr. F. B. Ditcher, 19, High Storrs Drive, Ecclesall, Sheffield 11. Subscriptions for 1955 now due.—N. Chaddock, Hon. Sec., 17, Herringthorpe Grove, Broom, Rotherham. 5847

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.— Quarterly meeting at Mickleton, Saturday, March 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business. 5895

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Dodderhill, Saturday, March 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 5903

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the Fields, Holborn (near Tottenham Court Road tube station) on Monday, March 7th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 5926

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, Saturday, March 12th, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 4 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 5947

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Trull, Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 5914

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlesey on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—L. H. Bywaters, Hon. Sec. 5925

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting of the Grappenhall and Northwich Branches at Daresbury on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. S. Booth, The Square, Daresbury, near Warrington. 5051

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Hilda's Parish Church, Middlesbrough (8), at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 12th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 5950

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Eckington (8) Saturday, March 12th, 3.30 p.m. Names for tea to W. Robinson, 13, Pevril Road, Eckington.—A. B. Cooper. 5935

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Cowden (6), March 12th. Tea at the Crown. Names by March 11th. Hammerwood not available.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex. 5921

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Great Easton (6), Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, the 9th, to H. Elliott, Battles Cottage, Great Easton, Dunmow. 5892

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Cathedral, March 12th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. at Saracen's Head, Eastgate Street. St. Mary-de-Crypt bells available after meeting. Names for tea, please, —A. Lynall, Branch Sec., Marlyn, Ermin Park, Brockworth, Gloucester. 5912

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—St. Mark's, Swindon (8), March 12th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 5915

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stone (6), March 12th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by March 9th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 5948

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting, Broxbourne, Saturday, March 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Miss N. Radley, Wallbury, St. David's Road, Broxbourne.—T. J. Southam. 5937

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Chilham, March 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. 3d. per head. Numbers for tea, cash please, to me, not later than Wednesday, March 9th.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 5888

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Next meeting at Netherton, near Dudley, Worcs, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. per head) at 4.45. Names for tea, by Tuesday, March 8th, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall, Staffs. Everyone welcome. 5897

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The annual meeting will be held at Yatton on March 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. Knight, Woolners, Cleeve, near Bristol.—M. J. de Jong, Hon. Sec. 5924

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Parish Church, Ulverston, on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting after tea. Names for tea to me at 19, Union Place, Ulverston.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 5954

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Whetstone, March 12th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Rooms at 5. Names, by March 8th, to B. Endall, 90, Edward Avenue, Narborough Road South, Leicester. 5928

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Dinton, Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea by March 9th.—E. F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 5934

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Monthly practice on Saturday, March 12th, at Caversham (8) 6.30 p.m. — R. G. Burton. 5922

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanelly on Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 5911

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.— Meeting at Iwerne Minster, Saturday, March 12th. Visitors welcome.—Write Rev. William Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 5910

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stanton-on-Hine Heath, March 12th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea to Mr. R. P. Leighton, Church Farm, Stanton, Shrewsbury.—E. V. Jones, Hon. Sec. 5862

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — North Notts District.—Meeting at Everton (6), Saturday, March 12th. Names for tea, by 9th, to Mrs. D. Bunney, the Sun Inn, Everton, near Doncaster.—H. Denman. 5919

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Practice meeting, Washington, Saturday, March 12th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 5920

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting at Milford (8) Saturday, March 12th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.15. Meeting follows. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 9th, to Arthur Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 5936

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting at Fawley on March 12th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by March 8th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 5929

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Quarterly meeting at Thrybergh, near Rotherham, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. For tea at 5 p.m. notify Miss D. Shaw, Deer Park Farm, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh. 20 minutes bus service from Sheffield, Rotherham and Doncaster. Other ringers welcome.—E. D. Kelly, Dis. Sec. 5953

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Lutterworth on March 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Town Hall 5. General Committee meet in Hall at 3.30. Names for tea, by 16th, to W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 5933

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Meeting at Christ Church, West Bromwich March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, 15th, to Mr. D. C. Jinks, 5, Raleigh Street, West Bromwich. 5940

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at Bingham (8) on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 2.30. Service. Tea (2s.) at 5. — S. L. Barley. 5909

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, March 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Notifications for tea, by March 16th, please, to Miss B. Saggers, 28, Clarence Road, Redhill.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5932

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19th, at Leeds Parish Church. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, no later than Wednesday, March 16th, to Mr. R. H. Dove, 26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds, 8.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5946

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — 75th anniversary meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. Service, All Saints' Church, 12 noon. Lunch at Star Hotel (Queen's Hall) 1. Further details later.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 5939

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting will be held at Tewkesbury on Saturday, April 16th, at 2 p.m. Names for nomination as Master, together with names of proposer and seconder, to reach me by March 19th.—F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5. 5943

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THE QUESTION

ON May 31st, 1955, the Central Council will have to make a decision on the Bob Triples and Irregular Minor Methods question. This was referred back for one year at the Newcastle meeting, so it cannot be delayed any longer. It is well that ringers should discuss this matter between now and Whitsuntide, but they should do so without rancour or bitterness as this will get us nowhere. Also the subject should be approached with an open mind. The attitude that 'We have always rung Churchyard Bob at Little Slopton for the past fifty years and will continue to do so whatever the C.C. may decide' is all wrong. A well-known ringer said recently to the writer, 'If you don't progress you go backwards.' We may not agree wholly with this, but certainly you stagnate if you don't progress.

There have been some curious views put forward recently, such as that 'Grandsire is a dead end' and only Plain Bob can lead you on. The writer considers Grandsire *is* Plain Bob with two hunt bells and leads on to Oxford Bob Triples and Court Bob Triples. Can anyone say that these are dead end methods, for they are much superior to Bob Triples? The late John Goldsmith once wrote an article on musical methods, and he placed Grandsire Caters at the top of the list. Nobody ever contradicted him on this point. Bob Triples may have been all right in Benjamin Annable's time when tenors were not as easy to turn in as they are to-day; also a lot more is known about methods than formerly. When we say that we ring Triples let us be honest and not put a lot of Doubles in; also we are compelled to have one cover bell, but we don't need two.

Now let us admit that there are Irregular Minor Methods which will produce an extent and keep 5.6 the right way. Still, if Plain Bob is the foundation of all our methods, why not keep the connection by using its lead heads? In some cases very little adjustment of these Irregular Methods is necessary to put matters right. Take Woodbine Treble Bob and put 5ths place in when the treble is behind with adjustments in 1.2 and 3.4. The result is a good Delight method which retains all the Woodbine features. It can now rightly be assumed that the writer is in favour of the Methods Committee's recommendations, but it cannot be assumed that he is afraid to criticise the Central Council. The recent letters on this subject should be answered by someone who is competent to speak for the Council. To just ignore them is wrong, as some of the views put forward can do harm if not refuted. One last word: the views of the Methods Committee as expressed by its convener have been described as puerile. Very well, let us see some reasons put forward *for* the retention of Bob Triples and Irregular Minor Methods. M. R. P.

ESSENTIAL TO EVERY TOWER

ONE of the first tasks the Central Council set itself was the preparation in 1891 of a handbook on the installation, preservation and repair of bells, bell-frames and fittings. Nearly 40 years later the book was thoroughly revised and since then two more editions have been published, each accompanied by a thorough revision. The fourth edition is now available for the modest sum of 2s. This is a handbook of which each church should have two copies—one for the ringers and a second in possession of the secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

A practical knowledge of bells and frames and all the other ancillaries of the ringing chamber should be possessed by each ringer, and a few hours of quiet study of the handbook would well repay time spent. Too frequently these matters are left to the steeplekeeper, and in cases of illness neglect arises. Almost every problem that confronts the belfry is dealt with, even draughty stairways, and many of us have suffered from such discomforts in the recent cold spell.

One chapter is devoted to the responsibility of church authorities in regard to ringers. It is only by the study of every detail of the belfry and the comfort of those who discharge their duties Sunday by Sunday that a proper relationship will exist, as, for example, between clergy and choir. Girls and young women form a substantial percentage of the ringers to-day and the ringing chamber should be maintained at a reasonable standard of comfort.

Another chapter deals with that complicated matter of sound control. Examples are given as to methods employed to solve various problems. If the answer to a particular difficulty is not provided, individual members of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Council are available for advice and consultations. This is one of the great services the Central Council places at the disposal of Church authorities. Criticism of the Council flows easily from many pens, but we feel that this solid, practical work would never have been available to the Church and ringers if the Council was not in existence. Of all the many publications of the Council this handbook is pre-eminent and it is written in straightforward, understandable language.

TEN BELL PEALS

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL

No. 3 Version. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

*FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Treble*	ROBERT G. LAY	6
*FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW	2	JOHN D. ROCK	7
*JOHN R. MAYNE	3	*FRANK C. PRICE	8
THOMAS G. BANNISTER	4	TONY PRICE	9
THOMAS J. LOCK	5	DR. RICHARD E. PRICE	*Tenor*

Arranged by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of London Surprise Royal.
Rung in honour of the birth of a second son to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed.

WALSALL. STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	WALTER R. HUGHES	7
WILLIAM DAVIES	3	HOWARD HOWELL	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	KENNETH W. KNOWLES	9
GEORGE W. HUGHES	5	ERNEST STITCH	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
First peal as conductor.
Arranged for the 74th birthday of Mr. W. R. Hughes and the 15th birthday of the conductor. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled' the tower.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	*G. ALEX. DIMMOCK	6
*MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	*E. ROGER MARTIN	7
*DOREEN DUTTON	3	*ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	8
RONALD KENRICK	4	*CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	9
*PETER COXALL	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5022 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Composer's Three-part No. 3. Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

ARTHUR G. BASON	*Treble*	WALTER J. HOUGHTON	6
CEDRIC CURSON	2	WILLIAM LOVE	7
ERNEST G. SHORTING	3	GEORGE SAYER	8
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4	BERT GOGLE	9
GEORGE P. ADAMS	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung half muffled in memoriam the Revd. Alick St. John Heard, the respected and beloved President of the Association, 1942-1955.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 ALDENHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

C. HENRY HARDING	*Treble*	ERNEST E. WHITMORE	5
JOHN KING	2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	R. GEORGE CARE	7
*BARRIE HENDRY	4	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS (C.C.C. 26).
Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
* First peal of Surprise: First peal in the method for the Guild and by all the band except the ringer of the treble.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Feb. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5280 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

SHEILA BARKER	*Treble*	CHARLES H. MOORE	5
CEDRIC CURSON	2	RAYMOND G. LOFTY	6
*MICHAEL DAY	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
EILEEN G. BRACEY	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Sheila Barker of the local band. Composition, a regular three-part, contains extent of 3-4-5-6 in 5-6 at course-ends without 2nd there.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 19 cwt.

*EDWARD G. SAWYER	*Treble*	C. JOHN CASTELL	5
HARRY WELLS	2	ROBERT B. BLOND	6
ALFRED R. T. GREENOUGH	3	JAMES P. BLOND	7
†WILLIAM L. GILKS	4	CLAUDE CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
* First peal away from covering bell. † First peal of Triples.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19¼ in D.

ALEX. T. WEEKS	*Treble*	JOHN ROMAIN	5
STANLEY R. COCKELL	2	SIDNEY G. GRANT	6
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	3	WILLIAM C. WEST	7
JOSEPH S. WEEKS	4	HARRY J. STURGESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.
In memoriam Chas. David Heginbotham. Chairman, Frank Green. Hon. Secretary, Sidney Hillier, Ringing Master, late officers of the Devizes Branch.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in G.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*MAURICE HOLGATE	5
HAROLD PARKINSON	2	*GORDON R. WHEWELL	6
*GEOFFREY F. GARNETT	3	CHARLES CLEGG	7
*WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM	4	ROGER LEIGH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Major. First in the method as conductor.
First in the method on the bells.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Tues., Feb. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Treble*	GEOFFREY INGHAM	5
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	ERNEST H. SIMPSON	6
M. VIVIEN COPPING	3	ROBERT E. MOULDS	7
HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal of Surprise.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Feb. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	JOHN W. EUSTON	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
DENNIS BERESFORD	3	RALPH BIRD	7
*IAN H. ORAM	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise and of Treble Bob 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*MRS. F. BULL	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	5
*MICHAEL ROBERTS	2	G. LESLIE A. LUNN	6
MRS. E. GREY	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	7
CHARLES H. BAKER	4	*DENIS A. COLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the Rev. and Mrs. P. M. Freeman. Also a farewell to Michael Roberts, son of the Vicar, Canon Roberts, who is joining H.M. Forces.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES E. TURNER	*Treble*	ALFRED BALLARD	5
EDWARD SOWMAN	2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	6
NANCY MARKLEW	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
*FRANK LONG	4	FRANK MELLOR	*Tenor*

* First peal in the method.

Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. B. Ridgeway, for 50 years a ringer at this church.

CONISBROUGH. YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

A welcome to Robin Charles, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. B. Speed.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	5
R. ROGER SAVORY	2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	6
*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
HAROLD HUXLEY	4	GORDON A. CROPPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

* First peal and rung at the first attempt.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON	*Treble*	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	5
CYRIL WRIGHT	2	A. BENJAMIN COOPER	6
MRS. L. HOLMES	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	7
PAMELA J. LEANING	4	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

RICHARD J. WARRILOW	*Treble*	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	5
MURIEL REAY	2	HARRY GRIFFITHS	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

NORMAN MALLETT	*Treble*	FREDERICK WREFORD	5
*MARIELLA MUNDY	2	DAVID BEACHAM	6
DEREK JEWELL	3	HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
GEORGE BURTON	4	GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung as a compliment to Miss M. Mundy and Norman Mallett on their engagement this day.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 10 lb. in E.

R. JOHN NASH	*Treble*	DAVID A. EDWARDS	5
*GEOFFREY HARPER	2	GLYN F. JENKINS	6
†KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
†DONALD H. NIBLETT	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F.

EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	DENNIS BERESFORD	5
LEONARD TREVOR	2	JEFFREY B. WEBB	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	PETER BERESFORD	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

HARLOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WHEELER	*Treble*	DAVID W. BEARD	5
ALBERT W. BEARD	2	STANLEY CLARK	6
REGINALD HAYDEN	3	ROBERT H. YOUNG	7
HENRY BIRD	4	EDWARD J. ROCHESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rochester on the occasion of their silver wedding and to S. Clark's daughter on her recent marriage.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

*ELAINE GREATHEAD	*Treble*	GWEN I. RUSBY	5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	DENIS A. FRITH	7
†DEREK E. SMITH	4	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	*Tenor*

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes.*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	ROLAND BENISTON	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
PETER J. STANIFORTH	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. Lawrence Jackson, A.K.C., (formerly curate of St. Margaret's, Leicester), to the Vicarage of Wymeswold.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes.*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
GORDON A. HALLS	2	*ALBERT E. THOMPSON	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
*†WALTER G. SOAR	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal of Superlative Surprise Major. † 100th peal.
Rung for the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Underwood.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST GEORGE, JESMOND.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*MICHAEL S. BRIDGES	*Treble*	‡E. ALAN RAWLINSON	5
†J. BRENDA SOFTLEY	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	6
†ENID SOFTLEY	3	*ROBIN G. LEALE	7
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	4	ALAN N. BROWN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
‡ First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS W. TEMPLEMAN	*Treble*	ROLAND PARK	5
MRS. W. MAUGHAN	2	*WILLIAM MAUGHAN	6
*P. MARGARET JAMES	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
MRS. K. LAWSON	4	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal of Surprise.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 2, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5184 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

RAYMOND G. LOFTY	*Treble*	CHARLES H. MOORE	5
CEDRIC CURSON	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
EILEEN G. BRACEY	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
A half muffled tribute to the memory of the Rev. Alick St. John Heard, President of the Association, 1942-1955, sometime priest-in-charge at this church.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Feb. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising 10 six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's and Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*RICHARD COLES	*Treble*	ALBERT HINTON	3
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	†BARRIE HENDRY	4

BRYAN S. COPE .. *Tenor*
Conducted by BRYAN S. COPE.
* First peal, age 14. † First peal of Doubles.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

GILLIAN A. SMITH	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
*JANE THORPE	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	5
*EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

SILK-WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR
Seven 720's in 16 methods: (1) Berwick, Hexham; (2) Lightfoot, Stamford, Rossendale, Wearmouth; (3) Cambridge, Ipswich; (4) Norfolk, Primrose; (5) Beverley, Surfleet; (6) York, Durham.; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Primrose.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

RUTH MORGAN	*Treble*	LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	4
CECIL WADE	2	JAMES H. MUSSON	5
ALBERT E. SCOTT	3	JAMES W. HAW	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
Rung for the birthday of Desmond Walter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Musson, 1 year old on February 15th.

BARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, Feb. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Twelve different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	†CHARLES S. RYLES	3
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS	2	*EWART H. EDGE	4

CHARLES H. PAGE .. *Tenor*
Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Doubles.

COSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD and
THE HUMPHREY PERKINS' SCHOOL CAMPANOLOGICAL SOCIETY.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*MICHAEL WHITE	*Treble*	†PETER CHAMBERS	3
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	2	†JOHN CHAMBERS	4

F. KEVON THOMPSON .. *Tenor*
Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal. † First peal of Bob Doubles.

MESSINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MOLLY LLYAL	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	4
†JOHN ELLERTON	2	HARRY HALL	5
*JEAN BLACKBURN	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

PINHOE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., Feb. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 ALL SAINTS' DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

CECIL PARKER	*Treble*	CYRIL DEEM	4
SIDNEY SKINNER	2	JOHN QUICK	5
WILFRED PANTER	3	A. COURTNEY THORNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.
First complete peal in the method for all, in the county and for the Guild. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-ON-THE-MOUNT-WITHOUT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, one extent of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*MONICA E. FRAY	*Treble*	†TUDOR P. EDWARDS ..	4
MICHAEL J. HORSEMAN ..	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER ..	5
†‡DAVID J. MARSHALL ..	3	†PATRICIA M. BOURN.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods. ‡ 50th peal.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat. Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each: London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 26 lb.

CHARLES H. PAGE	*Treble*	CHARLES S. RYLES	4
*SHELAGH K. SEERY	2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW	5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS ..	3	EWART H. EDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First peal of Minor.
A 75th birthday compliment to the Vicar, Rev. Wm. Garner, a highly esteemed friend of N. Staffs ringers.

MULBARTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

HARRY TOOKE	*Treble*	*MICHAEL D. GOODMAN ..	4
STANLEY COPLAND	2	F. CHARLES GOODMAN ..	5
FRANK C. ARNOLD	3	HARRY J. HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. CHARLES GOODMAN.
* First peal.
Rung half muffled in memoriam Rev. A. St. J. Heard, M.A., President of the Norwich Diocesan Association and Rector of this parish 1942-1955. R.I.P

HANDBELL PEALS

TRINCOMALEE, CEYLON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Feb. 15, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT 4, MARGOSA TERRACE, FORT FREDERICK.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, four callings. Tenor size 19.

*BLANCHE M. HUNT	1-2	†JOHN H. HUNT	3-4
*ROBERT C. BEAL ..	5-6		

Conducted by JOHN H. HUNT.
* First peal on handbells. † First peal on six handbells. First peal of Plain Bob Doubles by all.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes.*
AT 36, PEEWIT ROAD, HAMPTON.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor size 16 in B.

GERALD C. HEMMING ..	1-2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	3-4	*BRENDA M. SMITH	7-8

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal on handbells.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Feb. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT 27, CHALK HILL ROAD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.

RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN ..	1-2	*JAMES B. MORLEY	3-4
*ARTHUR G. BASON ..	5-6		

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.
* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'



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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Law (first of Minor) 1, Mary W. Brown 2, Derek H. Paine 3, Valerie Mepham 4, M. W. Stephenson 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Gwyneth Brown, a member of the band.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Crutchfield 1, E. J. Smith (cond.) 2, E. G. Jones 3, H. Hatfield 4, W. Baggett 5, C. H. Kinch 6, H. Mathewman (first of Triples) 7, H. Clifton 8. Rung on Shrove Tuesday. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Crutchfield 1, H. Hatfield 2, E. G. Jones 3, H. Clifton 4, W. Baggett 5, C. H. Kinch 6, E. J. Smith (cond.) 7, W. Whiting 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Marjorie Skelton (a ringer at Bicester) and Mr. Ronald Dean.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. C. Hardwick 1, Miss P. Wincott 2, P. C. Taylor (first 'inside') 3, W. E. Burnell 4, J. A. Tole (cond.) 5, A. Campden 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Barden (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Grenham 2, Miss B. Tester 3, T. Barton 4, C. A. Tester (cond.) 5, R. E. Lambert 6. Rung for Evensong.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Minor (360 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and 240 Plain Bob): D. Sims 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, G. M. Rouse 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,272 Treble Bob Minor (600 Duke of York, 600 Violet, 72 Oxford): W. Broadhead 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. F. Moxon (cond.) 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rusby.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Foreman 1, D. R. Micklethwait (first quarter) 2, Miss M. Wilson 3, E. Oliver 4, R. Oliver 5, P. G. Draffan (cond) 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Feb 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: A. Hopkinson (first quarter) 1, M. H. Paulson (first quarter) 2, Mrs. G. Holmes 3, R. H. Bullen 4, H. E. Taylor 5, D. S. Gregory 6, G. H. Paulson 7, N. Hotchin 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to David Mellor, ringer at this church, now serving in H.M. Forces in the Middle East; also to Ruth Hodgson, born February, 1955.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss K. Harrison 1, Miss B. Syrett 2, A. G. Harrison 3, H. Moss 4, J. B. Morley (cond.) 5, C. F. W. Phillippo 6. Rung for morning service.

DUFFIELD, DERBYS.—On Jan. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Brenda Nelson 1, M. F. Hatch (cond.) 2, Miss E. Foulke 3, Miss R. Carr 4, D. Gebbet 5, Vivienne Horton 6, F. W. Stone 7, J. MacArthur 8. First of Triples for 1, 4, 5 and 8. Rung for the visit of Miss R. Carr, a former member of the Duffield Society.

EALING, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 17th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. Lunn 1, H. Belcher 2, M. Stacey 3, J. Kent 4, W. Ellis 5, J. M. Harrop 6, J. E. Chilcott (cond.) 7, A. Harding 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Harding, of Ash Grove, South Ealing; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Harding.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Ash Wednesday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 6-8 covering: E. Coode (first quarter) 1, F. Hurrell (first of Grandsire Doubles) 3, J. Hurrell 4, I. Oram (first of Grandsire) 5, G. Hurrell 6, B. Aldridge (cond.) 7, J. Sims 8. Also on Feb. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sims 1, P. Spice 2, D. H. Holland 3, J. Hurrell 4, J. Dafters 5, W. Rawlings 6, B. Aldridge (cond.) 7, F. Hurrell 8. Birthday compliment to W. Rawlings, J. Dafters and the conductor's son-in-law.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.—On Feb. 26th, 1,440 Minor (720 each Double Court and Single Oxford): J. E. Cannell 1, M. Fuller 2, Mary Fuller 3, S. Kimber 4, A. S. Richards (cond.) 5, R. Bird 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Feb. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (on the front six): T. W. Charity 1, R. Read 2, B. Hunt 3, F. W. Pinchbeck 4, B. Buttery 5, D. A. Frith (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by 2, 3 and 5.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: S. H. Ashton (first of Doubles) 1, G. Cherry 2, P. W. Croft (cond.) 3, R. Head 4, K. C. Timbury 5. Rung on the back five for Quinquagesima.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—At Christ Church, Blacklands, on Feb. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Downing (first of Triples) 1, Mrs. C. R. O'Dwyer 2, P. Brooks 3, O. Wood 4, F. H. Dallaway 5, J. Downing (cond) 6. A. A. Price 7, J. Cole 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew: Laura Beeney 1, Kathleen Yeo (first in method 'inside') 2, B. Stepney (first in method) 3, F. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. Also On Feb. 27th, 1,320 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: Ann Tanner 1, Laura M. Beeney 2, Kathleen Yeo 3, B. Stepney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, P. Message 6. First in the method by all.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Feb 27th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 London and 720 Cambridge): G. Shellard 1, W. J. Chester 2, B. Saunders 3, M. Saunders 4, R. Keeley 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6.

HINCKLEY, LEICS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Powers (first quarter) 1, Nancy Marklew 2, M. Vernon 3, F. Lang 5, A. Ballard (cond.) 5, J. Vernon 6, J. Smith 7, C. R. Haywood 8. Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mr. J. Clarke, who were married in this church on February 17th, 1895.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 480 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): Rosamund A. May (first quarter) 1, Jillian H. Wilson 2, Eva Taussig 3, A. Pamela Warren 4, J. A. Etherington (first in three methods as cond.) 5, G. M. Battersby 6. First in three methods for 2 and 3. Rung for Evensong, the bells being half-muffled for Lent.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Jan. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Payne 1, C. Murphy 2, Mrs. M. Hayes 3, R. A. Reed 4, Mrs. A. Reed 5, C. Taylor 6, N. Hayes (cond.) 7, L. Stead 8. Also on February 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stead (first quarter) 1, R. A. Reed 2, C. Murphy 3, D. C. Jackson 4, R. E. Finch (first of Triples) 5, C. Taylor 6, N. Hayes (cond.) 7, R. Payne 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. C. Taylor.

NUNNEY, SOMERSET.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Connock 1, Rosemary Cook 2, J. Phippin 3, E. Bray 4, R. Smith 5, G. Massey (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: S. H. Ashton 1, Marion Jackson 2, K. C. Timbury (first as cond.) 3, C. M. R. Orme 4, R. Head 5. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Bedford for the commissioning of the Church Army campaign, which started this day.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On Mar. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Holmes 1, M. P. Hammond 2, D. M. Killingley (first as cond.) 3, J. Hemstock 4, D. V. Moreton 5, B. Harris 6. First quarter for ringers of 2 and 4.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss P. Wilson (first quarter) 1, W. Richardson 2, A. G. Osborne 3, K. D. Perkins (cond.) 4, A. C. Cozens 5. Rung for morning service.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Feb. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Angela E. Berry (first quarter) 1, P. Hart (first quarter) 2, T. Clark 3, H. A. Bradbury 4, F. W. Elliott 5, D. C. Bartholomew (cond.) 6. A 21st birthday compliment for the treble ringer.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,272 Minor (480 Little Bob and 792 Plain Bob): H. F. Perry 1, Mrs. E. Merrett 3, J. Merrett 4, H. Corney 5, J. Barrance 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, J. R. Brice 8. Rung with tenor covering.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. F. Morgan (14, first quarter) 1, Miss O. Taysom (17, first quarter) 2, Miss F. Taysom 3, R. T. Jones 4, P. G. Morgan (15, cond.) 5, J. J. Webb 6.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire, 600 April Day): R. Brewin 1, R. Wilmore 2, G. Brewin 3, J. Handford 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, M. Bishop 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. First in three methods for 2 and 4. Rung before Matins to welcome the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Feb. 23rd, a quarter peal of Doubles (Plain Bob, Grandsire, April Day, Old Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Norfolk): J. Click (first quarter) 1, A. R. Pocklington 2, D. J. Pitstow (cond.) 3, S. Osborne 4, A. E. Barlow 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. T. B. Fenton (ringing master at Rugby from 1913-1934), whose funeral took place that morning.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Pamela Grewcock (first quarter) 1, Kathleen M. Proctor 2, Christine Stratford 3, Rita Stratford 4, J. A. W. Bayliss 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Culpin (first quarter) 1, P. J. Lawton (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Godfrey (first away from tenor) 3, T. P. Harris 4, J. F. Olney (cond.) 5, Miss S. J. Devereux (first quarter) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. I. Godfrey, grandmother of the ringer of the third.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Hapwood 1, M. Mesley 2, J. Powell Bedwellty) 3, J. Wilcockson 4, A. Wenban 5, E. J. Leversuch (cond.) 6. First of Bob Minor by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lewis 1, W. S. Brown 2, H. Abrahams 3, J. Sutton 4, W. Damer 5, K. Orchard 6, R. W. Marlow (cond.) 7, J. Clarke 8.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Joan Sharpe 1, Mrs. A. D. Sayer 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, Audrey Mansfield 4, Jean A. Brooks 5, H. Humphrey 6, H. M. Payne 7, A. D. Sayer 8. A birthday compliment to Jean A. Brooks.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Oxford and 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. J. Newman 1, Mrs. J. Brooks 2, R. J. Scott 3, D. G. Broyd 4, J. G. Newman 5, J. W. Sinfield (cond.) 6. Rung for evening service.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Packham 1, C. H. Wickens (cond.) 2, K. C. Knight 3, J. Dearlove (first of Doubles) 4, F. F. Godsmark 5. Half-muffled in memory of the late Rector (the Rev. E. A. Peirce-Scriven).

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On Feb. 27th, at All Saints' Church, Stranton, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela James 1, Mrs. W. Maughan 2, Cynthia Mudd 3, M. Austin (first of Triples) 4, W. Maughan 5, Mrs. K. Lawson 6, K. Lawson (cond.) 7, J. Maughan 8. Rung for Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wilkinson 1, Mrs. Devenish 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, J. Brickell 6.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Wirral Branch Make Merry

The seventh annual dinner, entertainment and dance held at the Coach and Horses Inn, Moreton, on February 12th, proved to be as enjoyable as previous functions. The company of over 120 was welcomed by the chairman, Mr. W. R. Stanley, supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. T. Rogers), the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. A. J. Martin) and Assistant Ringing Master (Mr. C. B. Pemberton). Ringers were present from Birkenhead, Bebington, Bromborough, Bidston, Moreton, Oxton, Upton, Wallasey (St. Hilary's and St. Nicholas') and West Kirby. Guest of honour was the Rev. T. A. Rockley (Vicar of Oxton), who was presented with a bouquet of spring flowers for his wife, who was prevented by ill-health from attending.

The dinner was thoroughly enjoyed and the toastmaster ensured that speechmakers kept to time allocated to expedite the programme. The able manner in which Miss Wendy Jones, Upton tower secretary, responded (in a maiden speech) to the toast of 'The Ladies' was warmly commended.

During the speeches token presentations were made to the hon. secretary and treasurer and Mrs. Martin and the Ringing Master for services rendered to the Branch.

The entertainment was provided by Jack Nolan (comedian) and Tommy James, with his performance on concertinas of all shapes and sizes. The Wirral Handbell Ringers rendered a selection of tunes, old and new, and met with popular acclamation.

Dancing continued until midnight with only a short break for light refreshments. Sunday morning came all too quickly, and the departing company was glad of door-to-door transport.

TADCASTER LONG SERVICE RECORD

The completion of 50 years as a bellringer by Mr. H. Clayton, of Tadcaster, Yorks, was recognised by the presentation to him of two pipes and some tobacco by his fellow ringers at St. Mary's Church, when they assembled for their annual dinner. The presentation was made by Mr. Ernest Lindley, the tower captain, who has 45 years' ringing to his credit. Other ringers of the tower and periods of service are: Mr. R. Lancaster (40), Mr. A. Barker (36), Mr. J. Harrison (41), Mr. Walter Hick (30), Mr. A. Hick (20), Mr. C. Sollett (14), Mr. E. W. Tiplady and Mr. P. Harrison (12). Four young learners who attended were Keith Marshall, Geoffrey Hawkins, Peter Bailey and Raymond Booth.

The Vicar, the Rev. R. J. Hall, congratulated Mr. Clayton on reaching 50 years as a ringer and said it showed a wonderful spirit, loyalty and perseverance which was an example to the younger ringers. Many churches were finding it difficult to maintain a team of ringers, but he hoped that the bells would long continue to ring at Tadcaster.

Mr. Lindley urged the youthful learners to persevere and tackle the job and assured them that it was not all hard work as the ringers had some enjoyable outings and visits to other belfries.

Mr. Clayton, acknowledging the gifts, said he had two life ambitions. One he had realised in that celebration. The other was to ring a peal on his 80th birthday, which meant that he had two years to go. During the first world war he felt it his duty to keep the bells ringing and he managed this by teaching several ladies the art of change ringing.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Snow. That one word sums up the reasons for a very poor attendance at the February meeting of the Leeds Society at Birstall on February 26th. The faithful few had a very enjoyable time on this grand ring of eight, which was kept going to a good variety of methods from 3 till 5 p.m. and again after tea.

At the business meeting the president took the chair. The following new members were elected on the proposition of H. Lofthouse, seconded by L. Drake: Misses Barbara Morton, Shirley Marshall, Barbara Chappel, Dorothy Wood and Mr. Keith Davies (all of Batley) and Misses Sylvia Holt and June Jefferson (of Leeds Parish Church).

The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. H. Lofthouse. Mr. D. North replied for the local company.

The annual nomination meeting will be at Armley on March 26th; a good attendance would be greatly appreciated.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

During a peal at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on March 1st, the movements of Mr. R. J. W. Housden, who was listening for about two hours, were trailed by a detective, who suggested there was something suspicious about Dick's actions! In the belfry a lady artist sketched the scene for three hours, when she was asked to leave owing to an embarrassing situation that appeared likely to develop.

The Ladies' Guild, we are sure, will make a note of the performance of Miss Stella Hughes. For her 15th birthday she conducted at Walsall a peal of Stedman Caters.

Mr. John Dearlove, the popular peal secretary to the Sussex County Association, has made his first essay into Doubles ringing with a quarter at Twineham.

In a touch of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sunday, two one-armed ringers rang side by side. They were Mr. George Pullinger, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and Mr. Basil Jones, of Macclesfield. In Mr. Albert Walker's long experience of ringing this is unique.

It gave great pleasure to the Bicester ringers to ring a quarter for the wedding of Miss Marjorie Skelton. While still at school Marjorie joined the tower with her friend and they have both become very good ringers. Her marriage takes her from Bicester and it is only when she visits her parents that the band will have the pleasure of her company.

With the peal at Harlow, congratulations were accorded to 'Ted' Rochester, tower captain at Sawbridgeworth, on the occasion of his silver wedding anniversary. The band would like to associate with this peal Miss Audrey Bailey and Messrs. David Collins and Edward Elliott, who stood in an unsuccessful attempt the week previous. Incidentally, the peal was the first on the bells for 20 years.

St. Nicholas' Guild, Itchingfield, has a novel library. Each member makes all his books on ringing, churches, etc., available for others to borrow. A list of all books and owners is kept in the ringing chamber. Books are borrowed direct from the owner and each transaction is recorded. It is the duty of the librarian to see that the book is returned within a month or a fine is imposed.

The peal at Hardwicke reported in our last issue was rung for the Gloucester Guild of United Bell Ringers.

Mr. P. Amos has brought up to date 'The Church Bells of Rutland,' which is about to go into the hands of publishers.

After the meeting at Chepstow on February 12th a very nice green Tootal scarf was left behind. Will the owner kindly communicate with Miss Jacqueline S. Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Hardwick, Chepstow, Mon.

We welcome to our peal columns a handbell peal from Trincomalee, Ceylon, conducted by that ardent peal ringer, Mr. John H. Hunt. Until accepting an overseas appointment, Mr. Hunt rang many peals for the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

A great friend of North Staffs ringers is the Rev. William Garner, Vicar of Madeley. As a 75th birthday compliment to him a peal of Minor in seven methods was rung. Afterwards the band were kindly entertained to tea at the Vicarage.

As a token of respect to the late Mr. Frederick White, for many years a well-known ringer in Kent, a half-muffled peal was attempted at Marden, Kent, on February 12th, which unfortunately broke down after an hour and a half's ringing. The band stood: Miss J. Grenham 1, G. Fry 2, R. E. Lambert 3, C. A. Tester 4, L. J. Honess 5, I. A. C. Butcher 6, J. W. Meade 7, R. T. Lambert (conductor) 8.

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BICENTENARY OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

MASTER'S BADGE PRESENTED AT 67th HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

THE bicentenary celebration of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham at the 67th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, was honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Birmingham and representatives of the diocese and city churches. The day will go down in the annals of the Guild, as it marked the investing for the first time of a Master's badge to the Guild. It is of an exquisite design embodying the arms of the diocese and St. Martin, the work of Miss Muriel Reay. That 'grand little man of Birmingham,' Mr. Albert Walker, the present Master, was invested with this badge of office by Ald. Paddon Smith. It was indeed a great moment in the history of the Guild and in the life of Mr. Albert Walker, the occasion being marked by much enthusiasm.

Mr. Frank E. Haynes was the chairman for this year's dinner. With a membership of a quarter of a century of St. Martin's Guild, a wide knowledge of its history and as a ringer who has added lustre with others to its standards of ringing and fellowship, he was a happy choice for the evening. A company of 143 attended.

The chairman, in a welcome to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress,, said it was the seventh occasion on which the Lord Mayor had been present at that dinner. Two of those Lord Mayors—Ald. Sir Theodore Pritchett and Ald. Paddon Smith—had been associated with their dinner in another direction. He also welcomed the Archdeacon of Birmingham, Mrs. Bryan Green, Canon Warman, the Rev. G. C. Potts (lecturer of St. Martin's) and Mrs. Potts. Apologies had been received from the Lord Bishop, the Provost and the Bishop of Aston.

Ald. H. Paddon Smith proposed the toast of 'The City of Birmingham,' and referred to its problems—traffic, housing with a waiting list of over 6,000, the colour bar and smokeless zones.

The Lord Mayor, Ald. J. R. Balmer, in his reply, said it was very gratifying to him that their Guild had been in existence for 200 years and was still flourishing. He wondered what would happen if he called a 'Bob' or what would happen if he was told to catch hold of 'Sally.' Would it mean clearing the tables for a dance?

GOODWILL OF THE CLERGY

Ald. Sir Theodore Pritchett proposed the toast of 'The Church and State.' This was, he said, the bicentenary dinner and they were looking back that day 200 years. It was an occasion when they should express their gratitude to the Church, for without the goodwill of the clergy it would not have been possible for 200 years to ring the bells of the country in expressing public sentiment. They all looked forward to another 100 years or more in which the same goodwill would be preserved, and they would be able to call on the clergy to hand over the keys of the belfry. If they were to earn that goodwill they must see that their behaviour was worthy of it and their ringing was of the best possible standard and nothing was done to upset that harmony.

The Archdeacon of Birmingham (the Ven. S. Harvie Clark) said it might surprise some of them that he had been a bell-ringer for a quarter of a century—of door bells. At his first church, Gateshead, there was a fine team of ringers, and while there he learnt what they were doing for the Church. Afterwards he was at Portsea—and he was pleased that one of the company present remembered him there as a curate. Then came Jarrow—with the church of the Venerable Bede dating back to 685 A.D. Although it had only two bells, they rang out morning and evening and one was almost as old as the church itself. As to Harborne, he was told it was the only ring of bells in Birmingham which had not been recast since the first world war. Whatever the condition of the bells, they had the best band of ringers, who rang each Sunday morning and evening.

The Church appreciated very deeply what ringers did for the life of the Church. They realised that many people did not come to church, but the bells ringing Sunday by Sunday reminded them that it was God's day and that people were being called to worship. 'I assure you that the keys of the belfry will always be in your hands as long as you ring to the glory of God.'

A NAME THAT MEANT SOMETHING

'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson' was submitted by the chairman. Henry Johnson, he said, was a famous Birmingham ringer well known all over the country, and it was to him that they owed the existence of that annual gathering. It started as a birthday party in his honour, and the first occasion was 67 years ago when guests were invited from every part of the country. Before that it had been very much a parochial affair. In recent years it had grown and they were honoured by the presence of bell-ringers from all over the country. It was natural so many years after a man's death that his memory tended to fade. There were few people remaining who were actually associated with him, and to many of the younger members of the Guild Henry Johnson was merely a name, but they wanted it to be a name that meant something—it should stand for all that was best in their ringing exercise.

He had heard it suggested that at some future date they might consider altering the title of the dinner and even their association—to the Birmingham Diocesan Association. But the names of Henry Johnson and St. Martin stood for something that was very dear to them.

As is customary, the toast was drunk in silence.

Unfortunately, there was no one present who rang with Henry Johnson — Mr. George Mitchison, who is believed to be the only man alive who rang with him, was unfortunately in hospital. At the suggestion of Ald. Paddon Smith, the company drank to Mr. Mitchison's speedy recovery.

'THE FINISHING SCHOOL'

Mr. Frank Smallwood submitted the toast of 'Continued Prosperity of the St. Martin's Guild.' He said he could only speak personally of the prosperity of the Guild for the past 52 years. The Guild had been well served by its officers and he would mention Henry Johnson, John Day, Henry Bastable, Ald. Pritchett, Ald. Paddon Smith, Tom Reeves and now George E. Fearn. As he moved up and down the country he met people who valued their membership of St. Martin's Guild. 'I always regard Birmingham as the finishing school. Many promising young men have come into this city with a small knowledge of ringing, but in a short time they have become efficient exponents of the art. I remember one such young man who came from a six-bell tower and before very long he was calling Stedman Cinques. That young man is now sitting in the chair as our chairman.

'And what of the prosperity of the future? Do we wish them more wealth? No, I don't think they are hard up. Do we want them to ring more peals? No, I think they have rung enough. Our wish is that young men will still come forward and under the influence of this Guild become as able exponents as those who have gone before and maintain the wonderfully high tradition it has enjoyed.'

In coupling the name of Mr. Albert Walker with the toast, Mr. Smallwood emphasised that it was to him that they owed much of their prosperity.

The chairman announced that to mark the bicentenary the Guild had purchased a badge of office for the Master. He asked Ald. Paddon Smith, as the senior vice-president, to invest their well-loved Master with his badge.

In performing the ceremony Ald. Paddon Smith said: 'I assure you everybody in the Guild appreciates the way you have conducted its affairs. We are very proud of you, and you have the honour of being the first Ringing Master who will have an official badge.'

'A proud and historical moment in the annals of the Guild,' was how Mr. Albert Walker acknowledged this bicentenary gift. The badge, he said, had been designed by Miss Muriel Reay, and he was very grateful to be the first Master to wear the official badge.

The Society, said Mr. Walker, was established in 1755 and their first peal book dated from 1822 although peals had been rung by the Society before that date. They had had a glorious past and had had an excellent year. Service ringing was regarded as a pre-eminent duty; they kept the bells of the City going and also those in the outside towers.

A LONDON TRIBUTE

He mentioned how much the Society appreciated the attempt of a peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral by the College Youths and how sorry they were that the peal was lost through the breaking of the tenor rope. At St. Martin's they had a bell rope fund and it was a great pity that other cathedrals and churches had not such a fund. If they heard of a peal at St. Martin's breaking down through a rope they must blame the tower warden — himself.

He was pleased to announce that in honour of the bicentenary a peal of Stedman Cinques was successful at St. Martin's the previous Tuesday in 3 hours and 38 minutes (applause).

As regarded the activities of the year their total of peals had been kept going and at their practices at St. Martin's on a Tuesday there were never less than 14 or 16, including many young men. The bells at Handsworth had been recast and there was now only one more to be recast —at Harborne. They had an excellent Ringing Master in Mr. John Pinfold, and their librarian (Mr. Edgar Shepherd) had written some splendid articles. His latest was in regard to Mr. Joshua Short, who was a famous ringer born in 1764. A well-preserved oil painting of him had been secured and, with the co-operation of the Vicar, that portrait now hung in Aston belfry beside that of Henry Johnson.

The chairman announced that greetings and good wishes on reaching the bicentenary had been received from the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and from Mr. John Freeman on behalf of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

A warm welcome to the visitors present was extended by Mr. Frank W. Perrens when he proposed their health. There had been suggestions, he said, in 'The Ringing World' for reducing the number of changes in a peal. He could not help thinking why the advocates of this change did not ring half-peals if they wished to. There was nothing to stop them. It was like when butter was scarce during the war for the Government to sell half a pound and call it a pound. Such an action would not persuade people they had a pound of butter (hear, hear).

Their visitors that day came from as far north as Newcastle and from the South Coast. He gave a special welcome to Mr. W. T. Elson, who in a fortnight's time would reach the age of 88.

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BICENTENARY OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD — Cont.

Mr. Cyril J. Watts, Master of the College Youths, in reply on behalf of the London members of the Society, congratulated St. Martin's Guild on their bicentenary and said he was sure that many county members would desire to join him in those good wishes. They all had a great affection for St. Martin's.

Mr. R. S. Anderson, North Staffordshire Association, also replied, and spoke of how much St. Martin's owed to their present secretary, Mr. G. E. Fearn.

Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World' and mentioned what pleasure it gave them to have the convener of that committee and his shop stewards with them. Ringers, he said, were very fortunate in having a paper like 'The Ringing World.' An extra 2d. a week would not break anybody and if that would bring the paper financial success no one would object.

The Editor, in his reply, mentioned that the effect of increasing the price had resulted in a drop of three and a half per cent. in circulation since December 31st, but he was very happy to state that they were still selling more 'Ringing Worlds' than when he spoke at Birmingham a year ago. He expressed, on behalf of the Editorial Committee, their deep appreciation of those who contributed to the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column. It was essential for the Central Council that 'The Ringing World' should not only be solvent but make a substantial contribution to the general expenses of the Council. The affiliation fees paid by Guilds and Associations had not in the past few years met the expenses of the Council. It was time the Council looked into its own affairs and paid the travelling and out-of-pocket expenses of the hon. secretary and treasurer in attending its meetings.

The concluding toast was that of 'The Chairman' submitted by Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd. This year, said Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Haynes had completed 25 years as a member of their Guild, and his daughter came of age.

The chairman acknowledged the compliment.

The musical programme included delightful selections on handbells by Mrs. A. A. Hughes, the usual course of Stedman Cinques rung 'in hand' and songs by Mr. Albert E. Barley, with Mr. Raymond Pearson as a very efficient accompanist. The arrangements for the dinner were admirably carried out by Mr. G. E. Fearn.

MEMORIAL TO MR. BERT CHALLEN

An inscription engraved in stone above the belfry door was dedicated at the Church of St. Mary ad Haura, Shoreham-by-Sea, to the memory of Mr. Bert Challen, who died on September 8th, after 70 years' service as a ringer at this church. The service was conducted by the Vicar and was attended by members of the family and ringers from Shoreham and nearby towers. During the service a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung by members of the Sussex County Association, and the Vicar, in an address, spoke of the great service Mr. Challen had rendered, not only as a ringer, but as a devout and loyal parishioner throughout his long life.

After the service 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by the following: I. Challen 1, J. V. Lonsbrough 2, Miss J. Pike 3, A. W. Bond 4, A. W. Gravett 5, R. Challen 6, H. Stalham (conductor) 7, G. North 8.

The peal of Minor in seven methods rung at Dilhorne on January 1st appeared in 'The Ringing World' on January 28th and was duplicated in the issue of February 11th. Will the Peal Analysis Committee and other keepers of records please note?

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Some Reminiscences from Mr. E. Alexander Young

On the night of Saturday, December 8th, 1940, St. John's, Waterloo Road, was struck by a high explosive bomb, which ripped off the roof and destroyed the interior—the bells being also badly damaged, but not destroyed.

'This Waterloo church, stoutly built by fine builders, took the shock and shuddered to her depths. In these depths, 150 people, including the Parish Priest, were assembled. The old church, the Mother of Souls in the Parish, true to her maternal instinct, gathered the full fury of the blow into her heart, and gave her life for her children. No one was hurt. Give God the praise.'

These moving words form part of an inscription at the west end of the interior of this now beautifully restored church.

The inscription relates that the church was built by a grateful nation in 1824, to commemorate the victory of Waterloo—and was consecrated by the then Bishop of Winchester.

The story continues: '1951—Give God the Praise. On April 26th, this building, finely reconstructed, was rededicated as a Parish Church, and a Christian Centre for the Festival of Britain, by the Bishop of Southwark, in the presence of the Princess Elizabeth and the Archbishop of Canterbury.'

When the London County Association visited the church on February 12th many members and friends took pleasure in inspecting this beautiful restoration, ringing on the restored bells and admiring the neatly appointed ringing chamber—much of this being due to the efforts of Mr. Grainger. Ringing was from 2.45 to 4.45 p.m. and ranged from rounds to Surprise Major.

Shortly after 3.45 p.m. ringing commenced at Southwark Cathedral, where the ringing chamber is being redecorated, and the magnificent ring of 12 was put to full use, under the direction of the Master—rounds to Cambridge being rung, and a number of ringers had their first pull on 12 bells.

At 5 p.m. Choral Evensong was conducted by the Rev. J. Biwers in the absence of the Provost. The choral portion was beautifully rendered by the choir of St. Matthew's, Surbiton, who gave a fine effect to the anthem 'Before the Ending of the Day.' The prayers also included special reference to the ringers.

Tea at 6 p.m. for over 50 was provided in the Chapter House, the old Church of St, Thomas, which still retains its gallery and a beautiful oak reredos and makes a fine setting for such gatherings.

The annual business meeting commenced about 7 p.m., presided over by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), supported by the secretaries and treasurer. The Master gave a résumé of the year's work and particularly referred to the peal book, which has now been satisfactorily brought up to date. He also thanked those ringers who had helped him with the Sunday service ringing all through the year, a service greatly appreciated by the various incumbents. Twelve peals had been rung, including the first peals at Isleworth of Belgrave Surprise Major, Lincolnshire Surprise Royal, and Prittlewell, Rutland and Southwell Surprise Major and Royal. The Master further referred to the new publication 'The History and Rules of the Association,' a beautifully produced booklet. This will cost the Association a considerable sum, but is well worth the money. It is issued free to new members, and at a cost of 1s. 6d. to others. The Master appealed to everyone to obtain copies to help meet the cost.

All the officers were unanimously re-elected as follows:—Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; hon. secretary, Capt. H. W. Rogers; assistant secretary No. 1, Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson; assistant secretary No. 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey; stewards, senior Mr. C. M. Meyer, junior Mr. T. F Victor Neil; trustees, Messrs. Frank Blewer and J. A. Hales. The two auditors elected were Messrs A. D. Barker and F. Bishop.

Several new members were elected.

MR. E. A. YOUNG AND PEALS

A letter from a good friend of the Association, Mr. E. Alexander Young, was read, sending his greetings and good wishes, adding: 'How I wish I could be present, but I am 90 in May, if I attain it—my doctor hopes so, but is keeping me indoors meanwhile.' Mr. Young then referred to the current discussion in 'The Ringing World' relating to the proposed standard half-peals and mentioned that he was strongly in favour of this, and strangely enough had held this opinion since 1893, when he decided never to ring a peal unless on handbells. Incidentally, the above presumably relates to notes made by Mr. Young relating to his experience as a learner in the early 1890's. He first learned to handle a bell in 1890, being taught by the late Mr. E. Albone, then steeplekeeper at St. Clement Danes'. In January. 1891, Mr. Young was elected a member of the St. James' Society, and in the same year steward, and secretary in 1892, and his notes relate to many vicissitudes, both to himself and others, some amusing, some otherwise. In 1893 Mr. Young suggested a bicentenary peal on St. Clement's bells. The idea was taken up with enthusiasm by the Rector, and the churchwardens promised both a supper and a peal tablet if successful. To Mr. Young's chagrin, however, when the list was made up his name was omitted. However, he states, he was adamant, and at length the others agreed that he should stand in, though there was evidently some ill-feeling in he matter.

Before the attempt, however, Mr. Young states that some spiteful individual inserted grit in the tenor bearings, the bell that he was to ring, in order to make it a trying job for him. The job was overdone though, and after 40 minutes' ringing the tenor set vertically, and so remained. The attempt, therefore, was postponed for three months while Mr. Albone tinkered with the bearings, not very successfully, and eventually she had to be rehung. In the meantime she had to be rung with a second rope, and when, in the October following, the peal was rung, the tablet recording it relates that it was with two men on the tenor. This tablet was placed in the porch and remained there until destroyed in the blitz.

Bitterly disappointed, Mr. Young swore that peals were the curse of the Exercise, and that never, no never, would he ring one; but he did later relent somewhat. He adds that at that time the friction in the bearings found a counterpart in the friction between the 'scroof' and other members, leading eventually to an interview with the churchwardens, after which, apparently, things settled down for a while.

Following the usual votes of thanks the meeting closed and the annual handbell competition followed. Three teams entered—two from St. Luke's, Chelsea, and one from Isleworth. After some good ringing St. Luke's No. 1 were declared the winners by Mr. A. D. Barker on behalf of the umpires.

Some good tune-playing on handbells by members of St. Luke's, Chelsea, band closed the proceedings. J. C.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A DISPUTED PEAL

Dear Sir, — Would you be kind enough, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' to help settle a dispute which has arisen between some of my friends and which affects or will affect the whole of the Association to which I belong?

The dispute is over the matter of publishing a peal(?) in our annual report which has already been printed in 'The Ringing World.'

Since then, however, our peal secretary has received a letter from the conductor in which he states that 'it cannot be denied that the ropes fell in the order 12345678 two courses from the end of the peal,' and yet apparently the bells were put back in the order in which they should have been (it was a bob lead and the bob was called) and the peal(?) finished. Now, sir, is this a true peal?

I should like to add that this is not a case of washing dirty linen in public, as the two sides in the dispute are willing to accept the ruling of the Central Council and the Exercise at large.—Yours truly,

JOHN E. FOX.

Wisbech.

[Note.—Decisions of the Council are: On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds, and any shift occurring among the bells shall invalidate the performance, unless it is perceived at the time, and immediately corrected. . . . That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, the bells striking round only once at the end of each and immediately going into the next. We ask the convener of the Peals Analysis Committee to give a ruling.—Ed.]

DOUBLE CHANGES

Dear Sir,—Perhaps Mr. Martin could explain what is wrong with 360 double changes in a peal of 5,040. If double changes in Triples are wrong, surely they are worse if Major. Or would he perhaps like to see banned all peals of Cambridge and Somerset (316 double changes), or even Diss and Stanton Surprise Major (632 double changes).

Neither I nor my fellow-critics have ever denied that the Central Council, its officers and 'The Ringing World' have done, and will no doubt continue to do, a great deal of good. But what we are kicking against are the few officers who take advantage of their office to impose their own puritanical ideas.

There are many reasons why there should be a different set of rules governing 5, 6 or 7 bell ringing. There are no reasons why irregular Minor, Doubles variations and Plain Bob Triples should be banned from the analysis.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell, Middlesex.

HYMN TUNES

Dear Sir,—From time to time requests have been read for tunes on various numbers of bells.

The range on five is very limited, but at this season of Lent it may be very appropriate to those who have a chiming apparatus in a tower with five tuned to the major key (it is not possible on a minor five) to quote the Lenten vesper: 'God the Father, God the Son,' each verse but one finishing up, 'Hear us, Holy Jesu':—

1,1,3; 2,1,**1,3**; 1.1,**3**; 2,1,**1,3**; 3.**3,3**,4,3,**1,2**; **3,3**,4,**5**,4,5.

Another five-bell tune fitting to Passiontide runs: 5; 5,4,3,1,3; **5.5.5**,**4.3**,3,4,5; 5; 5,4,3,1,3; **5.5.5**,**4.3**,3,4,5; 1; 3,4,3,1.3; 4; 4,5,4,4,3,1; 1; 3,4,3,1,3; **5.5.5**,**4.3**.3,4,5. The tune is that set to the hymn played by the Salvation Army quite frequently: 'Nothing but the Blood of Jesus.'

Numbers in heavy type indicate those to be played at half value to others.

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

A REPLY TO MR. FELSTEAD

Dear Sir,—I read with great interest Mr. Felstead's reply to his critics. In spite of the criticism which I have during the past and (D.V.) shall in the future continue to direct against him and the Methods Committee, I can but be grateful for the amount of voluntary work that he and his confederates do. It is good that we have such people who are prepared to give so freely of their time and talents.

So much for the bouquets — now for the brickbats!

As I see it, the crux of the matter seems to lie in Mr. Felstead's belief in his statement that the Central Council 'represent a far better cross-section of ringers than any with which our critics come into contact.'

This is, of course, fallacious. A cross-section of the upper stratum no doubt, but a truer cross-section can be seen at any local gathering.

Let Mr. Felstead, who is fond of statistics anyway, compile a percentage analysis of six-bell ringers who have been members of the Central Council over, say, the last three years. By six-bell ringers I mean those who ring regularly Sunday by Sunday at their own local six-bell tower, not those who ring Minor 'on meeting short for Major,' or those who ring Minor in order to impress poor six-bell ringers how simple they are compared with men who can produce a cacophonous howl from TWELVE bells!

Of course, the Council accepted the committee's recommendations on irregular methods. Nobody wanted irregular lead-ends (or heads) in Major and above and very few were interested below. If the committee had recommended that Doubles and Minor be excepted the Council would have agreed with apathy and indifference.

But with Method Extension—that was a different kettle of fish—that concerned THEM!

No wonder you had trouble there, Mr. Felstead.

The statement that the critics are in the minority may or may not be true; probably it is for the whole country, but it is irrelevant nevertheless.

If there is only one Minor team in one six-bell tower who want to ring one irregular method and the committee and the Council cannot produce (as Mr. Felstead admits twice in his letter) ONE good reason why they should not do so, then the Council should be prepared to accept the fact and recognise the method.

Contrary to the committee and the Council, the critics can advance many good reasons in support of irregular Minor methods any of which are worthy of consideration. Here are a few.

1. Because ringers want to ring them. Yes—we have all heard the old argument that there is nothing to stop them from doing so if they wish, but many ringers (in spite of much evidence to the contrary) are still human and, if they ring a peal, like to see their names in print in, say, the associations' reports, etc.
2. They extend the 'vocabulary.' In anticipation of the usual remark that there are plenty of methods without them, may I point out that on the Treble Bob system only two methods have a complete slow-work, whereas by the use of irregular methods these are extended to seven; an increase of 250 per cent. where it is most urgently required.
3. Interest. It has been admitted that, in this respect, many of the irregular methods are superior to many so-called regular ones, e.g., compare Oxford Treble Bob and New London, Kent and Woodbine, Old Oxford and—practically any irregular method!
4. Range of method splicing increased. On the Treble Bob system alone the range is increased from a maximum of 15 to a maximum of 23 methods in a 720; an increase of over 50 per cent.

What harm would be done in relaxing the rules in favour of Doubles and Minor ringers?

What would it cost the Council or the committee apart from admission of error or misunderstanding?

What should we think of any other sect or society that passed a rule which in effect stated: 'Here we have a rule formulated without a reason, which benefits nobody but injures not a few; but, by golly, we made it and we are going to stick to it'?

I sometimes wonder which side of the fence is aping Canute!—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

NEW PEALABLE METHODS

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. Roe's letter. In his challenge he asked for ONE 'new' pealable method with no double changes, no adjacent places and P.B. coursing order in 7–8. He did not say 'pealable with 7–8 together.' Of the 'new' methods I submitted, all of which are probably pealable somehow, at least FOUR are pealable with 7–8 together. Surely that is sufficient answer to his challenge.

As for his definition, I would suggest that he himself gets up to date. A band of ringers rang a method which they called Bristol Surprise. They were informed that it was not a Surprise method since it did not have internal places at the link or junction. So the definition of Surprise was changed by the C.C., and nowadays the definition of Surprise or Treble Bob depends only on the presence or absence of internal places at all cross sections, other methods being Delight, the half lead and lead end places being irrelevant in classification. So the methods that I submitted ARE strictly Surprise. London Marvel is only London Surprise.

As for his classification of simple or difficult, are we to have a Difficulty Index? If so, how will he evaluate it? Will he find the 'average ringer' and count the number of mistakes that he makes in a peal in the method? Or will he take it to be proportional to, say, the number of right places per course, the square of the number of spot blows per course and the cube of the number of wrong places per course?

Regarding 'Fresh Possibilities,' E. C. S. says, 'All that is of value in Doubles is known.' Bunk! We have as yet not even started to explore this field seriously. There are thousands of extents (legitimate at that) that have yet to be put down on paper, even in the simple case of plain methods.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

West Bedfont, Middlesex.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The Northern District held its meeting in Baldock on February 26th. Ringing began at 3 p.m. and continued until 4.30, when the service was conducted by Canon Smith, with Miss Bate at the organ.

Mr. Butler was chairman for the business meeting, at which Mr. R. Agg, of Stevenage, was elected a member. The next meeting will be at Great Wymondley on March 26th, when the special method will be Norwich Surprise. The ringing festival at Benington is being revived and will take place on May 28th, so the monthly meeting will be brought forward to May 21st, and the July meeting will be on July 16th.

It is hoped that the Association badges will be ready in time for the annual general meeting at Watford, to which a coach will be going from this District.

After the meeting the bells were rung to a variety of methods, including Ealing Surprise.

J. S.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Melton Mowbray District

Not many readers of 'The Ringing World' will have heard of Hose. The road to Hose is one of the pleasant byways for which rural England is so justly famous, and the village stands well back from the road, quietly minding its own business. This is not to say that Hose is a place to be forgotten, as it has a small but lovely church and, as far as ringers are concerned, a pretty little ring of five, rung from the ground floor, the bells of which go very well.

Hose has been for many months without a Vicar, but the Rev. C. and Mrs. Stewart-Robinson have now been installed about six weeks, and the ringers who attended the meeting on February 26th were delighted to meet them. Apparently Mr. Stewart-Robinson served his apprenticeship to the church at Keighley, Yorkshire, famous for its ring of eight, where his father was Vicar some years ago. On one occasion the special preacher at Keighley was the Bishop of Sodor and Man and one member of the congregation was heard telling her neighbour that the visitor was the Bishop of Sodom and Gomorrah!

Only 23 turned up for the service and tea, but this was not surprising as the main road had been completely blocked with snowdrifts earlier in the week and travelling was still an adventure. The service was delightful and included such old favourites as the 'Old Hundredth,' 'Praise, my Soul' and 'We love the place, O God.' At least one member of the congregation was reminded of a great occasion of state—the official opening of the Royal Festival Hall in London—when the 'Old Hundredth' was sung by a mighty choir and orchestra. The singing at Hose was less accomplished but no less fervent.

Tea was in the very best tradition of ringers' teas. The business meeting was conducted with the usual high spirits under the firm hand of Mr. Fred Williams, District chairman, and with secretary Harry Cook to dot the 'i's' and cross the 't's.'

The next District meeting is to take place at Somerby on April 2nd. The District outing on Whit Monday is to Lincolnshire the route and timetable to be decided by the committee. A bus is being arranged for the general meeting of the Guild at Lutterworth on March 19th.

FIRST PEAL IN HUNTINGDONSHIRE

Dear Sir, — Mr. Felstead and many other ringers will be interested to know that the conductor of the first peal rung in Huntingdonshire in 1888 at Keyston is still with us. He is Mr. Richard Dunkley, who is now 91 years of age and lives at the Crispin Arms, Wollaston, Northants.

As to whether there was anything wrong with the peal I can't say. I never heard Mr. Dunkley say there was. Nor have I heard the late Harry Chapman say there was. He knew of the peal and was a great friend of Mr. Dunkley's before going to Manchester in 1888. He retired to Keyston in 1928, lived there 20 years and is buried at the foot of the tower.

As to the record for silence at Keyston tower which Mr. Felstead mentions, that was because the bells were never really pealable. I first went there about 30 years ago, and it was 'donkey's work' to ring there. They are now unringable altogether. The band who rang that one and only peal on those bells, hung right down, with cannons below the gudgeon line, huge wheels, thick sallies and four-strand ropes with a long ground floor pull, ought to have had a medal.

Mr. Dunkley, by the way, called his first peal—Minor in seven methods—at Raunds on December 11th, 1886, and it would be interesting to know if there are any other conductors of peals prior to that date still with us. The Keyston peal was in seven methods; time taken, 3 hours and 30 minutes.

Raunds, Northants. W. J. WHITMORE.

DEDICATION

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE

On February 12th the recast bells of the Church of St. Mary, Deane, Bolton, were dedicated by the Archdeacon of Manchester, the Venerable A. Selwyn Bean, Chaplain to the Queen. This is an old church which last year celebrated its quincentenary, and has much of historical interest. The old bells were poor in quality, having been augmented at different times from three to eight by different founders. Although faced with renovation schemes which will cost in the region of £10,000, the authorities realised that the bells were in need of a first-class job. The work was placed in the hands of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The bells are now a beautiful ring of eight with a tenor of 1¼ cwt. in F sharp.

All the bells were gifts and as memorials to individuals who have passed to higher service. The second was the gift of the Ringing Master and churchwarden, Major Crook, and his wife. An old stalwart, not only to Deane, but to Lancashire ringing, Titus Barlow was commemorated by the tenor, the gift of his son Titus. Fellow ringers provided the sixth to the memory of Thomas B. Worsley and Titus Barlow, and the seventh is the gift of Titus Barlow's daughter to the memory of her mother. Another ringer, Thomas Cort, gave the fourth in memory of his parents. A former ringer's daughter gave a generous donation towards the cost of the installation in memory of Henry and Ellen Bentley. The tower clock, renewed by Messrs. William Potts and Sons, Ltd., of Leeds, was the gift of Elizabeth Settle in memory of her son.

In spite of the bad weather there was a large attendance at the service; it was the largest gathering of ringers ever seen in Bolton except at annual meetings. A splendid tea was provided free for all ringers.

The Vicar, the Rev. K. M. Bishop, himself a ringer, the president and secretary of the Lancashire Association the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith and Mr. Fred Dunkerley, were present, and ringers from as far north as Barrow-in-Furness, south, Stoke-on-Trent, west, Liverpool, and east, Leeds and Huddersfield. Every tower in the district was represented.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The very successful annual meeting of the Bedford District was held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on February 5th. Ringing was started promptly at 3 and continued until 4.30, when the curate, the Rev. R. Spencer, conducted a short Evensong. Tea was taken in the Church Hall, after which the business meeting began, with the president, Miss E. Steel, in the chair.

The retiring secretary, Mr. B. Pattison, read his report for 1954. It was most encouraging and a tribute to his hard work. Membership had increased by ten to 116. Five non-resident life members were elected during 1954. Sixteen peals had been rung (an increase of seven), which was very promising. The General Account and the Belfry Repair Fund both rose substantially.

The retiring secretary was heartily thanked for his hard work, and Mr. P. Shipton was elected to the vacated position. Messrs. J. Hillson and H. Gayton were elected to the General Committee, and Messrs. G. Hutchings and L. Duffield were elected to the District Committee.

The next meetings for the following months were agreed upon and six new members were elected. It may be noted that the meeting generally deplored peals of Plain Bob on the higher odd numbers, but welcomed the method for Sunday service ringing if it brought good striking.

Ringing was resumed on the light eight of St. Peter's.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Eastern Branch at Loddon

Despite almost arctic weather conditions, 27 members and friends converged on Loddon on February 19th, where ringing was soon under way to suit all capabilities. In the unavoidable absence of the incumbent (the Rev. C. Ninham) the service was conducted by the Rector of Chedgrave (the Rev. Wynter Blathwayt), who, in the course of an interesting address, revealed himself to have been a ringer in his undergraduate days at Oxford. He aptly illustrated how ringing and that other great Varsity physical activity, rowing, depended on rhythm and team work. This, he impressed, was necessary in all forms of church work.

The meeting, following a sumptuous tea, was presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate), supported by the Association Ringing Master (Mr. N. Golden), the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. H. W. Barrett), who is also Master of the local band, and Mr. R. E. Browne, bell-loving member of the Parochial Church Council and a veteran honorary member of the Association.

The Branch officers and committee members were all re-elected for a further year.

Mr. J. G. W. Harwood, who was for 21 years secretary of the Branch and was recently made a vice-president of the Association, becomes an ex-officio member of the Standing Committee. Miss D. Lidbetter, of Acle, was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Standing Committee. S. Satterley, J. Fisher, B. Hammond and V. Hills (all of Blofield) were elected as new members of the Association.

The next meeting is to be held at Pakefield on May 21st, subject to arrangements being satisfactory.

Under 'any other business' Mr. Nolan Golden held the floor and spoke entertainingly on such diverse subjects as obstacles which arise in designing and producing economically a new Association badge, the pros and cons of the Central Council attitude towards Plain Bob on odd bells, and the work generally of the Methods Committee concerning which he considered much ill-formed criticism was too often heard. He concluded with an able exposition of certain of the more controversial of the Central Council's rulings.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all who helped towards a very successful meeting and especially to Mr. H. W. Barrett, who, together with Mrs. Barrett and other local ladies, served such an excellent tea.

In conclusion reference was also made amidst applause to the presence of Mr. R. Browne's 'young' brother, Neville, who last year, at the age of 70, rang his first quarter peal!

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

In spite of the cold and unfavourable weather conditions, 60 ringers and friends attended the annual meeting of the Llandaff Branch at Pontypridd on February 19th. This musical ring of eight was soon going in the afternoon, with Mr. Fred Bailey in charge.

Following the service, conducted by the Rev. Stanley Mogford, the visitors were entertained to tea in the Church Hall. This was provided by the Mothers' Union and the St. Catherine's Guild of Ringers, and they were sincerely thanked by Mr. Fred Bailey.

With the Vicar in the chair, the business meeting was proceeded with. Mr. R. E. Coles was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Mr. Fred Bailey continues as Branch Master and was also nominated for the office of General Master at the annual general meeting on Easter Monday. New members included seven from Pontypridd and five from Porthkerry.

Further ringing followed and a most delightful meeting eventually came to a close.

ROVING RINGERS' TOUR – 1954

A WIT amongst ringers was once heard to remark that the most attractive feature of the report on the Society of Roving Ringers' summer tour was that it made interesting reading in the winter months. To explode this theory once and for all an account is now given of the Society's eighth annual tour.

It started on the penultimate Saturday of July, and after a rather ragged assembly in Winchester, the proceedings began in earnest at Twyford; a few 'warming-up' touches in the tower were followed by the ringing of handbells in the churchyard, which brought forth the Vicar and a brief historical survey of the parish. The first night, disturbed only by the sound of many waters, was spent at the picturesque City Mill in Winchester, the country's first youth hostel, incidentally. On Sunday the party, by now at full strength, derived much pleasure from joining the Cathedral band in ringing for morning service; as a result of this liaison, Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were produced on these fine bells.

The memory of the rest of that day will doubtless linger in the minds of all those members who travelled 20 miles from Winchester in the pouring rain—first to Curdridge (a Taylor eight which generate a peculiar howl in the ringing chamber) and from thence to Southampton. It was a particularly bedraggled collection of specimens which presented itself to ring for Evensong at St. Michael's in that city, and it is quite likely that the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead was under the impression that the party represented a county where no peals had been rung since 1881. Be that as it may, we enjoyed some well-struck touches and a course of Cambridge Royal that was exceedingly pleasant to the ear.

The drying facilities at the Southampton youth hostel were a trifle inadequate to cope with the vast amount of sodden clothing festooned about the building, and therefore it was still to some accompaniment of squelching shoes that on Monday we visited North Stoneham (a very pleasant ring), Romsey Abbey (possessing a sonorous eight by Mears, 1797, and an outstandingly good organ by Walker, 1855 and later, both of which were put to good use) on the way to Fordingbridge and Cranborne. The cycle ride between Romsey and Fordingbridge was even more arduous than that of the previous day due to a head-on gale in unmercifully exposed terrain: the result of this was that several people were unable to disport themselves on the Warner octave at the latter tower. At Cranborne, as at the first two towers on Tuesday, we were pleased to have the company of Mr. A. R. Macdonald, of Poole, who was not unduly impressed by our Spliced Surprise, rung with rather more enthusiasm than success.

MEETING WITH THE EARL OF SHAFTESBURY

At Wimborne St. Giles, the first tower on Tuesday, the Society was privileged to be met by the Earl of Shaftesbury, who received members individually and agreed to be present in a group photograph; gestures which were much appreciated. We understand that his Lordship commented favourably upon our performances on these pleasant but odd-struck bells. Some found the ten at Poole to be rather inaudible inside the tower, but Swanage, reached by traversing a chain-ferry and battling against a sandstorm, was a great improvement in this respect. As we were staying in the town overnight and as it was the local practice night, through the generosity of the Swanage ringers two sessions were held on this melliferous Taylor eight.

The following morning, in ideal weather, we arrived, after a good deal of slogging (uphill all the way) at Kingston, to be rewarded with a magnificent view and a heavy octave (by Taylor). Good use was made of these bells before we departed for Wareham (downhill all the way), where we were confronted with a rather different type of eight; tenor of uncertain weight, and tuning slightly at variance with Simpsonian principles. Two towers remained to be attacked on Wednesday and both entailed prolonged bouts of cycling. The bells of Blandford Forum were found to be very rewarding, and the organ (a superb specimen by George Pike, England, 1794) particularly so. But by the time members severally reached Marnhull a lack of energy was evident, consequently our performance on this typically village six (if the Marnhull ringers will permit this description) lacked that precision which is the hall-mark of the expert. The evening's entertainment did not finish when we left the tower, however; fortified in no uncertain manner by the chef of a Marnhull youth hostel, we were engaged in a skirmish in the hostel dormitory with some charming fellows, to wit, the West Ruislip Razor Slashers (motto: 'Slash yer from ear to ear'), who doubtless were enjoying a few days' slashing in the provinces.

Three towers were invaded on Thursday: Mere, the writer's 300th tower (not a prime number!); Westbury, a tribute to the bell founders' and hangers' arts (a lady member rang the 35-cwt. tenor with ease and grace); and Beckington—pleasant enough, but one or two had a little difficulty on account of the long draught. As the night was being spent at Bath, we were able to enjoy the company of a number of the Bath ringers in a suitable hostelry for an hour or so (the steep hill up to the hostel was alone responsible for the hiring of taxis at the end of this pleasant evening!); moreover, it meant that little exertion was required to reach Friday's first tower, Twerton. We then made a brief return to Wiltshire to further the cause at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon (a rather olde-worlde heavy eight with rather olde-worlde hanging, it seemed), and Trowbridge, where some delightful Stedman Cinques was sent floating over the town.

After the last scheduled ringing of the day at Mells (bells which met with general approval) a spot of tower snatching was indulged in (insult to the admirable arrangements of our competent secretaries!). The tower in question was Croscombe, and this necessitated interrupting the local tower captain in the course of his nocturnal pint.

WEEK-END AT SHERBORNE

It is a custom of the Society to stop itinerating from one youth hostel to another at the end of the week and to confine activities to a much smaller area; to this end, accommodation is secured at an hotel in some suitable town. This year the week-end was spent at Sherborne and our forces became progressively augmented as we travelled thither from Shepton Mallet, the first tower on Saturday via Evercreech (a delightful course of Yorkshire Royal was rung on these now famous bells). Ditcheat (Taylor again), where a broken rope brought matters to an untimely conclusion, and Queen Camel.

Dinner at the Half Moon was followed by 'the usual social activities,' to use a phrase which appears frequently in these columns; also (as the general feeling of well-being became more pronounced) by one or two rather anti-social activities—judging from some memorable observations of a gentleman who happened to be standing in the way of a quantity of water (or something) which was intended, incidentally, for a party who thought fit to serenade us from without. (Apologies to said gent.)

Ringing on Sunday took place first of all at the Abbey Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, where the tenor seemed to hold no terrors for the heavy-bell merchants. Then, after lunch, while the rest travelled in a time-honoured manner, some were bold and affluent enough to charter a couple of cars to reach St. Bartholomew's, Crewkerne, with its ring of eight—not particularly egregious, but a ladies' band had obvious pleasure in ringing them to Triples—and by the same means ventured forth to East Coker to sample the products of Mr. Bilbie in an extremely well-kept tower (there were even curtains at the ringing room windows!).

The tour ended on Monday, August 2nd. Two towers were visited on that day: Martock, famed for its nave roof, with its interesting mixture of bells by both obscure and famous (almost infamous!) founders, and, after a picnic lunch in the local (hats off to Mr. and Mrs. W. Kingcott for this), Yeovil, whose heavy ten were a fitting conclusion to a most enjoyable and profitable holiday. R. M.

A WINTER'S ADVENTURE IN TROWBRIDGE AREA

Three cars bearing ringers from Bridgwater and N.S.T.G. with 'supporters,' converged upon the village of Steeple Ashton on February 12th, just as snow began to fall. When we emerged from the tower after ringing on this very fine six (19 cwt.) it was to find the cars turned into three white statues. Not until the windscreens had been cleared could the party move off to the next tower, the good-going six at Seend (14¼ cwt.).

Before going on to the third tower, Bratton (6, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.), we returned to Steeple Ashton, where the local captain and his wife had kindly boiled a kettle of water for our tea. To Bratton was a perilous journey up an icy lane, at the end of which each car was manually assisted in turning round. These bells went well and the sallies almost touched the top of the low-ceilinged ringing chamber. Farleigh Hungerford bells (4) have a long draught. An inhabitant was heard to say that he had not heard any ringing there for 20 years, but there is reason to believe that this is an exaggeration! We were joined by E. T. P. F. and two ringing associates here and at the last tower of the day, Norton St. Philip (6, 10 cwt.). This village is better known for its famous inn, the George, than for its bells. Thanks are due to the organiser, Michael Horseman. M. E. F.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

There was a smaller attendance than usual at the meeting of the Scottish Association held at St. John's, Alloa, on February 19th.

In the unforeseen absence of the Ringing Master his duties were ably performed by Mr. H. Sargent, of Glasgow, a past Master of the Association, and by Mr. Donald Marshall, of St. Andrew's University Society.

The bells, the lightest ring of eight in Scotland, were rung to rounds, Grandsire, Stedman, Erin, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Towers represented at the meeting were St. Mary's Cathedrals, Glasgow and Edinburgh, Dunblane Cathedral, St. Paul's Cathedral, Dundee, St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, and the local tower.

Members of the Social Committee of the parish very kindly entertained the members to tea in the Church Hall. The Rector, Canon Sturrock Clarke, joined the party at tea and told those present that it was always a pleasure for him to welcome the Association to Alloa.

An Average of 67.5 Peals a Year

In our issue of January 28th we referred to ringers who achieved big totals of peals in the past four or five years. To these should be added the name of Mr. Arthur V. Pearson, of Wolverhampton, who in the last four years has rung 270 peals, giving an average of 67.5 peals per year.

OBITUARY

MR. JOSEPH B. FENTON

Mr. Joseph B. Fenton, who passed away on February 20th, aged 84, learned to ring at Sleaford, Lincs. At the age of 18 he went to work at Lincoln and joined the St. Peter-at-Arches band, which then included such well-known ringers as Lindoff and Craven. A Surprise band in the 1890's was rare, and the Lincoln band accomplished many fine feats of Surprise Major.

In 1900 Mr. Fenton went to Rugby, where James George was trying to get a band for his new octave. By 1908 Surprise peals were being rung, conducted by Mr. Fenton, the peal of London Surprise Major at Rugby by the local band at the first attempt being considered a great performance in those days. He was a founder member of the Warwickshire Guild, now the Coventry Diocesan Guild, and rang over 100 peals for the Guild. Mr. W. Vann represented the Rugby ringers at the funeral.

MR. B. RIDGEWAY

It is with deep regret we report the death of Mr. Bartin Ridgeway, of Hinckley, who passed away in hospital at Nuneaton on February 18th, after a short illness.

Not a great peal ringer, he was always punctual for service ringing and ever ready to help with teaching youngsters. He was a trustee of the Hinckley and Atherstone districts of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, and a Past Provincial Grand Master.

The funeral service was attended by a large congregation including St. Mary's ringers and Mr. C. E. Turner (vice-president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild) and representatives of organisations with which he was connected.

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by N. Marklow 1–2, E. Vallance 3–4, A. Ballard 5–6, C. E. Turner 7–8.

Later in the evening a peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled as a last respect to a truly Christian gentleman. A. B.

MR. JAMES F. SMITH

By the passing of Mr. James Floyd Smith on Sunday, February 27th, the Oxford Diocesan Guild lost one of the best instructors it ever had. He was in his heyday on either side of the 1914-18 war, when resident in the Pangbourne area of the Thames Valley, where are numerous six-bell towers. His prowess as a six-bell ringer was generally acknowledged, and the late Tom Hibbert (secretary) and the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master) each said that he was the best instructor in six-bell ringing the Guild possessed, and always advised any tower needing help with a new method to get his assistance.

Born in 1880, he served with distinction in the South African War, but could never be persuaded to speak of his exploits. His medals are adorned with a host of battle honours. Serving in the 18th Hussars, he twice survived having his horse shot beneath him, and was in Ladysmith with Sir Winston Churchill.

On his return home to Chalgrove he learned to ring with his brother Sydney under the tuition of the late Fred Woodward. An engineer by trade, his work took him to the middle Thames Valley, where he soon became a most able ringer and conductor. As a teacher, he insisted on good striking and on the proper study of a method at home, and would cycle miles to any tower to help a band.

In 1926 he moved to Nettlebed, near Henley, and taught a complete band, converting a call change tower into one with an enthusiastic Treble Bob band with no help from outside. An isolated village offers little scope for employment and one by one the band left for other areas, but the six-bell grounding they had received had been thorough, and progress on higher numbers was certain. 'Jim' persevered, however, and Nettlebed still has ringers taught by him before he left to go to Hungerford soon after the 1939-45 war.

To his bitter disappointment he found himself in a 'stoney' area and could get none of the local ringers to make any effort to change. Here he stagnated till ill-health forced him to go in retirement, to live with his daughter in Marlow. Heart trouble prevented his ringing and his only consolations were to listen with his window open to the Marlow band performing and to hear bells broadcast by the B.B.C.

His body was brought to church on Thursday, March 3rd, to the sound of his beloved bells, and as the cortege moved to the local cemetery (still within earshot) a beautiful half-muffled quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by one of his former pupils, who learned to ring at Nettlebed under his instruction 25 years ago. He is survived by his widow and daughter. Those taking part in the funeral quarter were G. Gilbert (a very old friend) 1, R. I. Shepherd 2, W. W. Wolstencroft 3, W. Welling 4, E. D. Poole 5, R. E. Dean 6, W. Birmingham (conductor) 7, L. J. Young 8.

He kept no record of his peals, but his brother estimates that he must have rung at least 50, mainly of Minor. His last peal was at Hungerford in September, 1947, when the writer arranged a peal of Bob Major to enable him to enjoy at least one peal with some old friends.

HATFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

The method:—
—38—14—1258—36—34—38—14—58.
2nds place lead end, 4ths place bob.
FCEs 24365, 32546, 46253, 53624 and 65432.

5,056 By W. E. CRITCHLEY

23456	B	W	M	H
65324		2	2	
23564		2	3	2
36245	x			
26543			—	3
35642			—	—
64235		2	—	3
24536			—	
43265	x			
52364			—	—
35426		—	—	3
23456		—		

First rung at Conisbrough, Yorks, on Jan. 31st, 1955, conducted by the composer.

5,056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By E. W. TIPLER (No. 16)

23456	B	M	W	H
42356				—
32654		—		3
62453		—		
54326		—	—	3
34625		—		3
34256	x			—
53246			—	3
52436			—	2
42635		—		
62534		—		3
45236		—		—
23456			—	—

First rung at Watlington, Oxon, on November 6th, 1954.

LATE NOTICES

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Meeting at Kemerton, March 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting follows. Names for tea, please, by 22nd to S. Devereux, Charmaine, Kemerton, near Tewkesbury. — J. Beech, Hon. Sec. 6000

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Helmdon on March 26th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 6001

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, Saturday, March 12th, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 4 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 5947

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Trull, Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. —A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 5914

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Eckington (8) Saturday, March 12th, 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Cooper. 5935

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (St. Aidan's), Saturday, March 12th, 3 p.m.—W. F. Sheraton. 5976

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Cowden (6), March 12th. Tea at the Crown. Names by March 11th. Hammerwood not available.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst, Sussex.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. — Meeting at Meldreth. Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 5958 5921

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Great Easton (6). Saturday, March 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. 5892

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Combined practice, Horsell, Saturday, March 12th, 6-9 p.m.—R. Collins.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Meeting, Broxbourne, Saturday, March 12th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam. 5937

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Redbourn (6), March 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea Mr. Hobbs, 84, High Street, Redbourn, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District. — By-meeting, Chilham, March 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 2s. 3d. per head. 5888

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Walton-le-Dale, Saturday, March 12th. Bring own food.—L. Walmsley. 5980

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—**Special Notice:** Meeting, Saturday, March 12th, St. Mary-atte-Bow (8) 3-4 p.m.; St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10) 4.30-6 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Service, meeting, ringing, St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green (8), 7-9 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 5994

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting to be held at Carlton-juxta-Snaith, Saturday, March 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 5969

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice at Nutfield (6) on Monday, March 14th, from 7 to 9 p.m. 5981

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Ossett, March 19th. Bells (10) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify, not later than March 16th, Mr. F. Bennett, Carlton House, Ossett, near Wakefield. — D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 5997

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Meeting at Clutton, March 19th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District. — Meeting at Dunstable Saturday, March 19th, 3 p.m. Look up Bedfordshire Surprise Major. All welcome.—D. Knox, Dis. Sec. 5983

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Due to cancellation of Annual Dinner, meeting at Beverley, St. Mary's, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells until 9 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. A. Taylor, 28, Albert Terrace, Beverley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Church Lawton, March 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by March 16th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 5986

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall-Northwich joint Branch meeting at Daresbury advertised for to-morrow will now take place on Sat., March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to W. S. Booth, The Square, Daresbury. 5996

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Meeting, Birkenhead, St. Mary's, March 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea free for those notifying by 16th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 5999

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—J. W. Parker Commemoration meeting, St. Ignatius', Sunderland, March 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by March 16th, to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 5995

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meetiig, Tibshelf, Saturday, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. T. Radford, 64, High Street, Tibshelf.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 5975

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 5990

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting, Great Bentley, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, March 16th, please.—J. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 5985

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Spring quarterly, Maiseyhampton (6), March 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Notify by March 16th. **No name, no tea.** Service 6 p.m.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln-St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 5967

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Seale (6) on Saturday, March 19th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5973

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Saturday, March 19th, Rolvenden. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by March 16th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 5965

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Meeting, Harpenden, Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. Bells (8). Names for tea to Mr. A. Day, 58, Craveles Road, Harpenden.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5974

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Swanscombe (8), March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea, by March 14th, to Mr. E. O. Newbury, 94, Broomfield Road, Swanscombe.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 5991

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Wrotham (8) on Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. All ladies welcome, gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden. 5964

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District and Doncaster and District Society.—Joint meeting at Thrybergh, near Rotherham, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. For tea at 5 p.m. notify Miss D. Shaw, Deer Park Farm, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh. 20 minutes bus service from Sheffield, Rotherham and Doncaster.—E. D. Kelly, F. Jackson, Secs. 5978

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Meeting at St. Wilfred's, Northenden, March 19th, 3 p.m. Business after tea. Cups of tea at cafe. 50 or 64 bus Piccadilly. Note changed arrangements.—R. Benson.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Lutterworth on March 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Town Hall 5. General Committee meet in Hall at 3.30. Names for tea, by 16th, to W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 5933

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District. — Meeting at Bardney (6), Saturday, March 19th. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, to C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 5949

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — S. and W. District.—Meeting at Stanwell (6), March 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. followed by tea. Ringing at Bedfont (6) 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to J. D. Rock, 346, Staines Road, Bedfont, Feltham. 5971

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch. — Next meeting, Chiseldon, March 19th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Meeting at Christ Church, West Bromwich March 19th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, 15th, to Mr. D. C. Jinks, 5, Raleigh Street, West Bromwich. 5940

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newark District.—Meeting at Bingham (8) on Saturday, March 19th. Bells 2.30. Service. Tea (2s.) at 5. — S. L. Barley. 5909

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, March 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Notifications for tea, by March 16th, please, to Miss B. Saggers, 28, Clarence Road, Redhill.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5932

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by March 16th.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 5913

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, March 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Vine Inn. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 5987

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 19th, at Leeds Parish Church. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, no later than Wednesday, March 16th, to Mr. R. H. Dove, 26, Sycamore Avenue, Leeds, 8.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5946

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Hythe (8) on March 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea must reach Mr. W. J. Bidnell, Kenora, London Road, Hythe, Kent, by March 22nd.—W. P. G. 5992

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Lenham, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 5993

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Meeting, Brixworth, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by March 21st, to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 5966

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Thames Ditton, Surrey, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service (probably) 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Kingston bells (10) available after tea. Names for tea, by Monday, March 21st, please, to Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 5970

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Yeovil, on Easter Monday, April 11th. Ringing at St. John's 11. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon, limited to 100, for **ticket holders only.** Applications for tickets, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to R. O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. Details of further ringing later. 5977

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday. Lunch 1 p.m at Dujon followed by meeting. St. Paul's (majestic ring of 10) 10.30 a.m.-12.30 and 5.30 onwards; St. Peter's, Bedford (8), and Clapham (6) 3-4.30. All ringers most welcome. Names for lunch, please, to Mr. J. W. Sinfield, 4, Queen Street, Houghton Regis, Beds. 5982

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, April 30th. All members and friends welcome. Coach transport to and from this meeting at about 6s. per person will be available if enough support is forthcoming. Please write to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mymms, Hatfield, Herts. 5988

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A RINGER AND HIS OBLIGATIONS

RINGERS, generally, are very fond of reminiscing, to the obvious delight of their fellows and of the younger element, who thereby learn much of the celebrities of one and two generations before theirs. How often, one wonders, do they return to the time of their very earliest struggles and experiences in acquiring some degree of proficiency as bell-ringers? A few minutes' serious reflection will certainly underline their debt to many individual ringers and towers.

The writer well remembers the circumstances that led to his introduction to the belfry, and the unflagging zeal and patience of his instructor, who was creating almost an entirely new band of teenagers. To have become one of the drifters would have been a personal affront and the height of ingratitude. Instead the writer has experienced over twenty years of immeasurable pleasure and owes an eternal debt to one man's enthusiasm. Can that debt ever be repaid?

Just as parents have a duty to provide for their children as their own parents made sacrifices for them. so a ringer owes it to his pursuit to sacrifice his time, money and effort to the generation of ringers which must succeed him if the art is to survive. In this way he can meet his obligations: but the recruitment and encouragement of young ringers is not his only obligation. He has a duty to his Church, to his belfry, to the public, to his Guild or Association, and to the Exercise at large.

His own progress was probably by way of an instructor who insisted on the best and, in doing so, no doubt spoke severely to him and all whose bell was not in its exact place. He had to learn that only the best will be accepted, and to take correction in the right spirit. There exist to-day far too many ringers, old enough to know better, who bitterly resent being spoken to, even by people whom they have themselves set in authority over them, and display the most obvious signs of bad temper and bad taste. Unless a ringer can curb such a habit, no hope of eliminating it is possible, as a young ringer witnesses it, tries it on eventually and a bad tradition is continued instead of being eradicated. One of our obligations to our belfry is to accept its discipline gracefully.

Peal ringing is a very controversial issue, but there is little doubt that the polished ringers acquired their finesse by participating in peals with other skilled performers. It is, therefore, clearly their duty to lend their skills to enable other promising beginners to reach the same standard of proficiency. One doubts whether the prolific peal ringers are in this respect really pulling their weight. The methods rung are beyond the capabilities of the keenest learner, and the colossal annual total of peals rung suggests personal self-satisfaction and kudos are of more importance than the future well-being of the Exercise. The conductor who rings ten or a dozen peals a year mainly of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major or a few simple Minor methods, with numerous 'firsts' always included, is making a worthy contribution to the future and humbly accepting his responsibilities — and his pride is of the proper kind, in witnessing the success of *others!* He would also be a ringer who is always in his belfry on practice night.

Ringing, like everything else, will not stagnate. Either it progresses or retrogresses, and the only means of ensuring its advancement is by regular and assiduous practice. A ringer's duty is to be in his tower every practice night, and to be there *punctually*. The beginner has the obligation to learn and the old hand to teach, and he who despises participating in elementary methods or in bad ringing to help a struggling band should be reminded that he had to learn once when others rang humble methods for his benefit, and asked whether he has come only to get and not to give! These may be strong words, but there is no place for selfishness in the belfry on practice night—or at ringing meetings.

The ringer also has a duty to his public. We recognise that to an outsider a peal is a quite unreasonable performance. Let us not further alienate the public by ringing at unreasonable hours, by permitting more than a minimum of jangled bells, and by our conduct when we fraternise outside the tower. If we keep people properly informed of our reasons for ringing, particularly on special occasions, they will then be more understanding and, therefore, more tolerant.

We have a duty to our Guild or Association: to attend its meetings (again to help novices as well as to advance our own standards), to help its prestige by taking part in peals under its auspices, and by not embarrassing the officials by presenting ourselves for tea without having ordered it! In all the Association rules the writer has seen there is the object of 'promoting the art of change ringing,' but peal ringing is never mentioned as an object: which suggests it is not of supreme importance but only incidental.

A ringer has a duty to the Exercise at large. He should buy 'The Ringing World' to keep abreast of opinion and

developments all over the world, and to be in touch with the work of his national body, the Central Council. It is also his duty to frustrate all attempts to destroy his art by the installation of electronic and mechanical devices, and to deal diplomatically with non-ringing contacts who may be critical, or genuinely curious, regarding bells and ringers.

Finally, there is the obligation of a ringer to his Church. His first duty is to worship God. He should be regular in his public worship and encourage his colleagues to be likewise. He should consider very seriously how much he spends on his ringing for pleasure (travelling, postage, refreshment, literature, etc.) compared with what he contributes to his Church during the year. Perhaps he might make a Lenten resolution about this. Too many ringers complain that they are the 'backroom boys,' that the clergy and churchpeople have little or no interest in them. Is the fault all on one side? The writer knows of one old ringer (now deceased) who, when challenged by his Rector on his non-churchgoing, retorted, 'How long have you been Rector?' 'Oh, nine years.' 'And how many times have you been up to the belfry in those nine years?' 'Um . . . I don't know.' 'Well,' rejoined the ringer, 'you've been twice! But I've been into church more than twice in nine years! And when the east end of the church takes more interest in the west end, then the west end will take more interest in the east end'—an able reply.

But might not that old man have been wrong? Perhaps, had the west end taken more interest in the east end, the east end might have taken more interest in the west end. Ringers should not be content to remain the 'back-room boys.' They should come out into the open and identify themselves with the life of their Church, and they would soon discover that they would be better understood and more appreciated and given every encouragement.

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A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*VIVIENNE HORTON	*Treble*	ELISABETH GRIME	5
E. FRED GOBEY	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
WILFRID ROBINSON	3	*DAVID K. WALKLATE	7
*ALAN G. FOSTER	4	*†SAMPSON WALKLATE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal Kent Treble Bob Major. † 25th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Michael Manning.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Feb. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Being 1,536 of Yorkshire, 2,208 of Cambridge and 1,344 of Superlative with 132 changes of method. Tenor 7½ cwt.

GEORGE E. CRISP	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	CYRIL A. HURST	6
*JOHN G. GIPSON	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON	7
WILLIAM T. COOK	4	*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* 50th peal together. First peal of Spliced Surprise Major by all the band and for the Association.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*PETER EVANSON	*Treble*	ALAN G. FOSTER	5
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	2	DOROTHY T. GARDINER	6
VIVIENNE M. HORTON	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
DAVID K. WALKLATE	4	GORDON HARRISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal. Rung half muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. William Leach, father of W. J. Leach, Secretary of St. Paul's Society of Change Ringers, who died on February 21st.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield & District Society.)
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

*PETER KETTERIDGE	*Treble*	IAN HOLLAND	5
BARRY HOLLAND	2	†NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
JOHN S. SEAGER	3	GORDON K. CHADDOCK	7
SAM SCATTERGOOD	4	†HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal. † 50th peal together.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp.

*MONICA E. COLLINS	*Treble*	E. JOHN WELLS	5
HERBERT COLCOMBE	2	JAMES F. DODSON	6
*SHELAGH R. COLLINS	3	ROLAND W. MORANT	7
*MARGARET M. LEWIS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major 'inside.'
A 75th birthday compliment to John Grant, member of Leicester Cathedral band.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal in the method by all except the tenor ringer and the first in the method for the Association.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUDBURY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Tenor*	ALICK CUTLER	5
ALFRED J. HOUSE	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
JOHN R. MAYNE	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
MRS. T. J. LOCK	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
The first peal in the method.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 FEERING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

ALAN R. SYDER	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	JOHN WARNER	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
RONALD SUCKLING	4	WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.
First peal in the method.
Rung to the memory of William Keeble, composer of this method.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. in F sharp.

ELSIE K. FULTON	*Treble*	*PETER D. BEEDIE	5
*PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	*HARRY POYNER	6
*DAVID J. TAYLOR	3	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH	7
H. GEORGE HART	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method.

GEORGEHAM, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 13 cwt.

DAVID YEO	*Treble*	FRED YEO	5
BEATRICE M. BOYLE	2	NORMAN MALLETT	6
MARIELLA E. MUNDY	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
D. KENVYN WALTERS	4	ARTHUR SMALLRIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID BEACHAM.
The first peal on the bells.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Norman Mallett and Mariella Mundy on their engagement.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G sharp.

ROLAND W. MORANT	*Treble*	DUGALD MACPHERSON	5
E. JOHN WELLS	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	6
MONICA E. COLLINS	3	G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	7
ANN M. COX	4	*ROY COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* 25th peal.
Rung for the wedding of Judy Dodson and Alan Kingston.

LISKEARD, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
In six parts. Tenor 19 cwt.

*DAVID N. PENROSE	*Treble*	HARRY HARPER	5
V. MARY MATTHEWS	2	CLEMENT W. JOSE	6
DOUGLAS BURNETT	3	†ALAN CARVETH	7
†A. HUBERT EPLETT	4	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.
* First peal of Bob Major. † 25th peal together. First peal of Major as conductor.
A compliment to Alan Carveth and Douglas Burnett on being elected President and Ringing Master, respectively, of the Truro Diocesan Guild.
Rung also for the birth of James Warwick Gavin Parsons, first grandson of Canon J. H. Parsons, vicar of Liskeard.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5440 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

GEORGE SAYER	*Treble*	JAMES B. MORLEY	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	ROBERT C. GUNTON	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	GODFREY G. WALPOLE	7
JAMES W. FORDER	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung on the centenary of the first peal of Major at this tower, the same composition being used.
An 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Ronald E. Browne, churchwarden.

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NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*ANNE P. BROWN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
*GRAEME A. HUGHES	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	6
ALAN A. POTTS	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	PETER LAFLIN	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the second.

RADCLIFFE-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp.

*WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Treble*	W. NEVILLE BROWN	5
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	7
FREDERICK PICKARD	4	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. FREDERICK MILNER.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
A 'welcome home' to Mrs. W. Bateman, of Southwell, niece of the ringer of 2nd, upon her return to England from South Africa.

ROTHWELL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds & District Society.)
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb.

*SHEILA M. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	GEORGE W. STEEL	5
ARTHUR G. WOOD	2	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	6
GEORGE WARD	3	LEONARD DRAKE	7
PETER WOODWARD	4	PERCY MASSAM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by THOS. W. STRANGEWAY.
* First peal and first attempt.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Ten-part No. 1. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

*GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	CHARLES A. BASSETT	5
ERNEST J. LADD	2	*KEVIN S. HOHL	6
BERNARD V. COLLISON	3	*ROBERT COLLINS	7
*THOMAS E. SONE	4	*DORIS E. COLGATE	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* First peal in the method.
The tenor ringer has 'completed the circle' in this tower.

SIX BELL PEALS

STITHIANS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Feb. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STYTHIAN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 34 six-scores and four 240's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*PAUL HARDING	*Treble*	FREDERICK ROBERTS	4
DOUGLAS BURNETT	2	VYVIAN WILLIAM	5
†ANTHONY LOCKE	3	CLEMENT W. JOSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by VYVIAN WILLIAM.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal 'inside.'

ELING, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz., London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER NASH	*Treble*	*MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	4
*BERYL R. PITTAWAY	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal in seven methods.
First seven method peal on the bells.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARNOLD HILL	*Treble*	GEORGE CHALLANS	4
HERBERT T. ROOKE	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
*GEOFFREY SIMONS	3	A. BENJAMIN COOPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal at first attempt.

FORDHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MICHAEL FINCH	*Treble*	ROLAND MORLEY	4
†ROGER PALMER	2	†JIM MORLEY	5
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal † First peal of Minor.

BRAMHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire.
Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALAN THORNTON	*Treble*	D. MARGARET HAWLEY	4
*DOUGLAS RUCKLEDGE	2	ALAN SHEPPARD	5
EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3	JOHN POTTS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor; rung also to welcome a son and heir to the vicar of Bramham, Rev. F. Mitchell, and his wife
All are Sunday Service ringers at All Saints', Sherburn-in-Elmet.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 7 lb.

*ARTHUR J. WHITE	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
HARRY W. BADGER	2	*BERNARD C. COLLINS	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Minor. The first peal on the bells.
Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. G. H. Weymont to this benefice.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID VOKES	*Treble*	HENRY TOOKE	4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	JOHN R. SMITH	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Stephen Thomas) to John R. and Elizabeth Smith.

COGENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*RONALD DANIELS	*Treble*	‡REX LINE	4
†IVOR J. DICKIN	2	GEORGE F. ROOME	5
†KENNETH D. PERKINS	3	†ALAN C. COZENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Being 1,440 Carlisle, Northumberland, Sandiacre, Wooler, Whitley, Alnwick, Newcastle, Morpeth, Canterbury, Munden and Chester, and extents of (1) Horton, Hanley, Milton, Cheddleton, Allendale and Westminster; (2) Wearmouth, Rossendale, Lightfoot, Annable's London, Stamford and Netherseale; (3) Beverley, Hexham, Surfleet, Durham, York and Berwick; (4) London, Wells and Cunecastre; (5) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose and Bourne, with 130 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by RHODA BROWN.

* 50th peal together. First peal in 38 Surprise methods by all the band, for the Guild and in the country. The most Surprise methods to be rung in a peal.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of St. Clement's College Bob and two 720's each of Kent, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

KATHERINE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	4
*ALEC WILSON	2	GEORGE CHALLANS	5
GRACE BURCHNALL	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

* First peal in four methods.
The conductor has now 'circled the tower.'

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent of Cambridge Surprise, and two extents each of Kent, Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

VICTOR NEAL	*Treble*	HENRY PARKER	4
DAVID GODFREY	2	DAVID SMITH	5
ERIC HORNBY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

Rung as birthday compliments to the son of the ringer of the 4th, E. Hornby, A. G. Lawrence and the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, in 1 Hour and 50 Minutes.
AT 105, DONCASTER LANE, WOODLANDS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 57 methods: (1) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Alban's, Wragby, Clarence, Elston, Humber, Taxal, Marple and Braintree Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob; (2) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight; (3) Plain, Double, Reverse, Canterbury, Fulbeck, Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Wavertree College, Windermere, Frodsham, Horsmonden, Killarney, Cumberland and Ennerdale; (4) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer and Chalfont Alliance and Little Bob; (5) Kent Treble Bob; (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in E.

HOWARD SCOTT	1-2	WILFRID F. MORETON	3-4
		W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5-6

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

The greatest number of methods in a peal by all and for the Association.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Mar 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes.
IN BULL HOSTEL, ST. CATHERINE'S COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 18 in G.

*J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	1-2	†B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity)	5-6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trinity)	3-4	†W. T. COOK (Jesus)	7-8
		B. J. STAFFORD (Queens')	9-10

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's).
Conducted by B. D. THRELFALL.

* First peal of Royal 'in hand.' † First peal of Royal.



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ABINGDON, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: A. E. Lock 1, M. Angela Carter 2, J. W. Berry 3, Mrs. A. E. Lock 4, Janet E. Dicks (cond.) 5, W. H. Holifield 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Miss Agnes C. Baker, B.A., and Mrs. Edith M. Franklin.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June Grieveson 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 3, Pamela Law 4, Derek H. Paine 5, Beryl Reynolds 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Cherryman for his 80th birthday.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: J. Haynes (first away from cover bell) 1, Kathleen Beasley 2, J. T. Symonds 3, P. Jackson (first 'inside') 4, D. A. Astridge (cond.) 5, E. A. Lewis 6, H. H. Haynes 7, Dorena Rowe 8.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Carter 1, S. Lunn 2, E. Morgan 3, H. Blick 4, R. E. Coles (cond.) 5, I. Davies 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Gilbert Thomas, who was the Vicar of Bonvilston for 39 years, and was buried there this day.

BOXLEY, KENT.—On Mar. 5th, 720 Single Oxford and 540 Plain Bob Minor: F. Tomlin 1, L. Mannering 2, S. A. Hayzelden 3, W. R. Manser 4, E. S. J. Hatcher 5, R. L. Sills (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the completion by Mr. W. C. Gosling of 50 years' membership of the Kent County Association, and 30 years' captaincy of the Boxley band of ringers.

BROCKDISH, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Chilvers 1, F. J. Burlingham 2, Betty Syrett 3, H. Moss 4, E. A. Chilvers 5, J. B. Morley (cond.) 6. First quarter for 2 and 5.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 1st, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Plain Bob): D. Nicholls 1, D. Vokes 2, W. G. Saunders 3, R. Burt 4, C. Browne 5, F. Phillippo (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, G. M. Rouse 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, K. Everett (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—At the Church of St. Dunstan, on Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Stockbridge 1, Mrs. D. Chatfield 2, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 3, A. Butler 4, D. Chatfield (cond.) 5, R. Divers 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon S. L. Ewell, for 38 years a missionary in the Sudan, and one time a ringer at this church.

CROYDON, SURREY.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Mar. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. H. E. Oatway 1, Pamela Steere 2, C. Parks 3, L. Brown (first quarter of Stedman) 4, E. W. Razzell 5, W. F. Oatway 6, R. Davies (cond.) 7, F. E. Mitchell 8.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Mar. 6th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major (Killamarsh variation): L. S. Woods 1, A. C. Chaplin 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, I. Campbell 4, F. R. Scholefield 5, J. R. Fleetwood 6, N. J. Fleetwood 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. First of combined Treble Bob for 3, 5, 6 and 7. Rung for the birthdays of Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Mar. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. R. Airey 1, E. Burnett 2, R. Busby 3, Miss D. M. Killingley 4, D. Robinson 5, T. Hill 6, M. Stewart 7, T. Cooke (cond.) 8. First quarter of Plain Bob Major for 4, 5 and 7. Rung for Confirmation service.

DERBY.—At the Cathedral, on Mar. 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. J. Skinner 1, G. Halls (cond.) 2, J. Stennitt 3, J. Constant 4, D. P. Jones 5, A. E. Thompson 6, Alan Taylor 7, H. Taylor 8, Albert Taylor cover bell. Rung for Evensong.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Feb. 26th, 1,279 Stedman Caters: H. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, J. Waters 3, H. Belcher 4, W. Langdon 5, A. Peck 6, W. Rawlings 7, R. Deal 8, J. Phillips (cond.) 9, J. Allsop 10.

HALKYN, FLINTSHIRE.—On Feb. 26th, 2,160 Plain Bob Minor: S. Williams 1, L. S. Griffiths 2, P. Handley 3, J. P. Griffiths 4, L. J. Evans 5, A. J. Salisbury (cond.) 6. Also 420 each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles.

QUARTER PEALS

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of April Day, Norfolk, Old, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepp, Grandsire, 180 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob; 10 changes of method): J. Cruickshank 1, R. Trebilcock 2, J. Hadfield 3, V. Green 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Gallop 6. Rung to welcome home to the Vicarage the Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Day) from hospital.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 6th, 1,560 Northrepps Doubles: Laura M. Beeney 1, Kathleen Yeo 2, G. Beeney 3, F. Beeney 4, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. First in method by all the band.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Papworth 1, R. Pye 2, Miss W. Elliott 3, C. Button 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, A. R. Elliott 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam H. P. Child's, J.P., who was interred this day.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Kirk (first quarter) 1, E. Morris 2, Barbara Endall 3, T. H. Bent 4, W. Tanser 5, C. P. Walker (cond.) 6, E. J. Clements 7, J. Bramley 8. For evening service.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On Feb. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Midwinter 1, M. W. Lewis (first 'inside') 2, W. L. Exton 3, S. L. Barley 4, C. J. Copp 5, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 6. Also on Mar. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. W. Lewis 1, F. G. Hooper 2, D. Simpson 3, W. A. Muddell 4, S. L. Barley (cond.) 5, F. W. Midwinter 6.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Isobel Inman (first quarter) 1, Margaret E. L. Beamish (first of Grandsire Doubles) 2, J. Knight (first of Grandsire Doubles) 3, R. E. Finch 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, P. W. M. Jones (first quarter) 6. First quarter peal by Southampton University Ringing Society.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 1st, 1,440 Surprise Minor (360 each of London, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge): A. Walpole 1, J. W. Forder 2, F. Gunton 3, G. Walpole (cond.) 4, E. Long 5, D. Long 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. St. John Heard.

ROMSEY ABBEY, HANTS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Knight 1, C. Herbert 2, J. Page 3, M. Northway 4, D. Greenlaw 5, K. Jacobs 6, C. T. Drew (cond.) 7, J. Salvi 8.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Bartlam 1, J. Butler 2, Miss M. Hill 3, A. S. Colton 4, J. W. Horspool 5, S. Adams (cond.) 6, M. Colton 7. Ringers 5 and 7 covering. To the honour and glory of God, and for service, by the regular Sunday morning band.

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Durham and Newcastle Association

The 12th century Church of St. Michael, Heighington, with its three pre-Reformation bells, a tenor of 16 cwt. and a very long draught of ropes, was visited by 20 ringers from a wide area at the meeting of the Southern District held on March 5th. Methods rung ranged from Doubles to Surprise Major.

After tea in a local inn, at the business meeting, Mr. Kenneth Arthur thanked the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Meek) for the use of the bells and for conducting the service. Coupled with the thanks, he also mentioned the Vicar's warden, who played the organ and also joined in the ringing. F. W. C.

SALFORD, LANCS.—At the Church of the Sacred Trinity, on Mar. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Anne Muirhead 1, W. A. Cooper 2, E. Margaret Mitchell 3, P. E. Parry 4, R. G. Turner (cond.) 5, L. Boumphrey 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Brian A. Tomlinson, ringing master of the Manchester University Guild of Change Ringers.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Plain Bob, 480 Old and 60 Grandsire): A. Thornton (lead), Miss P. Render 1, J. Potts 2, E. M. Bradley 3, Miss D. M. Hawley (cond.) 4, A. Sheppard 5, D. Ruckledge 6.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. C. Birt 1, A. D. Rivers (first of Stedman 'inside') 2, W. W. Wolstencroft 3, Mrs. J. C. Birt 4, Mrs. W. Butler 5, D. W. Stone (first of Triples in the method) 6, W. Birmingham (first in method as cond.) 7, Miss J. L. Adamson 8. First in method for 4, 5 and 8. Rung for the return of H.R.H. Princess Margaret from her Caribbean tour.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—At the Minster, on Mar. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. L. Exton (first in method) 1, G. E. Foster 2, C. F. Briggs 3, F. Pickard 4, W. N. Brown 5, J. F. Milner (cond.) 6, F. W. Midwinter 7, J. B. Smith (first of Triples) 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Jelley 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, E. J. Jelley 3, N. Moyes 4, G. H. Bray 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, B. S. Chapman 7, J. M. Jelley 8. For Evensong.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Tapley 1, W. Reeks 2, S. Skinner 3, J. L. Glanvill 4, F. Wreford 5, J. Quick 6, G. E. Retter (cond.) 7, D. Reeks 8. First of Stedman Triples for 3 and 6.

SPARSHOLT, HANTS.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of New Bob, St. Simon's, Stedman, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): C. W. Barnes (first quarter) 1, P. Nash 2, J. A. C. King 3, J. M. N. Lakin 4, R. F. Brewer (cond.) 5.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Sherwood 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, F. Eley 3, C. Hone 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, J. Moore (first in method as cond.) 7, M. Carter 8. Rung for Commission of Assize.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Norris 1, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 2, Miss E. M. Slater (15, first quarter) 3, Miss C. C. Roberts 4, N. Edwards (17, first quarter, cond.) 5, E. Hall 6. Rung as a tribute to the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. N. M. Livingstone), who is retiring after 51 years in the ministry, and to Mrs. Livingstone.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: B. J. Luff (cond.) 1, Julia Collet (first quarter) 2, Marian Skinner 3, Jean Horton 4, B. W. Farhall 5, W. T. Cherriman 6. For evening service. Also on Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Helen Skinner 1, Marian Skiner 2, C. B. Skinner 3, J. Newell (first of Minor) 4, B. W. Farhall 5, B. J. Luff (cond.) 6.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Feb. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Brown 1, Mrs. S. G. Brown 2, Miss G. Brown 3, A. N. Other 4, Miss P. A. Gaunt 5, M. Maisey (cond.) 6, C. Lewinton 7, R. Rivers 8.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise: D. G. Broyd 1, R. J. Scott 2, D. M. Knox 3, J. W. Sinfield 4, J. G. Newman 5, C. B. Jefferies (cond.) 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. O. Sunman and family.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—On Mar. 6th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. Dearden 1, J. Chilcott 2, James Phillips 3, W. S. Langdon 4, B. Lunn 5, H. Heath 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, J. Waters 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Carnoghan (first quarter) 1, W. Paul 2, S. Hoare 3, R. Smith 4, E. Durrant 5, R. Bell (cond.) 6, G. Seaman 7, R. King 8.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—At St. Oswald's Church, on Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. C. James 1, Mrs. W. Maughan 2, Miss P. M. James 3, F. Robson (cond.) 4, T. Templeman 5, J. Clouston 6, W. Maughan 7, K. Lowson 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. Pellar, one of the first ringers at St. Oswald's.

NORWICH DIOCESAN

Tributes to Late President at South Norfolk Meeting

The 21st annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch was held at Diss on February 26th. Despite the very cold weather 40 ringers and friends attended. Before the service commenced the congregation stood while the organist, Mrs. W. Woods, played 'O Rest in the Lord' in memoriam to the late president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, who died the previous day, and also to Frederick Roope, of Pulham Market, 60 years a ringer of the Association. The service was conducted by the Rector, Bishop Belcher, assisted by Canon Nock and the Rev. F. E. Vokes. The Bishop, in his sermon, paid tribute to the late president and Mr. Roope in their great work for the church and the Association.

The Rev. F. E. Vokes presided at the business meeting. Mr. H. J. Watts, B.Comm., lay reader of Diss, was elected an honorary member, and Messrs. G. Herbert, M. Green and H. Chastney, of Quidenham, and H. Hines, of Brockdish, elected ringing members. The Branch secretary, Mr. A. G. Harrison, gave a review of the work of the Branch during 1954. The officers were re-elected, and the new committee elected were: Miss Betty Syrett, Messrs. H. Moss, F. C. Roper, C. F. W. Phillippo, W. A. Lock, W. G. Saunders and W. Flatt.

The chairman spoke of the sterling character of their late president and the great loss to the Association, also of Mr. F. Roope's services as a faithful member and church worker.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded, also to the members of the Suffolk Guild who attended.

CHERTSEY DISTRICT WEDDING

A wedding of special interest to the Chertsey District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild was held on March 5th at St. Peter's Church, Hersham, when Judith Ann Dodson became Mrs. Allen Harry Kingston. Both the bride and her father are ringers at Hersham, and both the bridegroom and his father ringers at Ottershaw.

Ringing by the Ottershaw band preceded a full choral service, and the Hersham ringers in their turn took over the ropes after the service.

After the 'newlyweds' had left the church for the reception, other ringing friends from various parts of the Diocesan Guild rang a successful peal of Plain Bob Major in their honour.

MR. F. W. ROGERS' 600 PEALS

With the peal of London Surprise Royal rung at St. Michael's, Southampton, on March 5th, Mr. F. W. Rogers, of Portsmouth, completed his 600th peal. He has conducted 250.

Minor.—Cambridge 3 (conducted 3).

Triples.—Grandsire 6, Stedman 46 (11).

Major.—Plain Bob 12 (5), Kent Treble Bob 5, Double Norwich Court Bob 38 (17).

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 75 (41), New Cambridge 7 (5), Superlative 65 (32), London 84 (35), Bristol 49 (22), Yorkshire 34 (22), Lincolnshire 5 (3), Pudsey 1 (1), Norfolk 1, Painswick 6 (6) Ashtead 1 (1), Rutland 3 (3). Spliced: Six methods 1 (1), five methods 1 (1), four methods 20 (6), two methods 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 3 (1), Stedman 18 (2).

Royal.—Plain Bob 7 (3), Kent Treble Bob 13 (3), Double Norwich 1.

Surprise Royal.—Cambridge 54 (20), New Cambridge 1, Yorkshire 13 (6), Spliced Cambridge and Yorkshire 3, London (No. 3) 3.

Cinques.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 13.

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 4, York Surprise 1.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD

Southern District

Those who turned up early for the quarterly meeting of the Southern District at Sketty on March 5th were able to ring for a wedding which took place at the church. The number which arrived later was the average, and represented Porthcawl, Aberavon, Neath, Cadoxton, Gorseinon, Llandilo, with visitors from Carmarthen, Bedwellty, Cardiff and St. Athans. It is hoped that the visitor from St. Athans, who motored 30 miles out of his way, was fully compensated by his first visit to Sketty. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Williams), who gave a very warm welcome to the ringers to St. Paul's, Sketty.

Tea was served in the Manor Hall, and afterwards, at the business meeting, with the Vicar in the chair, the secretary said that membership was being maintained but more members were wanted. Several new members were elected.

Mr. Meredith, of Sketty, who is leaving for Shrewsbury very shortly, was elected a life member. Good wishes were expressed by all. The next meeting will be held at Gorseinon in September.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, and also to the ringers' wives and their mothers in arranging and helping at the tea. J. A. N.

QUERY CORNER

Mr. Ernest J. Rowe: The Rev. F. E. Robinson, in his book, gives his last peal as rung at St. James', Devizes, Wilts. I feel, however, that in the belfry of St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, there is a board stating that the Rev. F. E. Robinson's last peal was rung in this tower. Did he commence peal ringing again after his illness, and, if so, how many more peals did he ring?

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A lady is now the pace-maker in Spliced Surprise Minor ringing. Miss Rhoda Brown conducted a peal of 38 Surprise Minor methods at Frampton, Lincs, on March 5th. We feel sure that the congratulations of the Exercise will be extended to her and the band on this fine performance.

The ringer of the fifth bell in the peal at Great Wymondley on February 19th was Mr. Frank W. Croft, and not Alfred W. as printed.

Miss Denise J. Shaw, of Deer Park Farm, Thrybergh, near Rotherham, is 'The Ringing World' representative for the Sheffield and District Society.

Work has started on quarter turning and re-hanging the six bells at Wellesbourn Hastings, Warwicks, by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. These bells have been silent for many years.

Miss Judith Holder, the first girl ringer at St. Andrew's, Ampthill, is now nursing at St. George's Hospital, London. She would like to continue her ringing in London.

The peal at Maids Moreton on February 19th was the first in more than seven methods on the bells and was not the first peal, as stated on page 133.

Eight of the 15 service ringers of All Saints', Runcorn, took part in a quarter peal of Bob Major on February 27th in honour on the birth of Elizabeth Ann Levin, on board S.S. 'Arcadia' on February 18th, bound for Melbourne, Australia. She is the granddaughter of Mr. E. H. Hughes, secretary of the tower. The ringers were all parents, two were grandparents, two were brothers and two father and son. The band was Walter Allman (conductor), William Allman, Harold Hayes, Harold Hayes, jun., Robert Hulse, Charles Ward, Fred Newport and Ernest Hughes.

We have received an interesting photograph taken by Miss Margaret C. Kelly, of Ottery St. Mary, on October 10th, 1901, showing a band of ringers who were the guests of the Rev. Maitland Kelly on their point of departure on a farm wagon from Kelly to Launceston. The party consists of the Revs. G. F. Coleridge, Saltern, Willett and F. E. Robinson, Messrs. W. W. Gifford, E. J. Munday, G. Williams, A. T. Beeston and P. R. Lilley.

Mr. W. Meredith is leaving Swansea for Shrewsbury very shortly. The good wishes from many ringing friends will go with him.

The custom is still preserved at Stafford of ringing the bells of St. Mary's Church for the commissioning of the Assize—the day the judge arrives and also for the Assize service.

Several of the 11 eight-bell towers in Devon which have not had peals rung in them are in the northern part of the county. One of them, Georgeham, was conquered on March 5th with a peal of Grandsire Triples. The Rudhall six were augmented to eight in 1926. The majority of the band were from Coombe Martin, the only scientific tower in North Devon.

The venue for the South of England Ringers' Rally and Dinner has this year been changed from Christchurch to the Gaumont Restaurant, Bournemouth, situated only one minute from buses and railway station. As announced last week the function is being held on May 7th at 6 p.m.

At the annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild it was found that there were 158 paid-up ringing members for 1954. The District comprises 14 towers with a total of 98 bells, so this figure of 158 gives an average of 1.612 ringing members per bell. Is this a record? inquires Mr. W. H. Viggers.

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PEAL RINGING IN KENT

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

AFTER Huntingdonshire we come to a group of counties where thousands of peals have been rung and about which it will be difficult, in a short space, to include all the items of interest. The first of them is Kent, in which county probably more peals have been rung than in any other (that is rather in the nature of a guess at the moment, but when I have written about all the counties, I shall be in a position to say definitely). One good reason for making this guess is that the county gets off to such a good start with two towers where more peals have been rung than in any other church in the world. They are, of course, Crayford, with a present total of 509 (since 1881—there were four or five before this date), and Erith, St. John's, with 500. Thus these two alone can claim over 1,000 peals between them.

Then there are eight other towers which have passed the century mark and they account for another 1,000 peals between them. I think the only possible rival for most peals will be Suffolk, which I haven't examined properly yet except to know that six towers have passed the 200 peals mark, and six more the 100 peals mark, which suggests a 2,000 peal total from them alone, also. Be that as it may, Crayford and Erith, St. John's, are far ahead of any other church tower in the land (Loughborough Bell Foundry, which is getting on for 600, is most of all, of course, but it is a secular ring). I am not going to say very much about these two towers, for long articles appeared in this paper about them.

Just a little comparison of the way the peals have come from the two towers will, I hope, be sufficient here. Crayford started a few years earlier than Erith, but it was the latter tower which was the most popular before the first war (not that you could call Crayford unpopular when 116 peals were rung there in that period !). No less than 241 peals were rung at Erith in those 32 years from 1882 to 1914, 237 of them from 1888 onwards. The greatest number of peals rung in any year in its history was in 1892, when 21 successful attempts were made. This average of about eight a year has been kept up very consistently since, for a further 162 were rung in the 20 years from 1919 to 1939, and there have been 95 in the past ten years.

Crayford has seen rather more fluctuations. Its 116 before 1914 means only about four a year, but between the wars no less than 280 were rung, an average of about 12 a year. The most prolific year was in 1934, which produced 25 of them, but other years about that time reached 24. Erith was still ahead in numbers, however, by the beginning of the last war, despite the large number of peals coming from Crayford in the 1930's, and it was only the better start which the latter got off to after the war which enabled it to pass Erith's total in 1944. One hundred and thirteen have been rung at Crayford since 1943, but during the last two or three years Erith has begun to catch up again. It remains to be seen whether it will do so in the next few years. But we must leave it at that as far as these two prolific 8-bell towers are concerned.

It is the 8-bell towers which have been most popular in Kent, for all the eight centenarians are in this group. They are Dartford (181, 43 from 1882 to 1909, 99 between the wars and 39 since the war); Woolwich (166, 112 before 1914, 43 from 1917 to 1939 and 11 from 1944 to 1951); Lewisham (162, 114 from 1881 to 1914, 39 between the wars and nine in the past six years); Gravesend (134, 34 pre-1914, 85 from 1923 to 1939 and 15 from 1945 to 1954); Speldhurst (125, 98 from 1886 to 1911, 17 from 1921 to 1938, 10 since 1945); Tunstall (120, 56 from 1900 to 1914, and five from 1920 to 1923, when there were six bells in the tower, 37 on the eight bells between 1923 and 1939 and 22 since 1943); Tunbridge Wells (113, 49 pre-1914, 44 between the wars, 20 from 1945); and Bromley (109, 55 from 1884 to 1912 and 54 from 1918 to 1939—this tower was destroyed in the war). It will be seen from these figures how consistent has been the peal ringing in the county over the past 70 years.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

There are two 12-bell towers in Kent—Canterbury Cathedral and Quex Park. The former was a 10-bell tower at the beginning of the period, and 28 peals were rung there from 1884 to 1923 (with the usual gap of the war years) on the ten. After augmentation, 15 peals were rung up to 1937 and there have been eight since the war, giving a grand total of 51. Quex Park (a secular tower) was more popular early on, for 66 of the 96 peals were rung before 1911. There were 21 from 1920 to 1939 and nine since 1951.

The most that the seven 10-bell towers can muster is 70 (and there are actually two 6-bell towers with a bigger total than this, as will be seen later). Greenwich has this number, and 60 of them are prior to 1913. Eight were rung in the early 1920's and one each in the years 1930 and 1937. Thus it is nearly 20 years since a peal was rung here. Leeds (a famous tower of old) has 69 in the period. It has done better in the latter half of the 70 years than in the former, for only 15 peals were rung before 1913, and there have been 19 since 1945. Maidstone has 61—one a year from 1883 onwards with gaps from 1910 to 1922 and during the last war. Beckenham was an 8-bell tower up to 1933, and 22 peals had been rung from 1905 up to the augmentation. Five were rung on the ten before the last war, and there have been 19 since then. Rochester Cathedral was also an eight up to the early 1920's. Twelve peals were rung on the eight bells from 1905. Nineteen more came before 1939 on the ten from 1924, and the tower has appeared eight times in the lists since 1945. St. Lawrence, Thanet, likewise became a 10-bell tower in 1924, and only seven peals had been rung there prior to that, the earliest in 1891. It was more popular with ten bells and there followed 12 peals up to 1939, and ten in the last ten years, giving a total of 29. The last of the 10-bell towers is Cudham, where only 17 peals have been rung. These have all come since 1930—at about one each ringing year.

A few more of the 8-bell towers are worthy of mentioning, especially those which are nearing the century mark. Canterbury, St. Stephen's, is nearest with 98. The majority (67) were rung between 1901 and 1914, but there were 21 from 1920 to 1935. Only five have come since then, three since the war. Milton (Gravesend) has 95—the first in 1891 and most between the wars (63). Fifteen have come from 1946 to 1953, so the 100 should soon go up. Sittingbourne has scored 94. The post second war period is the best here for 28 have been rung since 1944. There were 32 before 1914 and 34 from 1919 to 1939. Rolvenden and Gillingham have both 92. In each case they are spread evenly over the whole period and both have produced just under 20 since 1944. Three towers in the 80's are Deptford (St. John's) and Swanscombe (both 84) and Northfleet (83).

SIX-BELL TOWERS

Several 6-bell towers have good totals for their group, and one in particular—Lamberhurst— deserves special mention, for it is nearing the century (91 peals). As I have previously said, only one 6-bell tower in the whole country has passed the 100 mark (Thornton Magna with 136) and actually Lamberhurst comes third in the whole country, for only Wickham Skeith (apart from Thornham) can beat its total and that only by one. Since this tower has not been heard for many years and Lamberhurst has (but not so frequently as before the war) it should soon move up into second place. Lamberhurst's peals are spread fairly evenly over the years from 1906, but we find a bigger proportion from 1928 to 1939 (40) than elsewhere. Six have been rung since 1948. Horsmonden (72) can also beat the 10-bell towers for number of peals. The earliest here was as far back as 1888, but the best period was again between the wars when 49 were rung. Eleven have come since 1945. The only other 6-bell tower to pass the 50 mark is Bobbing with 52. Only two of these came between the wars (in 1936 and 1937). Twenty-nine were rung from 1896 to 1914, and there have been 21 in the past six years, so the tower is going great guns at the moment. Other 6-bell towers worthy of note are Upchurch (43 peals), Willesborough (39), Teynham (36), East Peckham (34), Seal Chart (33) and Rodmersham (31). With the exception of Teynham all are doing very well at the moment.

There is little to be said about the 5-bell towers. Only 11 out of the 26 have had peals rung at them—Stockbury having the most (six in the past three years).

As for virgin towers, Sandwich alone of the 86 8-bell towers has not appeared in the peal lists during the past 70 years (but peals were rung here over 100 years ago). Several of the 6-bell towers need attention as far as ringing a peal on them is concerned. They are Chislet, Eastling, Elmsted, Kennington, Maidstone (St. Michael's), Pluckley, Sheldwich, Southborough and Southfleet. But nine out of 100 is not many Thus only ten out of the 195 6- to 12-bell towers have not had a peal rung at them since 1881. No doubt some of these will be conquered soon. Only four of the 86 8-bell towers have not had a peal since the war, the longest silence being at Lee (last peal 1931). Several 6-bell towers have been silent longer than this, with Boughton Monchelsea holding the record, since its only peal was rung in 1904.

So much for the prolific peal ringing county of Kent.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Leicester friends will join with us in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. John R. Smith on the gift of a son. The happy father conducted a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Bunwell in honour of the event on March 5th.

The bells of Diss Parish Church were rung half-muffled on March 5th to the memory of the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and for Mr. F. Roope, for 60 years a member of the Association.

A centenary peal was rung at Loddon, Norfolk, on March 5th, 100 years after the first peal of Major at this tower. The same composition, one of Charles Middleton's, was used. The band that rang the original peal was Edward Goose, Robert Burrell, Charles Middleton, William Freeman, Robert Palgrave, Walter Cole, James Truman and George Smith. Are there any ringers living who rang with any of them?

Members of the Universities Association will note with pleasure that Southampton University Ringing Society, which was founded last November, has rung its first quarter. The Society use North Stoneham tower for instruction and regular practices. With the assistance of ringing members of Peter Symonds' School, Winchester, the Society is attempting to introduce some of the Minor and Doubles methods less frequently rung in the district. Already two joint peals of Minor have been rung. The Society has at present a membership of nine.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

A Gain of 50 Members in 1954

Over 40 members from 15 towers journeyed amidst wintry conditions to Ranmoor Church for the annual meeting of the Sheffield and District Society. Ringing in a variety of methods from Grandsire Doubles to London and Bristol Surprise continued from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

With his usual efficiency the Rev. John H. Pain presided over the business meeting, at which members were confronted with a long agenda. This, however, due to excellent preparation at the committee meeting held earlier in the afternoon, was dealt with in record time.

The secretary, Mr. N. Chaddock, reported a most successful year's activities, saying that over 50 new members had been elected, and that both the income and the worth of the Society had increased considerably. Meetings had been well attended. In thanking various bodies for their support in making the year such a successful one, he said that the Society was indebted to 'The Ringing World' for publishing, promptly and in full, all the reports he had sent in.

The Ringing Master, Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert, remarked how promising it was that there were so many towers in the area with large numbers of young recruits coming forward, and emphasised the value of ringing meetings to these ringers of the future.

Mr. N. Chaddock expressed his wish to be relieved of his duties as secretary as he had an exceptionally busy year before him. Mr. John Seager was elected to take his place. Other new officers elected were: Vice presidents, Mr. F. Brunt and Mr. W. L. Robinson; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. W. L. Robinson; 'Ringing World' representative, Miss D. J. Shaw. All other officers were re-elected.

A fixture list for the next two years was agreed upon, covering 24 towers.

The meeting concluded with the president, Mr. H. O. Chaddock, expressing satisfaction on the progress made during the year and prospects for the future. He thanked friends at Ranmoor for the excellent arrangements provided for this meeting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division held at St. Mary's, Eastbourne, on February 26th, was attended by about 42 members, a little below the average for the annual meeting, but no doubt the very cold weather had some effect on attendance.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was varied and included rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich. There was a short service conducted by the Vicar (Canon L. E. Meredith) assisted by the Rev. Mr. Tibbs.

An excellent tea, served in the Old Parsonage, was followed by the business meeting. Mr. S. E. Armstrong, Master of the Association, was in the chair, and members expressed pleasure that he was able to attend. The secretary's report and the balance sheet were read and adopted. The secretary was able to report a good increase in membership, including the tower affiliations of Northiam, St. Saviour's, Eastbourne, Waldron and Willingdon. The bells in the Division were reported to be in good condition.

All the officers of the Division were re-elected:—Mr. R. W. Pankhurst, secretary; Mr. L. W. Giles, Ringing Master; Mr. T. A. Hunnisett, auditor; Mrs. B. Percy and Mr. H. G. Reynolds, committee members.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, the organist who kindly offered his services at very short notice, and the ladies for an excellent tea. R. W. P.

EXPLORING IN WARWICKSHIRE

Friends from Wolverhampton and Little Aston, near Lichfield, were exploring five- and six-bell towers in Warwickshire on Saturday, February 12th.

At Barston, near Solihull, the Vicar informed the party that the bells had not been rung for seven years and, as far as he knew, were unringable. An inspection revealed that all that was wrong was that a little of the treble wheel was missing. The Vicar, who is a ringer, gave permission for a trial. The bells are the second lightest five in the county, the tenor (a bell of 1683 by Matthew Bagley) weighing 5 cwt. in C. Matthew Bagley also cast the second six years later. The treble is by William Bagley, cast in 1691, while the fourth is 1728, by Joseph Smith, of Edgbaston. The third is the most interesting, being a 14th century bell. Although they are all in tune, they need rehanging before a peal could be attempted.

Honiley, near Warwick, has a somewhat peculiar looking tower containing a poor-going five of fair tone (tenor 8 cwt. in A). An order for rehanging is shortly to be placed—not before time. The front four are hung on one level with the tenor above in the centre, at the bottom of the spire.

On arrival at New Milverton the band discovered that the reputed ring of five there consisted in fact of four clock bells hung dead, and an hour bell (14¼ cwt.) hung for ringing. Fellow 'tower snatchers' interested please note.

In contrast, the band received permission from the Archdeacon of Coventry to try the excellent six bells at Bilton, near Rugby, on condition that ringing was kept to a minimum. The bells (tenor 7¼ cwt. in A flat) were retuned and augmented from five by Taylor in 1948. The church is fortunate in possessing a good, keen, local band, who practise every Monday.

Although disappointed they could not ring there, the band are pleased to report that an order has been placed to have Napton-on-the-Hill bells overhauled, and they received an invitation to try them out when the job is completed.

St. Leonard's, Priors Marston, was the last tower visited—a fine-toned ring of six (tenor 14¼ cwt. in F). Originally a six, by H. Bagley, in 1721, they were retuned and the tenor recast by John Taylor and Co.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch took place at Spalding on February 19th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. The service, at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Rev. D. Jenkins, and the address given by the Rev. G. N. Heath.

Tea was taken at the Greyhound Hotel, an excellent meal which was enjoyed by the 47 members present. The business meeting followed, and in the absence of the president (the Rev. M. H. R. Synge) the Rev. G. N. Heath took the chair. All officers were re-elected with the exception of the vice-president, the Rev. Mr. Wright, of Deeping St. Nicholas, who is leaving the district; the Rev. Mr. Davies, of Fulney, was elected to fill this vacancy. Membership was still on the increase with plenty of young members coming along. The Branch funds were also in a healthy state. A sum of two guineas was granted to the St. Paul's Cathedral appeal, and the sum of five guineas was granted to Thetford, Norfolk, to help towards the cost of a new headstock for the sixth bell; this unfortunately broke on the Spalding outing last year.

The best wishes of the members were expressed to the Rev. G. N. Heath, who is shortly leaving to take over a new parish in Hertfordshire.

The meeting closed with some handbell ringing. All then returned to the tower for more ringing. Methods ranged from rounds and Plain Hunt to Surprise Major. R. C. N.

MR. JAMES F. SMITH

An Appreciation

The Oxford Diocesan Guild has lost a faithful servant in the death of Jim Smith, and those whom he taught to ring a true ringing 'father.' As one who learned the rudiments of ringing from him, the writer can testify to his born leadership and gift for instructing. Almost all his life he had been in charge of men and he brought that discipline into the belfry. He was no martinet but he would not tolerate indifferent striking. The older hands at Nettlebed (Oxon) didn't take kindly to criticism, but the youngsters nurtured in the tradition of 'only the best will do' revered a leader who established standards that would make them unashamed in any tower they visited.

His enthusiasm was conveyed to his pupils, and it was quite common for the bells to be rung three and four times on a Sunday. Jim devoted hours to his trainees outside the belfry. The village club was the ringers' rendezvous and, to the obvious amusement of the uninitiated, the mysteries of change ringing were explained orally and on paper, and 'homework' set to be figured out before the next visit to the belfry. Every recruit was well in advance theoretically of what was being practised. Thus beginners were eager to advance to what they had already studied.

Enthusiasm was maintained by cycle outings about twice a year, when two towers would be visited on a Sunday afternoon and evening. Mr. Smith made a point of introducing his youngsters to his old ringing friends and personalities in the Guild, so they felt part of the greater brotherhood of ringers and not ringing outcasts from a remote country village. Once Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Oxford Bob were mastered he switched to Stedman because, as he often said, 'If you can ring Stedman you will always get a pull when you visit another tower. Although a beginner finds the mastery of Stedman more difficult than methods, Jim's skill as a teacher was such that one new recruit who joined the band when they were attacking Stedman was soon ringing it perfectly before he could ring Grandsire or Plain Bob.

His favourite methods were Double Oxford and Woodbine, and the writer, brought up to love Woodbine, feels a natural opposition to those who would forbid it. Mr. Smith was never at home on eight bells, though he rang the standard service methods, but as a ringer and conductor of Minor he was brilliant.

When he found himself since the last war among ringers with no wish to learn, or to change from their 'stoney' ringing he was almost heartbroken, and often spoke to the writer about his misfortune. For the past two or three years he did no ringing on doctor's orders, but when the writer visited him a week or two before his death he was conversant with every topic from 'The Ringing World,' and mentioned all the peals in which the writer had participated in recent years, inquiring about their standard and the bells. He pleaded for some action to be taken on behalf of those incapacitated like himself, on the shabby treatment meted out to ringing by the B.B.C., when a few minutes' uninterrupted ringing would bring so much pleasure and satisfaction.

Many a ringer has enjoyed the hospitality of his home, and seen him tapping changes on his handbells or enjoyed his anecdotes of ringers and ringing incidents, always clean and kindly. After ringing he regularly attended the service, and as a singer joined in the hymns, singing lustily in harmony. His life was an example of what a good ringer can be. May he find rest and joy in his new life beyond the grave. W. B.

The peal of Doubles recently rung at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Hambleden, Bucks, was the first since the rehanging of the bells last year. It is also believed to be the first ever rung on the bells, which were augmented to five in 1634.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A DISPUTED PEAL

Dear Sir,—In his letter on the above subject Mr. Fox does not put the position at all clearly. As chairman of the committee at the time the matter was discussed, may I give the facts as they were presented to us?

Fordham Surprise Major was being rung, a bob was called, the fourth bell should have run in but did not do so at once, thus causing a little confusion in the striking. I questioned several of the band who were present at the meeting and was quite satisfied that the trip had been corrected at once and that no 'fiddling' had been done. The committee decided by a large majority to accept the peal for inclusion in the annual report. It must be assumed, therefore, that Mr. Fox has written to you for his own satisfaction; he certainly was not asked to do so by the committee.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK W. LACK.

Huntingdon.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE'S RULING

Dear Sir,—If the facts are as stated, the Analysis Committee would not accept it as a 'true peal.'

I can personally quote several instances where this has happened—bells accidentally running into rounds—but 'Stand' was called and the 'peal' was not even sent in.

The conductor should, in my opinion, notify 'The Ringing World' that the peal has been withdrawn.

W. AYRE,
Convener, Peals Analysis Committee.

'THE CRAFTY BRER FOX'

Dear Sir,—I would like to point out to Mr. K. W. H. Felstead that, had he intended emulating the antics of Brer Rabbit, he would not, as he implies, 'lie low and say nuffin,' for it will be remembered that it was the crafty Brer Fox who lay low while Brer Rabbit got himself all stuck up on the Tar Baby. Perhaps one of Mr. Felstead's critics could tell us whether the Tar Baby's name could possibly have been Robert Triples.

'BRER BEDFORD.'

Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir —In your issue of March 4th I notice that Mr. Smith, of Lichfield, makes some remarks about St. Dunstan's Doubles being included in our handbell peals at Sherburn-in-Elmet, and I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my opinion of the method. Mr. Smith states that it was condemned by the Central Council as an illegitimate method a few years ago, but if he cares to examine a copy of the Council's book on 'Doubles and Minor Methods' he will find that St. Dunstan's is included, without any comment on its illegitimacy.

After all, it is practically Grandsire Doubles with an extreme in place of a plain lead. If, as he says, its illegitimacy is due to the fact that it has not the same number of leads in a plain course as there are working bells, I think he will find there are other methods with the same 'fault.'

Personally speaking, this is the first time I have heard anything querying the legality of St. Dunstan's.

In conclusion, may I say that I am hoping to ring a good many more handbell peals with Mr. Sheppard and Co. and hope that (unless it is quoted as illegal by the Council) we shall complete our Doubles peals with an extent of St. Dunstan's.—Yours sincerely,

E. M. BRADLEY.

Sherburn-in-Elmet.

BLUE BOOK AND REGISTER

Dear Sir,—I consider the suggestion of 'Blue Book' and 'Register' a very good one. It is a pity it has not been put forward before.

The difficulty with the 'Blue Book' will be, I think, a **workable system** of classifying methods and fitting index letters and numbers to avoid a cumbersome group of letters and figures for each method. Also a really competent keeper of the 'Blue Book' must be found. A retired records clerk would be the right person, if such a person willing to do it could be found in the Exercise.

I hope that if and when the work of classifying is undertaken, room will be found in the method notation for a symbol indicating its **musical** qualities, say, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative as the yardstick in their different classes for a definition of quality. We ringers claim that we ring for the glory of God, so let us find out what is the best ringing, for only the best is good enough for God.—Yours sincerely,

A. H. KEMP.

Hawkhurst, Kent.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—Not long ago we understood if more postal subscribers could be found there would be no need to increase the price. Now it has been increased it will be interesting to note the effect. My view is that a peal advertisement charge of 3d. per bell should have been tried first; on the average this would realise £200 to £250 per year, and with voluntary donations there might be a surplus. Each year the Central Council could vote such surplus to a worthy bell restoration fund and the ringers could partly justify their use of bells for peals. If the price is continued at 6d. we may find some will cancel, many will share, and the prospects of new subscribers are lessened. May we hope this matter will be debated at all annual meetings and the Central Council representatives will be instructed to vote as the majority desire, and the price will once more encourage more subscribers.

J. EUSTON.

Streatham, S.W.16.

Note.—The effect of the increased price is given on page 154 in the Editor's speech at the Henry Johnson dinner.—Ed.

LENGTH OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—If a full peal is too long in some circumstances, why not recognise half-peals of 2,500 or over (2,520 for Triples, and four extents of Minor 2,880) and leave us our quarters for Sunday service ringing?

Why this craze for speed in peal ringing? I so often hear 'What has been the quickest peal rung on these bells?' I would much sooner hear 'Which was the best-struck peal on these bells? '—Yours sincerely,

C. TOM DREW.

Romsey.

278 SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—I regret to say that the list of c.p.s. Surprise Major on page 102 contains the following mistakes:—

(54) For 14, —, 14 read 14, —, 34.
(58) For 12, 38, 14 read 12, 36, 14.
(86) For 14—14 read 14—12.
(91) For 14, —, 34 read 14, —, 12.

The following are **not** c.p.s.: Nos. 41, 43, 44, 45, 48, 222, 223, 270, 271.

I apologise for these slips.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

W. Bedfont, Middlesex.

MAINLY ABOUT TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter from Mr. W. A. J. Knight, published in your issue of February 25th, I think Mr. Knight will find that, if he takes the trouble to read my letter properly, I was certainly not advocating the rejection of peals of Grandsire Triples from the Analysis. I expressed the opinion that if peals in any method had to be rejected, I would vote for the rejection of peals of Grandsire Triples; however, I went on to say that I fail entirely to see why peals in any method, which contain 5,040 true changes, should be so rejected. I can assure Mr. Knight that I make no claims whatever to be a conductor in any method, and anyone who can call such a peal as Holt's Original, and correct any trips which may occur, has my wholehearted admiration. I am fully aware of the difficulties involved in conducting a peal of Grandsire (a duty which I am not likely ever to undertake), but this fact does not make Grandsire in itself a better method. In previous letters published in these columns I have stated at length my reasons for believing that Grandsire is a 'dead end' method as far as progress in ringing is concerned; the popularity of the method is perfectly obvious to all, and the preference is purely one of personal opinion.

However, leaving aside this vexed question, I have not yet read in these columns of a satisfactory answer to my question as to why peals of Bob Triples should be rejected from the Analysis—the reason is probably that there is no satisfactory answer. However, even if the Council, at the Bristol meeting, does take the step of refusing for the future to accept for its records a peal in a perfectly true and complete method, the mere thought of making such a decision retrospective is wholly ludicrous; to declare that a peal of Bob Triples rung in, say, 1910, is not now to be recognised is rather reminiscent of the trial of the bones of Thomas à Becket for treason, some 500 years after his martyrdom!

One or two final points. I would like to thank Mr. Felstead for his letter, and assure him that I am well aware of the proceedings at most of the recent Council meetings; I wished merely to emphasise the need for delegates to remember that they are there to put forward the views of their Associations and Societies, however much these may conflict with the recommendations of the various Council committees. This, of course, leads to a consideration of the main point raised by Mr. Birmingham in the fourth paragraph of his letter, also published in the issue of February 25th. All delegates must at some time or another have been confronted with the necessity of voting on an important matter, which they have had no opportunity whatever of bringing before a representative gathering of the members of the Society which they represent. There is certainly plenty of room for action over this matter, and I, too, hope very much that the question will be raised at the Bristol meeting.

One last word—personally I take part in peals for my own pleasure and not solely for the satisfaction of knowing that these peals will be included in the Analysis (how many ringers can seriously say that the ever examine the Analysis in detail?). It is the principle that concerns me; why should peals of Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob be included in the Analysis and those of Plain Bob Triples rejected, when all three methods have the defect (if defect it can be termed) of one bell striking four times consecutively in one place? I had the pleasure of taking part very recently in a good peal of Bob Triples, and I care not in the least whether this peal will be included in the 1955 Analysis or not. I enjoyed taking part, as did all the band, I am certain. No, sir, the whole affair is a matter of principle, and an important principle.—Yours sincerely,

PETER N. BOND

Hildenborough, Kent.

LETTERS—Continued

'CHURNING OUT v. DESIGNING'

Dear Sir,—Mr. Blagrove's list of Surprise forms in the Major stage will be useful to those scoring 'first in the method' peals, but there are second thoughts on this matter.

This is no disparagement of his effort. On page 812 of issue 2,280, he himself makes light of it, saying that he turns out Surprise methods 'at a higher rate than one a minute.' Again, though he says that 'there are over 200,000 of them,' even with limitations he imposes, yet on page 102 of issue 2,290, he claims that his list of 278 methods he 'churned out and proved in under ten hours.' So how many of the 200,000 he made out and examined we may guess. But to inspect even one three-hundredth part of that total would be to make out, and test completely, at least one every minute of that 'under ten hours.' Even employing a digital computer would take longer than that to set it up!

But seriously, he confuses this 'churning out' process with that of obtaining a method 'by design.' The former process, routine, mechanical, repetitive, may be undertaken (as we indicated on page 11 of issue 2,284) by anyone shown the routine of place-marking-in. Several, if not all, of these major forms he listed will have been previously noted by some or others of us in working over many years in the field of method structure. In fact a very rough check indicates that at least about 40 have been previously published. That a potentially exhaustive list of these particular forms of method has not been previously compiled only serves to illustrate the point that it has been considered preferable to make particular note only of what has been 'designed' for some specific object 'Churning out' yields skeletons, exhibiting (superficially) little of the characteristics and qualities of the method until examined; whereas the alternative approach is to decide on certain requirements of design—effectively, what you will get in the blue line, in musical qualities and so on—and to draw up the specification for the method accordingly, having regard especially to its 'family' capacity. This last qualification (modern designs should be fully extensile) will demand, Mr. Blagrove will find, something more in time and ability than the 'churning out' process. It is a factor his list ignores, nor does it indicate whether the forms are basic or otherwise. (Even so, the list is limited to even-bell methods, to hunt-controlled forms, to the Major stage only and to 'Surprise' only.) Unfortunately for his cause he does it further disservice by declaring that we 'idolise' method designing.

On the contrary, one's true objective is to explode the myth that it is some sort of secret process of 'discovery,' and to show that it consists in building up a framework from given particulars, i.e., formulating a SPECIFICATION, which shall **define the method pattern for all tenable stages.** The act of designing a method resides in drafting the specification and not in filling in the place-positions of one stage only. For example, when I wished for an entirely new method for the Coronation, I designed it to embody 'stepped' places in symmetry, forming a pyramidal shape in the grid pattern, suggesting the position of the Sovereign at the head of the State. That it might have a more general appeal I decided that it should be a plain-hunt-controlled even-bell method. Mr. Blagrove tells us, on page 812 of issue 2,280, that **all** Plain Major methods are in the Driver collection. But the fact is that my specification provided a quite new method in that class, fully extensile; the design being deliberate—not hit upon by routine pegging of place-positions until sundry 'skeletons' showed something we were after. The basic was found to be in the Major stage. It was named 'REGINA' and a peal was later rung at Witney, in Oxfordshire, conducted by Alan Pink.

But Mr. Blagrove would appreciate far more of our main contention by trying his hand at 'designing.' If he would care to have a shot, here is an outline specification which will give him greater latitude than normally. He may be satisfied to tackle one stage only:

Stages.—Odd-bell.
Type.—Omni-working. (No hunt-bell.)
Form.—In Triples, 'Double.' (Basic stage.)
Characteristics.—Variable position of group-hunting with paired dodging.

The clues to the design are implied. (It will not be satisfied, of course, by such as 'Double Stedman.'—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

PRESTON CANDOVER-WITH-NUTLEY

Dear Sir,—A couple of years ago I wrote about the cacophony of our ring of five at Preston Candover, Hants.

Friends in the Exercise and in the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild may like to know that those bells are out and on their way 'to the pot,' where, with the Laverstoke bell (1624) they will be converted into a ring of six with the Laverstoke bell as tenor. We are hoping that they will be back and rededicated by the autumn.

We have been blessed with a substantial grant from the Barron Bell Trust, and during the last six months, since the appeal was launched, we have received a total of £450 towards a total of £900.

Maybe there are some who would like to share in our aspirations by sending a small contribution. Every little helps.—Yours sincerely,

C. E. C. BRINKWORTH,
Vicar.

The Vicarage, Preston Candover,
Basingstoke.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

A New President and Ringing Master

It is the custom in this Guild to hold the annual business meeting alternately in the west and east of the county. This year it was the turn of the east and it was held on February 26th amid snowy conditions in the beautifully warmed Church Hall at Liskeard. Among those who attended were representatives from the little parish or Zennor, near St. Ives, which, according to the newspapers, had recently been cut off from the rest of the world by snow.

Two important changes were made among the officials. Miss E. Symons, the retiring president, having stated in a letter that she would be quite ready to give place to a younger member should the meeting desire it, Mr. A. Carveth, of Kenwyn, was elected president. Mr. Southeard, who has for many years given magnificent service as Ringing Master, has for some time wished to see someone else in his place, and Mr. D. Burnett was elected Ringing Master. The other officials were re-elected. A recommendation was made that the President and Ringing Master should be changed every two years.

The treasurer reported a balance of over £54, and a letter was read from the peal secretary stating that 14 peals had been rung for the Guild during 1954. It was resolved that peals rung which do not conform to the rulings of the Central Council should not be inserted in the Guild peal book or published in the Guild report.

The Diocesan Festival is to be held at Launceston on the second or third Saturday in July. Launceston is a perfect paradise for bells, there being three good rings in the town in walking distance of each other, and another good ring of eight just over a mile outside.

The retiring president and Ringing Master were thanked for their good services to the Guild, also the Vicar of Liskeard for the use of the Church Hall and Liskeard bells.

THE BELLS OF TWO SURREY 'FOLDS'

Among the group of 'fold' villages to be found in Surrey only two are known to possess a ring of bells, the octave at Chiddingfold and the light six at Dunsfold. These villages are not many miles apart, and in both are found interesting churches with bells of good quality which have known recasting within the last twenty years.

Chiddingfold was made a market town by Royal Charter in 1300, but at the present time there is very little to show of such a status, even though the population is over 2,000. The church tower, stunted and unimposing, was probably built in the 15th century, but its height was increased by 14 feet in 1870. To reach the ringing room you ascend a stairway in the church and pass through a trap door, an unusual and awkward contrivance. The bells were four in number when the 'Inventory' was taken in 1552, and one of them can still be found in the tower, though not included in the present ring of eight.

Bells by three members of the Eldridge family had dates of 1622, 1656 and 1665, and Samuel Knight dated one in 1699 which, like the others, were recasts. In 1870 Mears and Stainbank cast a treble, for the back five and Warners added two trebles in 1894. In 1936 seven of the bells were recast at Whitechapel, and a new 5th was cast to take the place of the pre-Reformation 5th which was taken out of the ring after several centuries of service. This bell, now hung dead and used as a minute bell, has the 'lion's head' foundry stamp of the Wokingham foundry, also the R.L. bell W shield which denotes the period when Roger Landen had the foundry from 1448 to 1487. It is inscribed 'Sancta Trinitas Ora Pro Nobis.' The present octave is a pleasing ring with a tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

Dunsfold nestles at the foot of the southern slopes of the North Downs, with a church well away from the village overlooking a tributary of the River Arun. The first church fell down in 1275, and the present building was probably built by the Augustinian Canons, who had a house on the river bank nearby. Dating from the middle of the 13th century visitors will find it a perfect gem of a village church. The list of Rectors goes back to 1294, and the key of the church dates back to the first Rector. It is a massive piece of ironwork, probably made from iron mined near at hand.

It would seem that the builders intended to complete the church by a central tower, but the part of the plan was never carried out. Instead, there is a small spire carried up over the roof at the west end, and in this is housed a ring of six bells, the tenor of which is 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in A flat.

In 1552 there were three bells and these appear to have been recast, one by W. Knight in 1583, another by R. Eldridge in 1621 and the heaviest by B. Eldridge in 1649. By adding three lighter bells in 1892 the Croydon foundry formed a ring of six which did duty until 1946, when they were all recast at Croydon.

Ringing is done at the west end of the church, and for the inexperienced there is a long draught of rope, but the acoustics are good, which is a great help towards good striking.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. C. Case 1, W. A. Yates 2, A. Cozens (first quarter of Surprise) 3, T. E. Roberts 4, W. F. Eyden (first quarter of Surprise) 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6. A compliment to the conductor and his wife on the birth of a daughter.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON BOB MAJOR

By H. CHANT

Random thoughts on the composition of Bob Major, although designed for the benefit of young composers, may be perused with impunity by older ones.

Bob Major, as you already no doubt know, has a clean proof scale. This means that so long as the tenors (i.e., 7 and 8) are 'kept together,' there will be no internal falseness so long as the lead ends (or heads) do not repeat.

'Keeping the tenors together' means that they pursue throughout the composition the same relative position as they occupy in the plain course. Calling the tenor 5ths and 4ths is still regarded as keeping the tenors together, but I am ignoring the 5ths and 4ths altogether in this edifice of campanological clarity!

A bob 'before' merely repeats the previous lead with regard to the respective positions of the tenors and therefore in no way impairs the truth of our previous statement.

Internal falseness is the liability of a method to repeat certain rows even if the tenors are kept together and the lead ends are different, e.g., Treble Bob.

If the young composer—or would-be composer—has followed me so far he will now realise that all he has to do is to write out the lead-ends (or heads) of his composition, check them over to see that he does not get the same one twice, and his composition will be 'true.'

This, however, is tedious, except in short 'touches,' and, furthermore, life is short. (I might also have added that time is money, but I abhor clichés.)

It is not surprising, therefore, that efforts were made to curtail the flow of ink and the spoiling of paper, until eventually a system of proof was devised by Sir Arthur Heywood (and first presented in his book 'Duffield') whereby 'lead-ends were stated in the form of course-ends.'

This was further clarified by Snowdon in his 'Ropesight,' to which work the student can refer if he doesn't want to read what I have to say about it later on.

Leaving this system for the moment let us view the matter from another angle.

As 1, 7 and 8 are at 'Home' (i.e., in 'rounds' position) at the 'head' of every course when the tenors are kept together, it follows the number of courses available will be equal to the number of changes that can be obtained by the other five bells.

Now any Doubles ringer (and a few Minor ringers) will tell you that this number is 120. (I once knew a Major ringer who knew, too—but he had been educated in a Minor tower.)

Furthermore, owing to the peculiarities of 'in-course' and 'out-of-course' changes, only half of these (120÷2=60) can be used unless a 'single' is called.

For a full explanation of 'in' and 'out' changes the student is referred to Snowdon's 'Treble Bob' or 'The Campanologia Encyclopædia Chantonica,' Vol. VIII., Ch. 16 (page 1212).

These 60 courses then will contain all the changes possible with the tenors together unless a 'single' is called, and the 120 courses altogether the maximum changes with the tenors together.

But if we don't ring any part of any course twice over, then our composition must be true.

So simple, isn't it?

How is it done? Like this:—

Start with a round block, i.e., a plain course, and **insert** into that round block two complete courses.

Examine the following:—

23456	W
52436	—
35426	—
23456	—

Before the first bob and after the last bob the plain course is rung. Between the first and second bob a complete course is rung. (Starting in the 'Wrong' position and returning via the beginning of the course to the 'Wrong' position.)

Between the second and third bob a complete course has been rung. (For in parentheses see above.)

In fact we have rung three complete courses, i.e., 23456, 52436 and 35426, although we have prised one open at the 'Wrong' position (23456) in order to insert two more, which in each case have been rung back before front.

What is more, no proof is needed beyond looking at the course-heads to see that they are different.

This sort of thing can soon become a habit—and nothing to be proud of.

Look at these four stages of decline:—

(1) 23456
23456

(2) 23456	W
52436	—
35426	—
23456	—

(3) 23456	W	H
45236	—	—
24536	—	—
52436	—	
35426	—	
23456	—	

(4) 23456	W	M	H
42635	—	—	
62534		—	
45236		—	
24536			—
52436			—
35426	—		
23456	—		

And as a final lesson of the horrors of this revelation, this monstrosity I concocted in a weak moment:—

23456	W	M	H
43652		—	
54632	—		3
35642	—		3
26354	—	—	—
46253		2	
25463	—		—
62453	—		
56423	—		3
54263	—		2
65243	—		
63254	—	—	2

63254	W	M	H
34256		—	2
25346	—		—
32546			—
52643		—	
62435		—	3
63425	—		2
43526		—	3
53624		—	3
46325		—	—
43265	—		2
23564		—	3

23564	W	M	H
53462		—	3
24365		—	—
53246	—	—	—
52436	—		2
42635		—	3
62534		—	3
45236		—	—
23456	—	3	—

6608 Bob Major.
The extent direct with the tenors together.

Notice that by erasing consecutive blocks of three (W, M or H), the whole ungainly fabric is reduced to a plain course. No further proof is needed beyond seeing that the course-heads do not repeat.

It may be as well for the student to realise why the 'extent direct' (i.e., without bobs 'Before') is 59 courses, as we start from one course, and as we add two courses each time, the total must always be odd. This may be clearer than delving into Bob-sets and Q-sets, whatever they are!

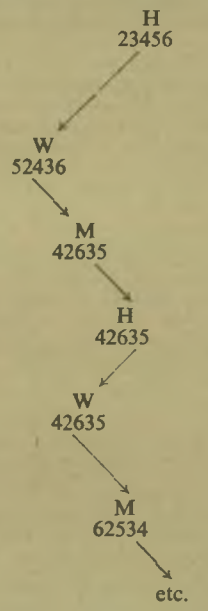
Later I hope to introduce you to a method of producing such peals by an easier method; meanwhile let us return to the system of proof I mentioned earlier.

Here is a 'touch' with proof:—

23456	W	M	H	W	M	H
42635	—	—		52436	42635	42635
62534		—		42635	62534	62534
45236		—	—	62534	52436	45236
24536			—	45236	45236	24536
52436			—	24536	24536	52436
35426	—			35426	35426	35426
23456	—			23456	23456	23456

In the proving columns, the three on the right, the seven courses used are neatly sliced up and prepared for our digestion. It could, therefore, be called a seven-course luncheon!

If your digestion (as a student) seems unequal to the task, then the following diagram (original) may help you to swallow:—



The plain course (23456) is rung to the W position. That is the first lead of the plain course. A bob 'Wrong' moves us into the **second lead** of the course 52436, which is rung as far as the 'Middle' position. Notice that we have rung neither the first nor last lead of the course 52436. The first lead is rung in the 6th course and the last lead in the 3rd course of this particular touch.

If you still don't understand it (not **you** professor, sit down!), then you can see me at the next Henry Johnson Dinner (provided you buy me a ticket).

For final checking see that there are no repetitions in the respective columns, i.e., the W column is true in itself, the M column itself is true and the H column is itself true.

If a bob 'Before' is called, enter this in the W column thus:—

23456	W	B	M	H	W	M	H
					52436		
52364	—	1		—	23564	23564	52364
35264				—	52364	52364	35264
23456	—		—		63254	23456	23456

Check as before.

(To be continued)

OBITUARY

MR. WALTER S. BEAUMONT

It is with great regret we report the death of Mr. Walter Samuel Beaumont, who passed away peacefully at his home on March 7th at the age of 80. He first rang at Oxhey, near Watford. Afterwards he rang for many years at Frindsbury and Rochester. Mr. Beaumont came to Ruislip in 1933, and joined the St. Martin's Guild at the Parish Church. He retired from ringing about two years ago. He was not a great peal ringer but loved a quarter peal. He was a most lovable man and most reliable. He was never known to be late for the service ringing and was only absent when he paid his annual visit to his friends at Oxhey.

He was laid to rest in Ruislip Churchyard on March 12th by the side of his old friend, Mr. George M. Kilby. The bells of St. Martin's were rung half-muffled before and after the service by the Ruislip ringers. He was an old member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, also the Middlesex and other Associations. A much respected member of the Ancient Order of Foresters, he was deeply loved by all who knew him. May he rest in peace.

T. C.

MR. W. M. BROOKE

One of the oldest ringers in the country, Mr. William Maurice Brooke died on March 4th at St. James' Hospital, King's Lynn, aged 90. He was a bellringer at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn, for over 65 years, and sang in the choir for 78 years. In recent months he had been bedridden. For a great number of years he was captain at St. Margaret's.

His first wife was a cousin of Sir Arthur Sullivan. His son became musical director of the Lyceum Theatre, London, and his daughter, Miss May Brooke, appeared in musical companies and eventually settled in Australia.

A peal to his memory was rung at St. Margaret's on March 9th.

THE REV. A. ST. J. HEARD

The passing of the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, president of the Norwich Diocesan Association since 1942, on February 25th, is deeply regretted not only by ringers of his own Association but by the Exercise at large. His death at the age of 69 took place while visiting his wife in a Norwich nursing home. She has been an invalid for several years.

He had held the living of Mulbarton since 1942. At the funeral service, conducted by the Rural Dean (Canon H. Llewellyn), the Bishop of Norwich paid a tribute to his life and work.

The Bishop said: 'We are gathered together, parishioners, friends of his from all walks of life, companions and brethren associated with him in many activities, to say farewell in the church he loved so much. In our hearts there is just a simple thought—"Thank God we knew him." Nothing would have pleased him more than to have known how many loved and respected him for he never knew how deeply he touch the lives of so many. He loved the work of a parish priest and always carried it out with a devotion and a sense of duty.'

Freemasonry, in which Mr. Heard had held important offices, was represented by members of the Norfolk Installed Masters, Bowers Chapter and Union, Social, Francis and Lorraine, Cabbell, Mancroft, Sincerity, Knight Templars and St. Giles' Lodges.

Other organisations represented included the Modern Churches Union, Mulbarton County Primary School, school managers and Church Council, Mulbarton and District British Legion, Norfolk County Nursing Association and the Norfolk Branch of the Red Cross Society.

Cremation at St. Faith's followod the service.

The bells of Mulbarton Parish Church were rung half-muffled for the service.

MR. GEORGE WIGHTMAN

The funeral took place at Cretingham, Suffolk, on February 19th, of Mr. George Wightman at the age of 88 years.

Learning to ring at an early age, he rang his first peal, Doubles in eight methods, at Easton (non-Association). In 1887 he joined the Norwich Association, when he rang Bob Major at Debenham. His last peal was in 1949, which was rung in his own home, conducted by Mr. F. L. Fisher. During the years he had rung 328 and conducted 160. He was a fine ringer and a superb conductor in his day.

A true churchman, he was sexton at his own church for 44 years, and in recognition he was presented with an easy chair. Following their father's footsteps are his fine family—Edgar, whose compositions are so well known; David, a fine Treble Bob conductor; Stephen, who for over 30 years owing to rheumatism was unable to ring; Alfred, father of Leslie C and George A., was a super-strong man, his ringing including a 10,000 Kent at Helmingham (brother George conducted), also 10,000 at Coddenham; to both these he rang the tenors.

From all who have had that kind and welcome hospitality at the shoemaker's shop, we extend our heartfelt sympathy to William, who within weeks has lost a sister and brother.

L. G. B.

FEERING SURPRISE

Feering Surprise was rung for the first time on March 5th at Earls Colne, Essex, by an all-Northern Division band. This method was composed several years ago by the late William Keeble, of Feering, one of the greatest exponents of the art that ever lived. He intended to call this method Chelmsford Surprise, at the time when a motion to change the name of Essex Association to that of Chelmsford Diocesan Guild was put forward at an annual meeting. The motion was defeated and he lost interest in his method. For several years prior to his death he was confined to hospital, so the method was not pursued. Interest was aroused recently by Miss Hilda G. Snowden, and after getting the method checked by a member of the Essex Association's Peal Committee, it was decided to call it Feering Surprise, thereby linking William Keeble's name with that of his method, on account of his long association with Feering tower. It has also been decided to call the eighth place variation Foxearth Surprise. Miss Hilda G. Snowden has been assured that the method is original and is not to be found in Corrigan's collection.

Burnaby Delight Minor, the first peal of which method was rung at Hoar Cross, is a good method to bring out the magnificent qualities of these bells (tenor 28 cwt.). Michael Orme and Philip Mehew travelled from Hitchin to stand in the peal with Derby ringers. The conductor, Mr. D. P. Jones, suggests that these might be the heaviest ring of bells rung to a peal of Delight.

FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

The method:—

38—14—1258—36—14—38—34x

H.L. 18 Lead End 4263857

False Course Ends A, B, C.

5,088

By J. W. WASHBROOK

23456	M	B	W	H
35426			2	
24653	—		—	
23564		3	—	3

Repeated twice.

Well known as a peal of London.

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IN MEMORIAM

JARRETT.—Victor Albert. In ever loving memory of a dear husband, dad and granddad, who passed away March 19th, 1954. 'In heavenly love abiding.' 6030

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

On and after March 25th next all communications for Mr. George Baker should be sent to his private address: 8, Queen Square, Brighton 1, Sussex. 6027

After March 17th, the residential address of Mr. Reuben Charge, of St. Leonards, Streatham, is 20, Catherine Street, Mill Road, Cambridge. 6032

The address of Mr. H. J. Hazell is now 27, Slade's Hill, Enfield, Middlesex. 6023

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PUBLICATION

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MISCELLANEOUS

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Hilgay, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please.—J. Fox, Walpole Marsh, Wisbech. 5990

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting, Great Bentley, Saturday, March 19th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. —J. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Seale (6) on Saturday, March 19th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 5973

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting, Saturday, March 19th, Rolvenden. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. 5965

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — Meeting, Harpenden, Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. Bells (8). Names for tea to Mr. A. Day, 58, Craveles Road, Harpenden.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 5974

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Swanscombe (8), March 19th. Bells 3 p.m.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 5991

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Wrotham (8) on Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. All ladies welcome, gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden. 5964

LADIES' GUILD.—Yorkshire District and Doncaster and District Society.—Joint meeting at Thrybergh, near Rotherham, March 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. For tea at 5 p.m. notify Miss D. Shaw, Deer Park Farm, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh. 20 minutes bus service from Sheffield, Rotherham and Doncaster.—E. D. Kelly, F. Jackson, Secs. 5978

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next Rossendale Branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, March 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6. Members and non-members are cordially invited. — J. Porter, Branch Sec. 6025

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Stanwell (6), March 19th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. followed by tea. Ringing at Bedfont (6) 6.30-8 p.m. Names for tea to J. D. Rock, 346, Staines Road, Bedfont, Feltham. 5971

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Reigate, March 19th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—W. F. Oatway, Hon. Gen. Sec. 5932

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Maresfield, March 19th. Bells 3 p.m. 5913

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Stockbridge, March 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, Vine Inn. 5987

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Practice meeting, Wedmore, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 6018

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Ashcott, March 26th, 6.30 p.m. Look up something.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 6021

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Burbage, Buxton, 3 p.m., Saturday, March 26th. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 6002

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting to be held at Morpeth Watch Tower on March 26th at 3 p.m. Outside caterer. Names for tea to Mr. Pegg, 19, Mitford Road, Morpeth. 6005

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting at Littleport on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30 Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Ely Dis. Sec. 6003

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting at Eynesbury (6), March 26th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6028

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol Rural Branch. — Meeting at Warmley, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, March 22nd, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 6017

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SOUTHAM
Warwickshire

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by the
Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Coventry
on
SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd, at 3 p.m.

Ringing before and after the service. Names for tea to tower secretary, Miss M. Middlemiss, 26, Banbury Road (Tel. 392) by Tuesday, March 29th.

Rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank
A. J. H.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Lydney, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, March 23rd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 6033

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stonehouse, March 26th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea after service. Names by March 22nd.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 6034

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stanton (6), March 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Buckland (6) 6.15 p.m. Notify for tea, by March 22nd, to Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 6022

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Tewkesbury Branch. — Meeting at Kemerton, March 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting follows. Names for tea, please, by 22nd to S. Devereux, Charmaine, Kemerton, near Tewkesbury. — J. Beech, Hon. Sec. 6000

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Great Wymondley March 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method: Norwich Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6006

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Hythe (8) on March 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea must reach Mr. W. J. Bidnell, Kenora, London Road, Hythe, Kent, by March 22nd.—W. P. G. 5992

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Lenham, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 5993

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at St. Paul's (10), Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, March 23rd, to Mr. B. G. Key, 54 Rolleston Road, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. All ringers and friends welcome. 6009

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at The Saviour, Deane Road, Saturday, March 26th. Bells 4 p.m. Tea 5; cups of tea only. Business meeting 6. — J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 6016

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—The next monthly Branch meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, March 26th. Tower open for ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.; cups of tea provided. —J. H. Foster, Branch Sec. 6029

LEEDS AND DISTRICT. — Nomination meeting, March 26th at Armley. Bells available 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. Business meeting 7 p.m.—I. Slack, Hon Sec. 6011

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Lubenham, Saturday, March 26th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—L. W. Allen, Dis. Sec. 6019

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — District meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City (close to Fenchurch Street Station), on Saturday, March 26th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, 6.45 to 7.45 p.m.—T. J. Lock 6008

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Helmdon on March 26th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 6001

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston, March 26th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Numbers for tea by March 23rd, please.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 6015

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Canford on March 26th. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea for those who notify, by March 23rd, I. Davis, of Restormel, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 6020

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Thames Ditton, Surrey, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Service (probably) 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Kingston bells (10) available after tea. Names for tea, by Monday, March 21st, please, to Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 5970

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Newmarket, March 26th. St. Mary's (6, 2¼ cwt.) 2.30 p.m. Tea only to those who notify me by 25th, 4.30 p.m., at Lakemans.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 6014

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Burwash, Saturday, March 26th. Bells 2.30. Names for tea, 5 p.m., by March 23rd, to R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 6024

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, March 26th. Bells (8) 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—G. Francis. 6035

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—North Ockendon April 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Carter, Clay Tye Road, North Ockendon. 6010

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Brenchley, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names ,with cash, please, by Wednesday, March 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 5961

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Cotgrave Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday previous, to Mr. L. Henson, 14, Scrimshaw Lane, Cotgrave, Notts.—C. W. Towers. 6012

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Brandon (6), Saturday, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Woodlynn Cafe.—Miss E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 6026

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Yeovil, on Easter Monday, April 11th. Ringing at St. John's 11. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon, limited to 100, for **ticket holders only.** Applications for tickets, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to R. O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. Details of further ringing later. 5977

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AN EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING

THE Hon. Secretary had read the minutes and sat down with some thankfulness. There had been a lot to read and, recalling what had occurred at the last meeting, he anticipated another rough session. The Chairman, having signed the minutes, put forward the usual 'Anything arising out of the minutes?' There seemed to be plenty, for several members rose to their feet immediately. The Chairman caught the eye of one. 'You, Mister Bob, I think you were the first.' Up spoke Bob, 'What's this yere idea of shortening the lengths of peals? Never yerd anything so daft in my life; doan't know what's come over some ringers. You can't go interfering wi' nature; it ain't natural. For more years than I can tell, a 5,040 has been a natural peal, and what was good enough for those gone on and the likes of we, is good enough for others. A 5,000 is 5,000, whether they like it or not, and if anyone wants to ring less number of changes there is nothing to stop 'em, but doan't call it a peal—some of those unenlightened press chaps no doubt would call it a peal like those chaps down Devon way calls what they rings peals, but no one disagrees wi' 'em. They can call 'em what they like, but we doan't call 'em peals.

'When I was a lad and you scored a peal, you felt as you had done something, and there were some rough-going bells, I can tell ee. To-day peals are two a penny, and wot's more a lot of folk to-day want everything on a plate; easy-going bells and easy methods of getting there. Now they want easier peals. Dang my eyes; what's come over 'em?

'They talk of clanging and banging. If they had learned to strike properly there would be no clanging and banging, for when bells are rung well the din ain't too bad. True, some bells are noisy, but that can be cured, and anyway no one is forced to ring peals in noisy towers. And talking of row, what about the traffic noise that drowns the sound of the bells very frequently, and then these yer jet planes. No, when it comes to bells, they are not in the same class for noise.

'Of course 'tis likely this Yorkshire Blackberry chap was talking with his tongue in his cheek and just started this rocket off to create a rumpus. Be that as it may, I move that the question of reducing the lengths of peals be squashed flat, aye squashed flatter than that if possible.'

With that Bob sat down amid a lot of clapping. Then up jumps a youngster. 'Mr. Chairman, I am not yet a peal ringer. I have had one attempt, which was lost, and as I had a lot of blisters I am led to suggest that no further peals be rung, and that we ask the Central Council to frown on peals of any description.' (Voices from the back, 'Hear, hear,' 'Let's go back to call-changes.') In the ensuing uproar I lost my pencil, and regret that I am unable to report on the rest of the meeting.

J. P. F.

SOUTHWARK STORY

ONE of the most popular towers in London is the Cathedral and Collegiate Church of St. Saviour, Southwark. The Provost, the Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown, is a close friend of ringers, and both with the Ancient Society of College Youths and the London County Association he has taken a personal interest in the welfare of these two bodies, who frequently enjoy the hospitality of his tower. A peal on Southwark Cathedral bells is well and truly earned.

The "Southwark Story," by Florence Higham (Hodder and Stoughton, 20s. net), has just been published to coincide with the golden jubilee of the foundation of the Diocese of Southwark. This is not a book about bells and ringers of a bygone age, but a history of the Cathedral and the parish of Southwark from when a Saxon Priory stood on the site. Few of London's parishes are so steeped in history, and Mrs. Higham has introduced to us a host of characters famed to the outside world who regarded St. Saviour's, Southwark, as their spiritual home. One of the windows, for example, is dedicated to Alexander Cruden, whose Concordance is still a household book. His eccentric genius once resulted in six weeks in chains and a strait waistcoat for ten weeks. Mrs. Thrale, the brewer's widow, with whom the great Samuel Johnson had great hopes of a tranquil old age, had also associations with St. Saviour's.

Another character was Abraham Newland, born in 1730, who rose to be chief cashier of the Bank of England. He died in 1817, leaving his own epitaph:—

Beneath this stone old Abraham lies,
Where he has gone and how he fares,
Nobody laughs and nobody cries;
No one knows and nobody cares.

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He left £60,000 to his housekeeper, who put up a simple stone to his memory, but did not make use of his verse.

Few ringers to-day realise that St. Saviour's, Southwark, was, until August, 1877, part of the Winchester Diocese, and had it remained so a few years longer there would have been peals rung for the Winchester Diocesan Guild on Southwark's famous bells. From 1877 to 1905 it was part of the Rochester Diocese, and on June 29th, 1905, Edward Talbot was enthroned as first Bishop of Southwark. In 1911 he became Bishop of Winchester, and at Farnham Castle and in other parts of the Diocese he became a friend of ringers and of all his people.

Amid all the crowded streets, St. Saviour's, Southwark, stands as a sentinel for higher things. "Within its quiet walls people pause to pray and go out to help their fellows; still the ancient bells are sounded, and the Gospel of Christ is preached, the same yesterday, to-day and for ever."

This is a most readable book, and we can strongly recommend it to those who have an historical vein in their make-up and love this part of London that saw Shakespeare acting at the Globe, Goldsmith as a young doctor tending the Southwark poor, and Dickens writing 'Little Dorrit' and describing for all time the infamous Marshalsea.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Mar. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	FRANK E. HAYNES	8
MURIEL REAY	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	11
JOHN PINFOLD	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. CHILCOTT. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Bicentenary peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

BARBARA A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	JOHN E. CANNELL	6
RALPH BIRD	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	7
PERCY J. SPICE	3	*STEWART F. W. KIMBER	8
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	*TREVOR A. CROSS	9
MICHAEL FULLER	5	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. DARBY. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.
A 21st birthday peal for John E. Cannell.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 18 lb. in E flat.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	6
GWEN I. RUSBY	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	9
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Wed., Mar. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*ANN R. BARR	*Treble*	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON	8
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	9
†R. ROGER SAVORY	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal.
Arranged as a compliment to the conductor and Miss Molly Flynn, upon their engagement.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Feb. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5152 PORTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
First peal in the method.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Mar. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGHA,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F sharp.

WILLIAM C. DOWDING	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	RALPH G. EDWARDS	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
PETER BORDER	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BLOOMSBURY, LONDON.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL AND MUNICIPAL CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*MICHAEL SINDEN	*Treble*	§GEORGE A. PARSONS	5
†MABEL A. PROCKSON	2	ROY WILKINSON	6
‡JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	WILLIAM F. SLAUGHTER	7
MAXWELL F. OAKSHETT	4	†JOHN W. EUSTON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN W. EUSTON.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Kent Major. ‡ First peal of Major. § First peal of Kent.
Rung for the 6th anniversary of Rev. G. C. Taylor's induction as Rector of this Church.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Wed., Mar. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5152 BEARWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
PETER BORDER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method. (Tipler's E 31.)

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 9, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

HUBERT C. CROME	*Treble*	EDWARD BARKER	5
TOM GREENACRE	2	CHARLES F. TOVELL	6
LESLIE HOUGHTON	3	WILLIAM ROSE	7
CECIL V. EBBERSON	4	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
Rung half muffled as a tribute to the memory of William M. Brooke for many years captain of this tower, and also the Rev. Alick St. John Heard, much respected President of the Association, 1942-1955.

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5280 PERIVALE ALLIANCE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	BRIAN H. WOOD	5
MAURICE HOLGATE	2	FRANK REYNOLDS	6
WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM	3	ROGER LEIGH	7
GORDON R. WHEWELL	4	ROBIN G. TURNER	*Tenor*

Adapted from J. Reeves' 13,440 (C.C. Section II, No. 186) by ROGER LEIGH. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
First peal in the method.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	PETER COXALL	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	ERNEST GOWER	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by the band, on the bells and by the Association.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5056 LYME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

H. REGINALD WOODS	*Treble*	RONALD C. NOON	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	DENIS A. FRITH	6
GEOFFREY PAUL	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
GWEN I. RUSBY	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	2	RALPH BIRD	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
MARY FULLER	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
Rung with the bells half muffled in memory of George H. Chapman, ringer and father of Mr. C. Chapman, captain of the local ringers.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5376 ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

SYDNEY J. MERRY	*Treble*	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	5
MARK J. BARKER	2	JACK BAILEY	6
REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	3	ALFRED MOULD	7
ALEX. RICHARDSON	4	*FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by HUGH WRIGHT. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
*150th peal for the Association.
First 'touch' in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Association.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5216 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

RONALD BIRCH	*Treble*	GORDON K. CHADDOCK	5
HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	2	JOHN S. SEAGER	6
FRANCIS WARD	3	WILLIAM HOLLAND	7
IAN M. HOLLAND	4	BARRY HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS. Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.
This peal contains the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

EILEEN G. BRACEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
*RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
†G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	3	WILLIAM LOVE	7
‡HENRY TOOKE	4	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* 50th peal on the bells. † First of Double Norwich 'inside.' ‡ 300th peal.
A birthday compliment to John Moore, of Heston.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

*DEREK C. JACKSON	*Treble*	†ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
†BERYL R. PITTAWAY	3	†PETER NASH	7
BRYAN C. STIRLAND	4	†J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 35¼ cwt.

JOHN E. COOK	*Treble*	G. RONALD EDWARDS	5
S. ANTHONY JESSON	2	JOHN BRAMLEY	6
FREDERICK A. SALTER	3	WALTER NICHOLLS	7
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

PENSNETT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 8 lb.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	J. EDWARD CAWSER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	JEFFREY B. WEBB	6
PETER BORDER	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

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STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*PETER E. GODDEN	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
LESLIE G. FORSTER	2	JOHN W. WYBREW	6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	3	†DAVID BRAND	7
HARRY D. LISTER	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY D. LISTER.
* First peal. † First peal of Major 'inside.'
In memoriam William E. Tydeman.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 COURT BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*MARTYN HAWKES	*Treble*	*HAROLD WILLETT	5
FRANK LAWRENCE	2	*ERNEST F. CUBBERLEY	6
*ARTHUR JOPP	3	‡CHARLES J. CAMM	7
†FREDERICK HAWKES	4	*LEONARD DOVEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER (C.C.C. No. 13).
Conducted by CHARLES J. CAMM.
* First peal in the method. † 100th peal for the Association. ‡ 600th peal.
250th anniversary of the casting of the back five bells by Abraham Rudhall.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Mar. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 KINGSBU[illegible] SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	MICHAEL G. MORTON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3	PETER BORDER	7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method. (Tipler's C.12/1.)

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PORTHKERRY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Feb. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CURIG.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

LESLIE J. MALINS	*Treble*	‡MALGWYN WILLIAMS	4
*FREDERICK J. BAILEY	2	*THOMAS YEOMAN	5
†GLYN WILLIAMS	3	A. RYAN PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. RYAN PRICE.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor on the bells.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 BURNABY DELIGHT MINOR
Being 2,160 and four extents (C.C.C. 37-39; 28-31).
Tenor 28 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in D flat.

SAMPSON WALKLATE	*Treble*	MICHAEL ORME (17)	4
PHILIP MEHEW	2	DAVID K. WALKLATE (17)	5
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
The first peal in the method (C.C.C. 4D. 26). Believed to be the first Delight peal on the bells.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
*LOUIS WILLDERS	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
*AMOS INGALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* 50th peal together.
A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Geoffrey R. Parker and also a 15th wedding anniversary peal for the conductor and his wife.

BROCKDISH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 6, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM CHILVERS	*Treble*	JAMES B. MORLEY	4
†FRANK J. BURLINGHAM	2	†ERNEST A. CHILVERS	5
*BETTY SYRETT	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.
A 70th birthday compliment to William Chilvers who rang his first peal for 41 years.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	*DANIEL RICHARDS	4
*HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY	2	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
MARIE K. ROBERTS	3	GEORGE W. MASSEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Surprise.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Surflect Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

*DEREK C. JACKSON	*Treble*	*JACK A. C. KING	4
BERYL R. PITTAWAY	2	PETER NASH	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal in seven methods.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. Jessie Kippin, of Southampton.

DALWOOD, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Saturday, Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 11 variations of Morris' and 20 six-scores, eight different callings.
Tenor 8 cwt.

ALAN HODGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM SPARKS	4
*JOHN REAL	2	WILLIAM WEBB	5
CHRISTOPHER WEBB	3	†BRIAN TOZER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven variations of extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 8 lb. in G.

G. E. LARNER	*Treble*	EDWARD BARKER	4
TOM GREENACRE	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
JOHN WILSON	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL V. EBBERSON.
Rung half muffled in memoriam the Rev. Alick St. John Heard, the respected and beloved President of the Association, 1942-1955.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight, (2) College Exercise, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob, (3) Thelwall and Childwall, (4) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Double Oxford and St. Clement's, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	4
PETER J. EVES	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	DENIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
First peal in 16 methods on the bells.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	*Treble*	†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	D. KAY ADKINS	5
WILLIAM WENBAN	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal on six bells. † First peal in seven methods.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents of Grandsire called differently and four of Plain Bob called differently, twice repeated. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MERVYN DAY	*Treble*	HUGH FALKNER	4
†HAROLD POPE	2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	5
†GEOFFREY DOWN	3	THOMAS F. STONE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
A 50th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

THRUMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents of Stedman, 16 of St. Martin's and eight each of St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

DEREK SHAKESPEARE	*Treble*	DAVID K. WALKLATE	3
VIVIENNE HORTON	2	SAMPSON WALKLATE	4
DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.
(R.A.F. Station.)
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EVAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

ANTHONY LOCKE	*Treble*	*J. PHILIP BOWLEY	4
FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	2	A. HUBERT EPLETT	5
CLEMENT W. JOSE	3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.
* First peal of Minor.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Mon., Mar. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	MICHAEL VERNON	4
RITA M. STRATFORD	2	*JOHN A. SMITH	5
*JOHN VERNON	3	MICHAEL E. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor.
A birthday compliment to Dorothy Stratford and C. Roger Hayward.

WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES BROWN	*Treble*	ROBERT PLUMMER	4
JAMES B. MORLEY	2	*GEORGE FILBY	5
BETTY SYRETT	3	†L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal of Minor. First peal in three methods as conductor.



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ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER GUILD OF UNITED CHURCH BELL RINGERS.
On Tues., Mar. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 34, 37, 50, 52, No. 5 Lancs. Book). Tenor 11 cwt.

*JESSIE COCKBURN .. .. *Treble*	‡DAVID COBB 4
*FREDERICK E. T. TRANTER 2	*HARRY WORRALL 5
†GEOFFREY P. GREEN .. 3	R. GORDON CORBY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by R. GORDON CORBY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Minor 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Mon., Feb. 28, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 59 *Minutes.*
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor size 12 in E sharp.

*JOHN A. SMITH 1-2	†ALFRED BALLARD 3-4
*NANCY E. MARKLEW .. 5-6	

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.' † 675th peal.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Mar. 4, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 six-scores of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor size 11 in F.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY .. 1-2	DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4
*VALERIE R. CROUCH .. 5-6	

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

* First attempt for a peal.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Tues., Mar. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
IN JESUS COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

B. J. STAFFORD (Queens') .. 1-2	W. T. COOK (Jesus) 5-6
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's) .. 3-4	*R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Sel) .. 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's).
Conducted by W. T. COOK.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Tues., Mar. 8, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD 3-4
HECTOR KNIGHTS .. 5-6	

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Knights.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 11, PORTUGAL STREET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 13 in E.

*C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.) .. 1-2	W. T. COOK (Jesus) 5-6
MISS G. A. SMITH (Newn.) 3-4	*†W. J. RIDGWAY (Queens') 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's).
Conducted by W. T. COOK.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Major 'in hand.'

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Law 1, D. H. Paine 2, S. W. Brown 3, M. W. Stephenson 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, R. D. Brown 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rt. Rev. Bishop Rocksborough Smith, D.D., who during the last two years assisted the Rector of this parish. Also on Mar. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. D. Brown 1, Pamela Law (first 'inside' of Minor) 2, D. H. Paine 3, Diana M. Gough 4, S. W. Brown 5, H. W. Brown (first as cond. for Minor) 6. Rung for Evensong.

AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On Feb. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): K. Rogers 1, Phyllis Gray 2, G. Amor 3, R. Ward 4, E. Jeffries (cond.) 5, A. Holder 6. Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Judith Holder, a ringing member of this tower, now nursing in St. George's Hospital, London.

BRERETON, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Cepnall 1, N. D. Lomas 2, B. J. Ongley 3, S. Sage 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5.

BRISTOL.—On Mar. 13th, at St. Werburgh's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. H. Clash 1, T. Price 2, K. Price 3, H. W. Payne 4, S. G. Riches (cond.) 5, A. W. True 6. A farewell quarter for Kenneth Price, entering R.A.F. Rung for Evensong.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 13th, 1,272 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: E. Deacon 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, H. Stebbings 3, A. T. M. Perry (first of Spliced in methods) 4, G. M. Rouse (first of Spliced in methods as cond.) 5, K. Everett 6. Rung for morning service.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On Mar. 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Dunk 1, H. Springate 2, F. Cheal 3, C. E. J. Norris 4, R. E. Norris 5, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 6.

DAWLEY, SALOP.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Evans 1, R. Evans 2, A. S. Bayley (cond.) 3, J. L. Stanier 4, B. L. Jones 5, T. Wilson 6. Rung in honour of the rededication of the bells on March 3rd by the Bishop of Lichfield after recasting and rehanging.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,264 Bob Major: J. E. Witney 1, E. J. Parish 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, A. Clements 5, W. Ransome 6, H. S. Peacock 7, S. Gilbert (cond.) 8.

HARDINGTON MANDEVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. W. Rendell 1, R. White 2, W. E. Turner 3, W. Delamont 4, S. White (first quarter as cond.) 5, M. Carpenter (first quarter) 6. Rung for evening service.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Feb 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Howes 1, G. H. Dunnington 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, G. Perkins 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rose 1, D. Peacock 2, F. Elsome 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papworth 6. Rung for Evensong.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 13th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major (17 changes of method): S. Penfold 1, H. Long 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, D. W. Beard 5, A. House 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Mar. 12th, 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): E. Morris (first quarter) 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Fulker 6.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 12th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Smith 1, G. Perrin 2, H. Nult 3, L. Dawson (cond.) 4, A. Farrand 5, A. Bennett 6. Rung for the 65th birthday of Mr. J. Burgess, and his 50th year of ringing, on the day he was installed as president of the Manchester and District Secretaries' Association of the I.O.F. (Manchester Unity).

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Whitemore 1, K. Cobb 2, R. W. Treasure 3, L. B. Coles 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, R. Bailey 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Charles Price, for a number of years head ringer of this tower.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At All Saints' Church, Hamer, on Mar. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Lord (first quarter) 1, Margaret Buckley 2, K. Abbott 3, Alwyn Taylor 4, I. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Whitaker.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 13th, 1,380 Doubles (360 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 660 of Grandsire): Mrs. L. Crocker 1, D. Sweet 2, F. J. White 3, E. V. Williams 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, C. Gratton 6. For Confirmation service.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 15th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, S. Howard 2, J. Chapman 3, R. Charge 4, D. J. Woodhams (first quarter in method) 5, J. Euston 6, R. F. Story (cond.) 7, T. Welbourne 8. Rung as a farewell to Reuben Charge, who is leaving the district for Cambridge.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Mar. 12th, at Christ Church, 1296 Grandsire Caters: W. A. Bullock 1, W. A. T. Carter 2, C. J. Gardner 3, W. W. T. Daniell 4, E. J. Berry 5, Dr. H. Craig (first quarter) 6, A. G. Wells (cond.) 7, W. B. Kynaston 8, R. G. Townsend 9, E. Vincent 10. A wedding compliment to Francis Wilton and Pauline Manning, both ringers at this church.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Mar. 13th, 1,257 Stedman Caters: R. Stephens (first of Caters and in method) 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, A. J. N. Boyack 4, C. T. W. Coles 5, R. Chapman (first of Caters and in method) 6, J. Hales (first of Stedman Caters) 7, C. E. Wilmington 8, E. D. Smith (cond.) 9, E. E. Holman 10. Rung for Evensong, also as a farewell to Mr. J. R. Ketteringham on leaving the district.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: Susan Jacobs (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Devenish 2, P. Devenish 3, J. Tomsett 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, Margaret Ward 6, J. Brickell 7, A. Bishop 8.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Feb. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hendy 1, S. Higgs 2, D. Elliott 3, T. T. Walters 4, E. Thomas 5, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third. Also on Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Hendy 1, S. Higgs 2, D. Elliott 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, M. E. Morgan 6.

DOUBLE CHANGES

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. F. Blagrove, these Double changes are unnecessary and, added to the four blows behind, are a blot on Bob Triples. Two hundred years ago John Holt tried to get at 5,040 of pure Triples and nearly succeeded. I agree with Mr. Blagrove about the Major methods. We tolerate Cambridge because it is usually the first Surprise method that all ringers learn, but it is very much condemned in C. D. P. Davies' Surprise Methods. If we have majority rule in the C.C., I fail to see how officers can impose their will on the whole Council. Finally, Mr. Blagrove's recent brilliant performances (both theoretical and practical) make one think that here is a man who should be on the Council and not criticising it.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

COMING INTO ROUNDS DURING A PEAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Fox's question, there is no rule except an unwritten one. It has always been accepted that if rounds come up that is the finish. Personally, it happened once quite unexpectedly. Then without a word being spoken the band set up.

The best story I have heard concerned the late Mr. Challis Winney. The Original was rung on handbells to the finish, and the ringer on 1–2 was so excited that instead of coming down 2–1 he brought them down 1–2. He was very pleased until Mr. Winney said, 'No peal. You were two changes short.' There is no doubt some of the older College Youths will remember having heard the story years ago.—Yours, etc.,

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

LETTERS

FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—In view of recent correspondence in your columns concerning doubts which have arisen over a peal of Fordham Surprise Major, I should like, as the conductor concerned, to make my own views clear.

In the first instance, only by the greatest stretch of the imagination can the bells have been said to run round. In my letter to the peal secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association, I said that the ropes fell in the order 12345678, 234 striking very closely together, so as to be barely distinguishable. I also said that this was due to the failure of the 4th to run in at a bob (a mistake that could have occurred at many other points in the peal), and the fact that a badly struck 'round' was produced was purely fortuitous.

I can assure all those who may be interested that the mistake was instantly corrected and, if necessary, I must also point out that I can hardly be expected to know in advance when a mistake is going to occur.

In view of this, I fail to see either

(a) how I could have prevented the error, or

(b) why it should be incumbent upon me to stop the peal after a very rough 'round' had been rung.

At the time I was satisfied that the peal had been well and truly rung in accordance with all the rules of the Central Council; moreover, this is still my opinion.—Yours faithfully,

PETER BORDER.

Coventry.

RESIST THE TEMPTATION

Dear Sir,—A conductor should aim at a high standard in peals. More than once I have called 'Stand' when rounds have been struck before the end, although the bells had been in their correct coursing order. In a recent attempt rounds were struck at a bob at home instead of 324. I also recollect a case when rounds were struck at the first single in Holt's Original; result, no peal. There is, I know, a temptation to carry on in such cases. It should be resisted.—Yours sincerely,

C. GLENN.

Sherwood, Nottingham.

THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S LAST PEAL

Dear Sir,—My memories of the Rev. F. E. Robinson are that, after leaving Drayton, he recovered sufficiently to ring two—perhaps three—more peals, one of which was at Wokingham.

If this is so it may well be that the peal at Uxbridge, which Mr. Rowe mentions, was really his last.—Yours,

E. BARNETT.

Crayford.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. E. J. Rowe's query re the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's peals after his illness, I was a member of bands which rang the following peals in 1909:—

Stedman Triples, Easter Monday, at Slough.

Stedman Triples, Whit Monday, at Farnham Royal.

Stedman Triples, August Monday, at Wraysbury.

Stedman Triples, Boxing Day, at Old Windsor.

His last peal was rung at St. Andrew's, West Hillingdon, Uxbridge, on January 15th, 1910, for which a board is in the belfry.—Yours, etc.,

ROBERT H. YOUNG.

Harlow, Essex.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret to learn that the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, a member of the Central Council and one time hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, is in St. Luke's Hospital, Fitzroy Square, London, and unfortunately is likely to be there for some weeks.

With the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Mr. John Bramley makes a return to peal ringing after the interference of National Service.

Ringing will be curtailed at Grantham for a short time as the tenor clapper has again broken. 'This is the fifth time of "blasting,"' writes our correspondent.

Miss Joan Hall has been elected 'Ringing World' representative of the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

Miss Jean Powell, of Bedwellty, writes thanking the ringers of Stanmore and Edgware for the welcome accorded her on her recent visit. The quarter peal at Stanmore arranged for her benefit was much appreciated.

Mr. J. Burgess, of Greenfield, near Oldham, was installed as president of the Manchester and District Secretaries' Association of the Manchester Unity, Independent Order of Oddfellows, on March 12th, at Marple, Cheshire. The day coincided with his 65th birthday. His ringers from Friezland came to Marple Church and rang a quarter of Oxford Treble Bob Minor in honour of the event. This is Mr. Burgess's 50th year of ringing.

We advise those readers who follow the proceedings of the Central Council and also ring peals to file this copy of 'The Ringing World.' The concise summary of recommendations and decisions of the Council is invaluable. They will, of course, be incorporated in the Council's handbook when it is published.

Perivale Alliance Bob Major, rung for the first time at Accrington, has the treble dodging in 5-6 and 7-8. A peal of Alliance was rung at Crawley in 1898 in which the treble dodged 1-2 and 7-8 and plainhunted for the other places.

The Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association are holding their annual outing on August 1st.

At Badsey, near Evesham, Mr. R. R. Savory has shepherded four of the band through their first quarter and another in his first of Bob Minor.

In connection with the South of England Ringers' Rally, a Bournemouth reader writes to say that the Gaumont Cinema is in Westover Road (opposite the Pavilion) and the restaurant outlook is into the gardens adjoining Bournemouth Square.

Mrs. Margaret H. Shurcliff, of Boston, U.S.A., informs us that an American Guild of English Handbell Ringers has been formed and has already a membership of about 60 groups. The Guild publishes a little magazine called 'Overtones.' A ringing festival is being held at Ipswich, Mass., the last week-end in August, and an invitation has been extended to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes to attend. The Guild is anxious that Mrs. Hughes will bring her handbells and ring at the concert.

There is good news for County Durham ringers. The bells of Houghton-le-Spring, which have been silent since last October because of movement of the tower and the leaning parapet, are likely to be ringing again by Houghton Feast, next October. Architects have examined the tower and they estimate that £1,000 will be necessary for tower restoration. A further £2,000 is required to restore the fabric of this 800-year old church.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL REVIEW: OPERATIVE DECISIONS

(Excluding those rescinded, superseded or on which the action required has been completed.)

1892.—That a committee be appointed to receive and classify all compositions of 5,000 changes and upwards, and to issue an annual report in which all peals composed in the previous 12 months shall be published.

1893.—That, in recording the performance of peals not previously rung, it is desirable to record at the same time the figures of such peals, unless they are already accessible in printed form, in which case the reference should be given.

That it is desirable when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, they shall decide beforehand to which Association such peal shall be credited, and that for the future no peal shall be published under the name of more than one Association.

1896.—That it is desirable, whenever convenient, at all important ringing meetings of church bellringers that arrangements should be made for holding a short service in church.

1897.—That the variation of Cambridge Surprise (hitherto known as the Burton Variation) be known as 'New Cambridge Surprise.'

That the Council see no valid objection against commencing a Treble Bob composition with 1R or 2R.

1898.—That it is desirable that Thurstans' well-known composition in Stedman Triples be designated his 'four-part'; and his other compositions his 'five-part' and 'one-part' respectively.

1903.—That in the opinion of the Council, the publication of palpably false compositions and worthless methods reflects discredit on their composers.

1904.—That in view of the continuance of the practice of publishing peals under the title of more than one Association, it is desirable to impress upon ringers the necessity of loyally carrying out the Resolution passed by the Council in 1893.

That in the opinion of the Council it is desirable that promising ringers should be given the opportunity of learning how to conduct.

1905.—That Bob Triples and Grandsire Major, not being legitimate methods, are not worthy of being practised.

1908.—That the Council declines to recognise any method hitherto rung or published as being entitled to the designation of 'London Surprise Royal.'

That it is desirable that the attention of Associations be called to the desirability of accurate 'striking.'

1910.—That the Council do not consider that the Peals Analysis Committee can be held responsible for any peals not appearing in print before the end of February.

1912.—That the primary aim of all Associations should be the encouragement of ringing for Sunday services and on the Festivals and their Eves.

1915.—That reports of peals, in order to obtain recognition by the Analysis Committee, must be published . . . . within a period of eight weeks after performance.

1920.—That the Literature and Press Committee be instructed to prepare a copy of the Bibliography to be deposited in the Council's library and publish it in 'The Ringing World,' or in a pamphlet, as funds would permit.

That the Council compile and keep up-to-date an official list of the first peal and the longest peal rung in each method on each number of bells.

1921.—That the Records Committee deal, for the time being, with peals of Triples, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus only.

Opportunity for Study before Central Council Meeting

Dear Sir,—At the last Central Council meeting we were appointed a sub-committee to complete the preparation of the Council's Handbook. The book will incorporate the Council's decisions, and complaints have quite legitimately been made that it is not at present possible to discover what these are. We have accordingly extracted from the Minute books all resolutions of and reports adopted by the Council since its inception, and we give below a chronological list of those which, in our opinion, are still current.

We would stress that our object in doing this is solely to give ringers an opportunity of studying these matters before the Council meeting. We make no comment at this stage on them; our recommendations will, of course, be incorporated in our report to the Standing Committee and the Council.

It should perhaps also be mentioned that any motions on the subject which it is desired to place on the Agenda for the Bristol meeting must, in accordance with Rule 13, be received by the Hon. Secretary not later than six weeks previous to the meeting, i.e., by April 19th. A formal notice to this effect will appear shortly.—Yours faithfully.

E. A. BARNETT.
C. K. LEWIS.

That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning Church Bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.

(Note.—Resolutions of a similar nature were passed in 1924, 1926 and 1929, and are not reproduced.)

1922.—That the County and Diocesan Associations be asked to consider the possibility of establishing in their respective areas a Bell Restoration Fund, from which grants may be made for the restoration of any rings of bells within the area, when local funds are insufficient to meet the cost.

1923.—That the Collection of first and progressive lengths be typed and kept by the Hon. Librarian for circulation amongst ringers.

1924.—That the Memorial Book be placed in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and deposited for inspection and on permanent loan and produced to the Council on demand.

That the Roll of Honour be placed on the table at the Annual Meeting.

1926.—That this Council, while urging on the Exercise the extreme importance of choosing suitable names for methods, declines to interfere with such rights as bands and individual ringers at present enjoy of giving names to new methods, and further is of the opinion that no alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods except where urgently necessary.

1931.—That when any peal, practice or ringers' meeting previously arranged happens to coincide with an occasion of public mourning, whether national or local, it should be the normal procedure to make emergency arrangements with the proper authorities for the muffling of bells before use, care being taken, unless otherwise directed, to have the muffles removed at the conclusion of the ringing.

1932.—That this Council strongly deprecates the recording as a peal on a commemorative tablet any performance which does not conform to the accepted standard of a true and complete peal, and calls upon all affiliated Societies to support the Council in this matter.

1933.—That this Council deprecates the breaking-up of church bells of proved good tone and real historic interest, urges the church authorities not to assent to their recasting except for the gravest reasons structurally or musically, and, furthermore, recommends that independent advice, qualified to advise on historic, engineering and musical grounds, be obtained in all such cases before action is taken.

1934.—That this Council views with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, and suggests that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren.

1935.—That to ensure the accuracy of the Council's Peal Analysis, and as a matter of general interest, those responsible for sending the reports of peals for publication in the ringing Press be urged to denote all 'first peals' and 'first peals in the method' both by any of the band and 'as conductor.'

1939.—That (1) while there may be exceptional cases in which the case of gramophone records of church bells is justified, any general adoption of such a practice is emphatically to be deprecated, not only on the grounds that a substitute for the real thing is unworthy of the Church of God, but also because it eliminates the living service of hand, and heart, and mind, which is of the very essence of bellringing and is of true spiritual value as contributory to an act of worship. (2) The installation of such a mechanical device should be severely prohibited in any tower containing or capable of containing a peal of bells, except as a temporary expedient, as, for example, when tower or bells are under repair. (3) In the case of building new churches it is obvious that the erection of a tower and bells must be often left to a future generation, or even omitted altogether, but it is a vital point of principle that no sanction should ever be given to the building or designing of a tower inadequate to its legitimate purpose, with a view to the installation of a gramophone record instead of real bells. The one practical object served by a church tower is to make provision for bells and to erect a tower to hold a gramophone record cannot be regarded otherwise than an architectural fraud, entirely unworthy of a building designed for sacred purposes.

1950.—That the method called 'Steadfast' is no different from Shipway's principle of 150 years ago.

That unanimous decisions of the Methods Committee shall at once be published in 'The Ringing World' and shall be submitted to the next meeting of the Council for confirmation.

1951.—Practical Ringing (conditions required for peals). See page 187.

1953.—That a photostat copy of the Roll of Honour be made, to be taken to Council meetings.

That the Roll be housed in St. Paul's Cathedral.

1954.—That, in future, all peals not conforming to the Council's decisions will not be included in the Analysis; they will, however, if sent, be published in 'The Ringing World.'

That this Council deprecates the increasing number of installations of synthetic and recorded bells which it considers to be unworthy of use in the house of God, and wishes to support the responsible authorities in the steps they are taking to prevent their installation.

Reports Adopted by the Council Which Are Still Current

1898.—Report on Variation and Authorship. The conditions controlling compositions vary so greatly, according to the method treated, that it is impossible to devise a comprehensive set of rules which shall be equally applicable to all methods alike, and yet free from the imperfection of being too lax when applied to some methods, and too stringent in the case of others. Each method requires separate consideration and rules determining the limits of originality in composition, applicable to itself; and though it would, no doubt, be possible to form groups of methods, to each of which one set of rules might be applicable, the result would be both cumbrous and confusing. The following propositions are, therefore, limited to a general statement of the features distinguishing 'Originality,' which are more or less applicable to all methods:—

(1) The earliest ascertainable true composition on any definite plan in any method, which is not a reproduction or obvious variation of the same composition in another method, is entitled to be termed the 'original' composition on that plan.

(2) Subsequent compositions on the same plan which are not demonstrably reversals or transpositions (as hereinafter described) or obvious variations of a previous composition in the same method, may be considered as 'distinct' compositions on the plan, and allowed the claim of 'originality.'

(3) **Reversals,** in which the calls in one position are exchanged for those in another, including direct inversions of callings; **Transpositions,** by which one bell is substituted for another as 'the observation,' or re-arrangements of the same calling: **Artificial Alterations,** such as the employment of alternative calls, the multiplication or subtracting or shifting of singles, or the redistribution of 'shunting calls,' by which the general result is not affected, but only the form of the composition—if applied to any previous composition possessed of the distinction of 'originality,' are to be considered as 'Variations.'

In the foregoing statement, the word 'plan' is used in a comprehensive sense, as embracing not only the divisions of a composition into a given number of parts, but also the assignment of 'qualities' with reference to length, the treatment of 'fixed' or 'observation' bells, or any other **Distinctive Feature in Construction.**

1903.—Report of the Committee on Legitimate Methods.

(A) All methods are founded on principles.

(B) A principle is a collection of rows which form a perfect round block, in which:—

(a) Every bell does the same work;

(b) No bell moves up or down more than one place at a time;

(c) No bell lies more than two consecutive blows in any one place.

(C) Methods are formed from principles in two ways:—

(1) A principle may be used as a method when it conforms to the following rules:—

(a) It must be true within itself;

(b) It must be divisible into as many divisions as there are bells, each division, together with the hunting and place-making that connect it with the next division, to contain the whole working of the method;

(c) In the case of those methods in which the course order of the bells is altered by an alternate work (as the quick and slow in Stedman), these divisions are sub-divided;

(d) Each division, or, in (c), each sub-division, must reverse true to itself.

(2) One or more bells in any principle (called 'hunts') may be allowed to retain their original paths, while the places of the others are taken by working bells, which revolve about the hunt (or hunts), subject to the following conditions:—

(a) No bell shall move up or down more than one place at a time;

(b) No bell shall strike more than two consecutive blows in any one place;

(c) There shall be as many plain leads in the plain course as there are working bells, each lead containing as many rows as the principle on which it is founded;

(d) The working bells shall be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end in the plain course;

(e) Each lead shall reverse true to itself, and, together with the hunting and place-making that connect it with the next lead, shall contain the whole working of the method.

Note.—In 1950, (2) (b) and (d), above, were modified in respect of Doubles methods only, as follows:—

(b) No bell shall strike more than **four** consecutive blows in any one place, usually in 5ths place when the treble leads in 2nds place method, or at the lead in a reverse of such a method, or, if found to be necessary, at other times also.

(d) The working bells need not be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end in the plain course.

DEFINITIONS

(A) A Plain Lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work, it is in a different relative position among the working bells, but the working bells are in the same coursing order.

(B) A Bob Lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work, it is in a different relative position among the working bells, and the working bells have three of their number in a different coursing order.

(C) A Single Lead is as a Bob Lead except that the working bells finally have two of their number in a different coursing order.

NOTES

Principle.—This word is used in a purely technical sense.

Division.—All methods in class (C) (1) are divisible into as many divisions as there are bells. The division of Stedman comprises a quick six and a slow six; for neither by itself contains the whole method.

Reversion.—If lines be drawn at the top and bottom of any division (or sub-division), all places counted from the top line downwards must correspond with places counted from the bottom line upwards.

Methods founded on two Principles.—In some cases it is possible to found a method on two Principles, as in the case of Alliance, which is founded partly on the Plain Principle and partly on the Treble Bob Principle. (Added in 1933: An illustration of this statement is to be found in the Little and Alliance Methods, which have come into prominence in recent years. In appearance, their form places them outside the definition of Plain and Bob leads, but, properly speaking, they are in logical succession of such methods as Bob Major. Thus a Little Method is one which follows the rule except in so far as this is qualified by the restriction of the hunt to fewer places than the number of bells employed; an Alliance Method is one in which the hunt has a composite path comprising portions of more than one Principle.)

'The bells to be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end.'—This means that all methods must have what are known as 'Plain Bob lead-ends.'

Division between leads.—This is:—

(a) In methods with one hunt (treble)—between the first and second blows of the whole-pull of the hunt, before or behind;

(b) In methods with two hunts (treble and bell in the hunt)—midway between the whole-pull of the first hunt and the whole-pull of the second hunt, before or behind.

Methods:—

(a) A **Single** Method has all its places made on one side of the hunt (or hunts) only, e.g., Single Oxford Bob Major, all places above the hunt, and College Minor, all places below the hunt.

(b) A **Reverse** Method is in all respects reverse to its single variation, e.g., Reverse Grandsire Triples.

(c) A **Double** Method has places made above the hunt and places made to correspond with them below the hunt, e.g., Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

(d) A **Compound** Method has places made on both sides of the hunt (or hunts), which are not related to each other, e.g., Cambridge Surprise. Some Compound Methods can be reversed.

(Note.—The above is a slightly abridged and edited version of the original Report, but the alterations made are of layout and detail only.)

1906. — Report on Method Classification.

(Note. — The following tabular classification is taken from the 1907 Edition of 'Collection of Legitimate Methods,' Section 1):—

Plain Methods, whether having one or two hunts:—

(a) Bob Methods, having the Grandsire Bob place, either before, or behind, or both, the place being the extreme working bell place nearest the hunt or hunts.

(b) Imperial Methods, having Imperial places, as, for instance, those made in Kent Treble Bob.

(c) Court Methods, having Court Places, i.e., places other than those in (a) and (b).

Treble Bob Methods.

(a) Treble Bob Methods proper, having no places made at a cross-section.

(b) Pas-alla-tessera Methods, having places made at all cross-sections but four.

(c) Pas-alla-tria methods, having places made at all cross-sections but three.

(d) Exercise Methods, having places made at all cross-sections but two.

(e) Delight Methods, having places made at all but one cross-section.

(f) Surprise Methods, having places made at all cross-sections.

1921.—Report of Conference with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

This Report may be obtained from the Librarian, and is therefore not reproduced here.

1929.—Legal Committee Report.

This Report on 'The Law affecting Church Bells' is not reproduced, as we do not think it likely to cause any controversy. It may be found on pages 393-4 of 'The Ringing World' of June 21st, 1929.

1933.—Standing Committee Report of the Constitution of Committees.

(a) Standing Committee.

To consist of (i) the President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Honorary Librarian and conveners of committees ex-officio, (ii) twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than twelve names are proposed). The twelve retiring members to be the first names to be proposed. The committee to have power in the event of any other member of the Council being considered by them desirable, to co-opt not more than two members.

(b) Other Committees.

The Council should appoint the convener in the first instance, but changes may be made at any time by the committees.

Note.—In 1936 it was agreed that the two auditors and former officers of the Council should be ex-officio members of the Standing Commitee.

1953.—Methods Committee Report on Extension.

This Report may be obtained from the Librarian (see advertisement on the back page.)

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PRACTICAL RINGING

(1) CONDITIONS REQUIRED FOR PEALS

On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds.

The use of visible aids to memory in conducting or ringing peals is not permissible.

Each bell or bells shall be rung throughout by the same person or persons.

Any objection which may be taken to a peal shall be raised at the earliest date and in any case within three months after publication, unless in respect of the truth of the composition.

With the object of emphasising the foregoing rules, and at the same time of giving a complete exposition of its views on the subject of peals in general, the Council in 1902 issued the following code, applying both to ordinary peals and also to peals rung to surpass previous achievements:—

(a) That any shift or error in ringing be immediately corrected.

(b) That no call be made, or having been made, be altered or withdrawn later than during the change at which a call would properly take effect.

(c) That no person other than those ringing in the peal shall take part in the calling or in rectifying an error.

(d) That if more than one person shall ring any bell, the fact be stated in publishing and booking the peal.

(e) That every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change.

(f) That in the case of a peal rung to surpass previous peals of 6,720 changes and upwards compliance with these further conditions is necessary:—

(i) That not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of 'The Ringing World' stating the tower, day and hour at which the attempt is to be made, and the number of changes proposed to be rung.

(ii) That similar notice shall be sent to the secretary of the Guild or Association under whose title the peal (which it is proposed to surpass) was rung.

(iii) That the composition of the proposed peal shall be submitted to at least one competent person, other than the composer, for proof, and the figures shall be published in 'The Ringing World.' These figures shall be strictly adhered to unless it becomes necessary for the conductor to call the bells round before the full length is completed, owing to an unforeseen contingency. Any alteration made in the published figures for this purpose shall be published with the report of the performance and also submitted to those who proved the composition, previous to publication.

(iv) That all the ringing shall be heard by a competent, unbiased person who may give, if he thinks fit, and the performers so desire, a written certificate that the peal has been correctly rung. Any objections to the performance must be made in writing to the conductor and umpire immediately the ringing has finished, and any controversy arising shall be referred to the Central Council, whose decision on the matter shall be final.

In the case of record peals on handbells, every facility should be given to those interested to hear the ringing and a notice requesting 'Silence' could be displayed to protect performers from distraction.

(2) PEALS OF DOUBLES

(a) Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—

(i) True and complete six-scores without interval between any two six-scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(ii) Round blocks consisting of two or more six-scores, provided that each of the six-scores which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block.

(iii) Twelve-scores known as Morris's and Pitman's.

(iv) Combinations of (a), (b), (c) or any two of them.

(b) Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell.

(3) PEALS OF MINOR

(a) Peals of Minor shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—

(i) True and complete 720's without interval between any two 720's and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(ii) Round blocks consisting of two or more 720's, provided that each of the 720's which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block.

(iii) Any combination of (a) or (b).

(b) No covering bells are allowed.

(4) PEALS OF TRIPLES

A peal of Triples shall consist of not fewer than 5,040 changes rung without interval and shall be always rung with one covering bell only, this bell in all cases to be the tenor.

(5) PEALS OF CATERS AND CINQUES

Peals of Caters and Cinques shall comprise not fewer than 5,000 changes rung without interval and with one covering bell, this bell in all cases to be the tenor.

(6) PEALS OF MAJOR, ROYAL AND MAXIMUS

Peals of Major, Royal and Maximus shall comprise not fewer than 5,000 changes rung without interval and without a covering bell.

(7) HANDBELL PEALS

Where practicable there should be an umpire to every handbell peal.

A handbell peal rung single-handed, though technically a peal, should be discountenanced.

(8) SPLICED PEALS

Peals which contain more than one method shall be called 'Spliced,' provided that methods are so joined that the fundamental units of which they are constructed (i.e., the 'leads' in treble-dominated methods, the 'divisions' in the case of Stedman, Duffield and similar methods) remain intact. Reports of all Spliced peals shall state the number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another during the peal. Variations of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, where the method is changed when the treble passes through 3-4 down, cannot be described as Spliced peals.

1953.—Three-lead course Royal methods may not be included in Spliced peals.

(9) CALLS

Calls are not part of any method, but are only means of passing from one course to another, and their form and placing can be capable of considerable variation.

A bob can affect any number of working bells, and its effect should be to alter the coursing order of three of them. A single can also affect any number of working bells, and its effect should be to alter the coursing order of two of them.

Calls may be made at any place within the lead, but the traditional practice of making them at the lead end should be adhered to, and is recommended.

Only one type of bob and single may be used in any one composition.

Singles in Treble Bob methods may be used only when a desired result cannot be obtained by bobs.

Under no circumstances may bells lie still on going off into changes or returning to rounds, unless it is a part of the method.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Western District

The annual meeting of the Western District was held at Yatton on March 12th, when members and friends were delighted by the very warm welcome they received from the Vicar, Prebendary G. A. Beechey, and the tower Master, Mr. Price. In his address, the Vicar pointed out that in these days of compulsory National Service, lady ringers were often the mainstay of the local band.

About 50 members and friends sat down to an excellent tea ably prepared by Mrs. Knight and Mrs. Norton. At the business meeting which followed the following officers were re-elected:—Vice-president, Mrs. H. Knight; secretary and representative to Central Committee, Mrs. M. de Jong; committee, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Parfrey and Miss Williams.

It was arranged that the usual coach would run from the Bath-Bristol district to the June meeting, which it is hoped to hold in Minehead, and it was decided that the September meeting should be held at St. Ambrose, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

West Midland District

Several members, with the assistance of the gentlemen, made the meeting at St. Andrew's, Netherton, on March 12th, a great success.

The Vicar, the Rev. R. C. Stevens, conducted the service and gave an interesting address. After tea the vice-president thanked the Vicar and his ringers for making the visitors so welcome, and also the organist and ladies who provided tea.

At the business meeting twelve new members were elected, these being from Cradley, Dudley, Edgbaston, Stourbridge, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton and Walsall. It is hoped that the next meeting will be held jointly with the Midland District at Tanworth on June 4th.

Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung as well as the usual rounds, Grandsire and Stedman. A band of ladies rang courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples (the youngest taking part being aged 12), and, with the help of three gentlemen, a well-struck course of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A meeting held at Stanton-on-Hine Heath on March 12th was attended by some 40 members who enjoyed the spring sunshine in the churchyard between turns of ringing from 3 o'clock.

The service was taken by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Edwards, who welcomed the Association and gave an interesting precis of the history of this church since the year 800.

A substantial tea was provided in the Parish Hall and ten new members were elected before the company returned to the tower.

Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob and Grandsire to Cambridge and London Surprise. A gallant attempt at Single Oxford failed in spite of someone's assertion that it was 'the easiest method in the world.' Members from High Ercall and Cheswardine gave demonstrations of call changes. E. V. J.

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BEDFORD DELIGHT

'Tis my delight on a Tuesday night
To ring the changes true,
And if you think I'm crazy,
That's entirely up to you.

I pull and bow and bob away,
And ring the tenor bell,
And if they cut my tail off
I can play that game as well.

I frown and shout and stamp my foot
And call the bobs 'ad lib.',
And if I said I'd lost myself
It would not be a fib.

I tell them all to 'Strike it now,'
Just to give them pep,
And though I won't admit it,
I'm the only one in step.

I call them wrong and out and in
Right and wrong and right,
I don't know who I'm coursing
But, I know the end's in sight.

'We're in the last course now,' I shout,
And with my heart uplifted,
I tell them 'This is all,' and then,
'Two, three and five have shifted.'

We argue and I tell them all
Just who I wanted where,
And though they don't believe me
I really do not care.

We set 'em up at back you know
And let the tenor down,
Then toddle to the nearest pub
In drink our woes to drown.

I get there first and hastily
The door I grab and hold,
Announcing as I walk in last
That 'Mine's a pint of old.'

We toast the Central Council,
Then I sing a little ditty,
'Up with ringers and down with beer,'
'Out with the Methods Committee.'

My turn comes to stand a round
I shout, 'Is that clock right?'
'Got to catch a bus, you know,'
And wish them all 'Good night.'

PETER S. BEDFORD.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD

Peal Tablet Dedicated at Brighouse

A service for the dedication of the peal tablet in the ringing chamber of the Church of St. Martin, Brighouse, on Sunday, March 6th, was attended by about a dozen members of the Guild. The Vicar (the Rev. J. F. Lister), who is a ringer, conducted the service and said the dedicatory prayers. Afterwards the bells were rung until tea time.

The tablet records a Coronation peal of Stedman Triples rung on June 6th, 1953. It was the first peal in the method on the bells and the first in the method for six of the ringers, two of whom are now serving in H.M. Forces. The band consisted of E. H. Barron 1, C. F. Sutcliffe 2, A. Rogers 3, F. Linfoot 4, D. Sharples 5, J. Pearson 6, A. W. Bond (cond.) 7, C. Aaron 8.

Meeting at Lindley

Members of the Guild met at Lindley on March 12th. Owing to a rearrangement of towers, the meeting was held a week late at short notice. No service had been arranged and members adjourned at 5 p.m. to warm surroundings to enjoy cups of tea and sandwiches.

The business meeting took longer than usual and the evening ringing was curtailed. However, everyone enjoyed some good ringing. About 18 members attended during the day, methods rung including Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. H. W. B.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD DINNER

A Quarterly Attempt in Term Time

The Guild's annual dinner was held in Cambridge on March 5th this year. The more customary date early in the Lent term had to be abandoned as it was said to be associated with bleak wintry weather. However, following one of the laws well known to scientists, the weather was in fact more closely correlated with the dinner than with the date, and as usual we emerged from our repast into a veritable blizzard.

Activities commenced at Saffron Walden early in the morning, when ten members started for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. After an hour and a half they decided to return to the precincts of the University and leave more space in 'The Ringing World's' peal columns for others of the Exercise. In the afternoon the first tower for ringing was the Guild's 'home tower,' Great St. Andrew's; some members were disappointed with this arrangement as in the past they have been able to miss this great prize by taking a long time over tea. We then went on to Great St. Mary's and to the Roman Catholic Church.

Eating took place in the Dorothy Cafe in spite of valiant attempts by the secretary to accommodate us in a College Hall. After the loyal toast, the president (the Rev. A. C. Blythe) called upon David Marshall, Master of the Bristol University Society, to propose the toast of 'The Guild.' Mr. Marshall reminded us that he was the first member of the Bristol Society ever to attend our annual dinner (not, of course, because of any lack of hospitality on our part, but because the Bristol dinner and ours had previously been held on the same day). He saw three purposes for a Guild of University Ringers: Firstly, it provided a pleasant form of mental and physical exercise so necessary to University undergraduates; secondly, it formed a training ground for ringers who, on going down, would assist in fostering and improving the noble art in many parts of the country; and, thirdly, it gave members a closer link with the Church. He emphasised that this last aspect should never be overlooked and that University Societies were unlikely to prosper unless service ringing formed an integral part of their activities.

21 PEALS DURING THE YEAR

The Master, Mr. C. M. P. Johnson, replied and outlined the Guild's activities during the year. A large number of beginners had joined early in the Michaelmas term and, most strange to relate, they were nearly all still with us. The number of peals rung reached the very respectable total of 21 and had included a fair number of handbell peals, an art rather neglected by the Guild for some years past, but recently revived by the secretary. The tower bell peals had included a fair range of Surprise methods. Outstanding among these was the Guild's first peal of London, which had been rung at our headquarters, Great St. Andrew's, for the patronal festival by members in residence. Another notable peal was the Guild's 400th, being appropriately a peal of Cambridge Major rung at Caerphilly during the 'annual week.'

A quarter peal had been arranged for almost every Sunday evening during full term and many had been successful. The Master thought that this weekly quarter peal was an excellent means of allowing members to consolidate methods that they had learned at the weekly practice. Saturday afternoon outings to towers around Cambridge provided another opportunity for progress but attendance was often low due to the unfortunate association of ringing with rowing (they appear next to one another in the 'Students' Handbook').

Referring to more social matters, the Master expressed the Guild's congratulations to two members who have recently announced their respective engagements, Alison Blythe, the president's daughter, for whom a congratulatory peal of Grandsire Triples had been unsuccessful the previous Saturday, and Gilbert Thurlow, for whom a peal was rung of Cambridge, Norwich and Durham Minor. (The writer hopes that Gilbert will soon be in circulation again to assume his normal task of writing the Guild's reports.)

The toast of 'The Guests' was proposed by the secretary, Mr. W. T. Cook, in true classical style. He welcomed the Master of the Bristol University Society, the Master and secretary of the Oxford Society (Dr. Gullick and Mrs. Threlfall). Also he gave a very hearty welcome to three of the Guild's neighbours—Mr. T. R. Dennis and Mr. H. L. Martin, representing the Society of Cambridge Youths (a Society with which the Guild has always had cordial relations and which welcomes us at our practices and gives us our only opportunity of 12-bell ringing in Cambridge) and Canon Woodard, the Vicar of St. Andrew-the-Great, who has always given very great support to the Guild.

Canon Woodard replied for the guests and gave an insight into the restoration work being carried out by his Parochial Church Council. A complete restoration of the bells is included towards the end of the present programme of work costing some £7,000, but Canon Woodard suggested that he would welcome an attempt by the ringers themselves to start a separate fund so that this might take place earlier. He felt sure that it would not interfere with the other church work and suggested that heads of business houses (of which there are over 100 in the parish) could supply the necessary money if approached.

After dinner members drove through the snow to Roger Morris' luxurious rooms in Clare, where a bar and handbells were kept going until 11.30. W. J. R.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Mary-atte-Bow was visited by the Northern District for their quarterly meeting on March 12th.

Ringing under the direction of the District Master commenced rather late owing to the keys not being available. Methods ranged from rounds to Cambridge Major.

A visit was afterwards paid to St. Dunstan's, Stepney, where this grand ring of ten was set going to Stedman Caters, Grandsire, Plain Bob Royal and also Cambridge Royal, which, however, was not successful. Six o'clock came all too soon and an adjournment was made for tea.

After Evensong at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, full use was made of the bells until 8.45. A cordial welcome was extended to Mr. H. Millatt (Colchester) and Mr. S. T. and Miss C. M. Ford (Loughton). L. H. B.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

It was surprisingly fine when the Eastern District visited Broxbourne on March 12th. The eight bells were rung during the afternoon to a variety of methods including Plain and Double Norwich Bob Major. The Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Glenn, conducted the service and gave a very interesting address.

A delicious tea in a nearby hall preceded the business meeting. The Vicar presided, and the District received Mr. T. J. Southam as secretary for the first time. Subjects discussed included the County Association peal book, badges and certificates.

After the meeting the party returned to the tower and ringing continued until 8.10 p.m.

C. E. H.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON BOB MAJOR

By H. CHANT

(Continued from page 173)

It should be understood by the student that we enter the course at a bob 'Before' at the fourth lead—halfway between 'Wrong' and 'Middle' so that it is impossible, without repetition, to ring this again. In fact a bob 'Before' leaves off one course at the **end** of the 4th lead and enters another at the **beginning** of the 4th lead; the two courses, as it were, overlap.

Any repetition will, therefore, be shown in the 'Wrong' column, as this column shows the sections of those courses which have been used between the 'Wrong' and 'Middle' position, i.e., the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th lead of a course.

Now pardon me a digression. I mentioned earlier that I was ignoring 5ths and 4ths but now he comes glowering up at me refusing repression, so I may as well smother him while I'm at it.

The first bob in a 5ths and 4ths occurs at the end of the 2nd lead and scatters the tenors (and sometimes the ringers). A bob at the following lead brings them 'together' again when everybody breathes a sigh of relief. But to everybody's amazement, particularly the conductor, who was just congratulating himself on his escapes in the previous lead, the 'Middle' position appears.

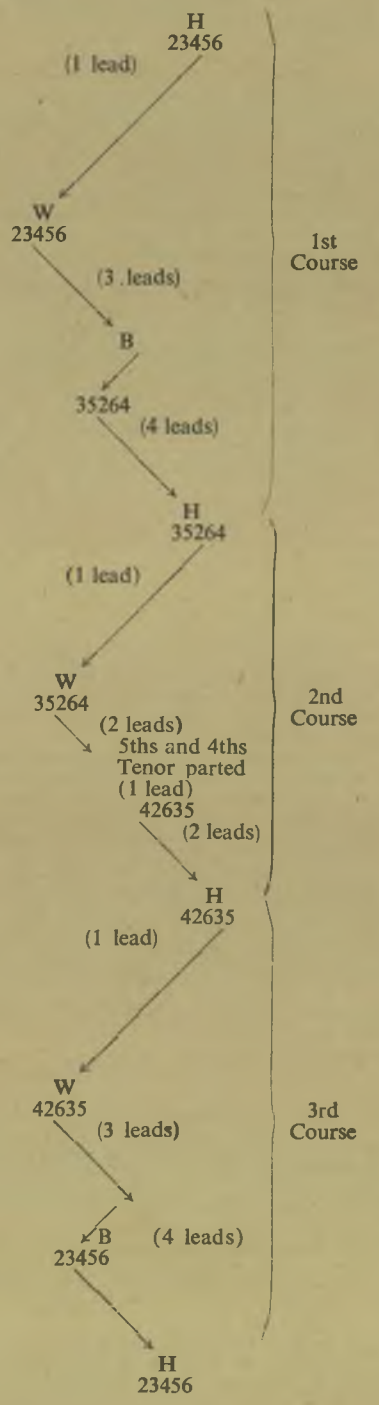
So that in 5ths and 4ths, a lead during which the tenors are parted is sandwiched between the first two leads of one course and the last two of another.

Now let us examine the following 'touch' from which, if we study diligently, we may learn all we wish to know about proving 5ths and 4ths:—

23456	5–4	B	W	M	H
			23456		
35264		—	35264	35264	35264
42635	x		35264	42635	42635
			42635		
23456		—	23456	23456	23456

We have previously learnt that if all the rows in the same column are different the 'touch' is true. Here we have an example which shows the truth of this statement and an exception.

Let us set it down as per my previous diagram (original).



Let us take the exception first.

It can be seen from the diagram that in the first course the **last four leads** are taken from the course 35264, while in the second course the **first two leads** are also taken from the course 35264. Then, like a knight in chess, it 'o'erleaps with much vaunted pride' the intervening obstacles and lands safely in the last two leads of 42635.

Both the rows 35264 appear, however, in the 'Wrong' column of our figure proof. **This, then, is the only time when two rows may appear in the same column without falseness.**

But, alas, our touch is still false; not because of our 5ths and 4ths, but because of our 'Befores.'

Referring again to our diagram (original), it can be seen that the first course employs the **first four** leads of the plain course (23456), while the third course uses the **last four.** As there are (still) only seven leads in a course it should be clear that one has been repeated. The lead is, in fact, the middle one (the 4th) due to the bob 'Before.'

The falseness is shown in the figure proof in the 'Wrong' column where the row 23456 appears twice.

So much for our mortal enemy '5ths and 4ths.' The professors and students can now relax while I explain my original diagram (No. II.).

I first introduced this diagram (Original No. II.) to a startled and admiring Exercise in 1942, when it was published in 'The Ringing World' on (I believe) July 31st. Since then I have devised one or two improvements, not on the chart itself, but in its use.

As very few ringers retain their old 'Ringing Worlds' other than those which contain their own name, e.g., peals, letters, outings, meetings, quarter peals, compositions, etc., and as most of the people to whom this article is likely to be of value or interest will have 'joined the ranks' since that time, I will describe the chart and explain its use.

'It (the chart) consists of the 120 courses that are possible with the tenors together, 60 (in course) on the left-hand side, and 60 (out-of-course) on the right-hand side, arranged systematically, thus: 23456, 42356, 34256, 32546, 53246, 25346, etc., etc.

'As each course is divided into seven leads I have allotted a space to each of these seven leads, together with an insertion in the appropriate place of the course end to which the transference is made if a call is made at that lead. As this may sound more complicated than it actually is I append a facsimile of the course 23456.

23456	
W	52436
5ths	
B	35264
4ths	64523
M	43652

'Each course is treated in a similar manner and the chart is complete.'

Originally when I used the chart I used strips of cardboard to cover the rows, but later, following a suggestion by C. W. Woolley (who was then in the Forces, and who used to visit me, as he was stationed nearby, to be beaten at chess—we also did some handbell ringing) I changed the procedure.

So that having completed the chart, the next thing required by the student is a piece of perspex and a Chinagraph pencil, or, indeed, anything that will make a mark on the perspex that can be easily erased. The perspex can simply be laid over the magic figures, or the chart (mine is on stiff cardboard) secured to it.

You will notice that the courses are arranged in groups of three, as though they were a block of three 'Homes.' In fact when writing (or typing) the chart it is a good idea to group them in threes in this manner.

Now we have got this elaborate affair constructed what are we going to do with it? (Yes, professor, I know!). Ignoring caustic comments from the back row, may I point out that its use is twofold.

PROVING

In proving a touch or peal it is necessary to surround with a rectangle any lead or leads that have been used. Providing that there is no overlapping of rectangles then the composition is true. In this connection I have formulated several rules.

Rule No. 1.—If there is no bob at 'Home,' return to the beginning of the course.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Despite the icy blast which swept over North Wiltshire on March 12th, over fifty ringers assembled at St. Mark's, Swindon, for the quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch. Visitors were welcomed from places as far away as Bradford (Yorks), Cambridge, London, Southend and Worcester.

At the business meeting the branch chairman (Dr. H. Craig) expressed the good wishes of the members to Francis Wilton and Pauline Manning, who were married earlier in the day, also to Peter Minchin, who has been posted to Korea. The secretary reported that the general secretary hoped to call a meeting at Chippenham in April, and it was proposed that the next two meetings be at Malmesbury and Bishopstone. A good number of beginners were present, some of them having their first pull on eight bells, and methods up to Cambridge were rung.

W. B. K.

BEARWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR

58 4 12 36 12 38 56 1

2nds place lead-end, 4ths place bob.

Tipler's E 3/1.

Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, March 9th, 1955.

BOB MAJOR — Continued

This rule may sound rather obvious, even to the student, but remember it is possible to enter a course even at the last lead, return to the beginning and move back to the point of entry thereby taking a flying leap into the next course.

Rule No. 2. 'If there is a bob at "Home" move to the next course on the right in the same group.'

Two observations here:—

(i.) Always regard moving from the third to the first course in a group, e.g., from 34256 to 23456, as 'the next course on the right.'

(ii.) Make some distinguishing mark (e.g., a little squiggle on the line) to denote that a bob 'Home' has been used. This will avoid confusion later.

Rule No. 3. 'In the case of a bob "Before" include the 4th lead of the old and the 4th lead of the new course.'

Rule No. 4. 'In the case of 5th and 4th leave off at the 2nd lead of the old, enter the 6th lead of the new course.'

Always remember that a lead during which the tenors have been separated, and which does not appear on the chart, has been used.

One or two examples will soon accustom us to the use of the chart for proving.

Take the following well-known 'touch':—

Draw a rectangle around the first lead to show that this has been used. Notice that the 'W' transposition on the chart shows us into which course we move after the bob 'Wrong.' (52436.)

23456	W	
52436	—	
35426	—	
23456	—	

Starting from the 2nd lead in this course we observe that there are no further bobs in the course and so surround the remainder by a rectangle. As there is no bob at 'Home' we return to the beginning of the course (52436) and complete the enclosure by surrounding the first lead.

(To be continued)

PORTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

38 6 56 16 12 5 14 7

2nds place lead-end, 4ths place bob.

Rung at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, February 21st, 1955

KINGSBURY SURPRISE MAJOR

58 14 12 36 34 38 16 1

2nds place lead-end, 4ths place bob.

Rung at Bishop's Ryder's Church, Birmingham, March 14th, 1955.

THE COTSWOLDS IN THE WINTER

Although a very cold east wind was blowing and a persistent layer of snow existed, it in no way 'blued' an enjoyable ringing trip into the fringe of the Cotswolds which took place on March 5th.

Ringing for the day commenced at Tysoe, a ground floor six, excellent in every way (tenor 15 cwt. in E). Just over the border in Oxfordshire we then tried the lightish five at Holy Trinity, Shenington (tenor 8 cwt.), which we found to our liking.

By kind permission of Mr. C. Jarvice, at short notice, we were allowed to try our luck on his private ring of six at Home Farm, Balscote. This is the lightest ring of bells at present hung for ringing, having a tenor of 1 cwt. 22 lb. in C. For those in the party who had not had the pleasure of ringing here before it was a very novel and interesting experience.

Back once more into Warwickshire to try the six at Long Compton, where both the churchwarden and the head ringer welcomed us. These are a good ring, tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp, with an anti-clockwise circle.

At the twin village of Little Compton there is a saddleback tower, dating from the 14th century. Inside there is a poor five (not six), tenor approx. 8½ cwt. in B flat. Ringing them is by no means easy as there is only about 2ft. of rope below the tenor sally, no stay on the third and they have oval bearings, as they are only chimed on Sunday. The tenor difficulty was overcome by means of standing on several blocks of wood placed in turn on a bench. Rounds were more than enough here.

In Oxfordshire again we found a 'right,' good 'rolling' six at Great Rollwright (tenor 9 cwt. in G). An enjoyable half-hour was spent, together with the head ringer, at St. Michael and All Angels', Wolford, where there is a good six (tenor 12¼ cwt.).

Visitors to St. Paul's, Broadwell, must only expect to find five bells; the sixth is a sanctus bell not hung for ringing. However, we enjoyed our ring here even if we did start 43215 through not having realised they were another anti-clockwise ring.

The band was drawn from St. Luke's, Wolverhampton, Little Aston and Walsall. Methods rung were Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, April Day, Stedman and Grandsire. A. N.

QUARTER PEALS

BADSEY, WORCS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Hall 1, C. B. Longmore 2, H. Wheatley 3, P. Hatcher 4, A. J. Brazier (first of Bob Minor) 5, R. R. Savory (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for Evensong.

BENSON, OXON.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Fulker (first of Triples) 1, F. Godden 2, J. Godman 3, T. Selwood 4, R. Tuckwell 5, F. Smith 6, F. Absolom (cond.) 7, J. Cherrill 8. Rung for the birthday of R. Wells, tower captain.

BETHNAL GREEN, E.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Mar. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Merrett 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. W. Ottley 4, J. Merrett 5, J. Barrance 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. First in method for 1, 5 and 6. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Merrett.

CLAINES, WORCS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rowena Harris (first of Triples) 1, H. Homans (first 'inside') 2, E. Wilson 3, G. E. Large 4, A. Morgan 5, R. Sayers 6, R. Woodyatt (cond.) 7, F. Yates 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

CROMER, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. H. Riscbrow 1, C. Pooley 2, E. C. Wilson 3, J. R. Smith (cond.) 4, R. W. Balls (first quarter) 5, W. H. Holdom (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 360 Oxford Bob and 360 Double Oxford): S. H. Ashton 1, Marion Jackson 2, R. Head 3, G. Cherry 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Stanley H. Ashton of Pirton. Also on Mar. 6th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 each of Annable's London and Norwich): P. W. Croft 1, K. C. Timbury 2, R. Head 3, E. Winters 4, G. Cherry 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

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LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Feb. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. Hawkins 1, R. Charge 2, W. R. Winterton 3, F. Barker 4, G. Parsons 5, M. Sindon 6, A. W. Coles 7, J. Euston 8. Birthday compliment to G. Parsons, and a 21st to Michael Fox, grandson of J. Hawkins. Also a farewell to Reuben Charge, who is moving to Cambridge.

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.—On Feb. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Austin (first quarter) 1, R. Haydon (first in the method and 'inside') 2, R. Barratt 3, N. D. Lomas 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, G. Barber 6.

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CRAWLEY—PAYNE. — The engagement is announced between John Phillips, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Crawley, of Coulsdon, Surrey, and Christine Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Payne, of Southwold, Suffolk. 6064

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

REED—COX.—The marriage between David R. Reed, of Ringwood, Hants, and Winifred Mary Cox, of Stapehill, Wimborne, Dorset, will take place at All Saints' Church, Hampreston, Dorset, on Saturday, April 2nd, at 12 noon. All friends welcome at the church. 6047

DEATH

SELLERS. — On March 16th, 1955, at 3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley, E. Yorks, Grace Elizabeth, devoted wife of Albert E. Sellers. Interment took place on Saturday, March 19th, at St. Martin's Cemetery, after service in Beverley Minster, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Collyn Hargreaves, M.A. 'Till we meet again.' 6046

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Burbage, Buxton, 3 p.m., Saturday, March 26th. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 6002

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Sawley (8), Saturday, March 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. —M. Bailey, Dis. Sec. 6065

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely and Wisbech Districts.—Joint meeting at Littleport on Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Ely Dis. Sec. 6003

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting at Eynesbury (6), March 26th. Bells 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6028

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Great Wymondley March 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method: Norwich Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6006

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Hythe (8) on March 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—W. P. G. 5992

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting at Lenham, Saturday, March 26th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 5993

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at St. Paul's (10), Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, March 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers and friends welcome. 6009

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — District meeting at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City (close to Fenchurch Street Station), on Saturday, March 26th, 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Ringing in the evening at St. Botolph's, Aldgate, 6.45 to 7.45 p.m.—T. J. Lock 6008

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Clewer, March 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Village Hall. Ringing afterwards. Preliminary notice: Branch annual meeting, High Wycombe, April 23rd. 6051

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Aston, March 26th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 6015

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Newmarket, March 26th. St. Mary's (6, 21¼ cwt.) 2.30 p.m. Tea only to those who notify me.—C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 6014

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Elstow (6), Saturday, April 2nd, 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, absolutely vital, to me, before Tuesday, March 29th. Everyone welcome.—Peter J. Shipton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 16a, Kimbolton Road, Bedford. 6042

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Butlers Marston (6) on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by March 30th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warks. 6056

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District. — Meeting at Doddington on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 6041

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—North Ockendon April 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Carter, Clay Tye Road, North Ockendon. 6010

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Stoke Bishop (6), April 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church House, Julian Road: Meeting to follow. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 6063

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Meeting, Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, April 2nd. Handbells 2.30. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow in hall. Names for tea, by March 30th, to L. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.—R. Collins, Dis. Sec. 6037

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District. — Quarterly meeting, Worfield (6), April 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 6040

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Brenchley, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names ,with cash, please, by Wednesday, March 30th, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 5961

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. — Ribble Valley Ringers' Rally, Rishton, April 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Refreshments in School 1s. 6d. each. Blackburn Branch business meeting after tea. All welcome.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 6061

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Meeting on Saturday, April 2nd, at Heversham (6 bells). Ringing 2.30-7.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to P. Hanley, Heversham Hall, Milnthorpe, Westmorland.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 6062

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2nd, at Aughton Parish Church (St. Michael's). Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea (1s. per head) to Mr. R. Larkey, Smithy Lane, Aughton, near Ormskirk.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 6043

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Somerby, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 4.45. Names, by March 30th, to Mr. R. C. Tyler, Church Lane, Somerby.—J. H. Cook. 6058

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Brown Edge, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, March 30th, to A. Pointon, 145, Wilding Road, Norton, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 6059

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Hanslope, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) at 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 6052

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on April 2nd at 6 p.m..—B. C. Castle. 6045

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Oxendon, April 2nd. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. D. Griffin, 2, Braybrooke Road, Great Oxendon. Market Harborough, Leicestershire.—J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 6054

SALISBURY GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Warminster (8), April 2nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6053

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Puddletown (6), April 2nd Usual arrangements. Names, by March 29th, please, to Mr. C. Knight, High Street, Puddletown, Dorchester.—Haine, Sec., Abbotsbury. 6038

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Conisbrough, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by March 31st, to M. C. Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisbrough, Doncaster.—J. Seager, Sec. 6039

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Cotgrave Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday previous, to Mr. L. Henson, 14, Scrimshaw Lane, Cotgrave, Notts.—C. W. Towers. 6012

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Brandon (6), Saturday, April 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Woodlynn Cafe.—Miss E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 6026

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Section.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's Church, Bronllys, near Talgarth, Saturday, April 2nd.—G. Davies, Hon. Sec., 4, Free Street, Brecon. 6036

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Yeovil, on Easter Monday, April 11th. Ringing at St. John's 11. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon, limited to 100, for **ticket holders only.** Applications for tickets, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to R. O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. Ringing: East Coker, 11–11.45, 7–8; Hardington, 10.30–11.30, 5.30–7; Martock, 10.30–11.30, 5.30–7; Drayton, 10.30–11.15, 6–7.30; Somerton, 10.30–11.30, 6–7.30; West Coker, 6–7. More towers to be announced at the meeting. 6067

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — 75th anniversary meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. Service 12 noon. Lunch at Royal Star Hotel 1 p.m. Lunch tickets on application, with remittance, to Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. Members 4s. Others 6s. For towers and ringing times see 'Ringing World,' April 1st, or apply (with stamped addressed envelope) to Ringing Master, Mr. A. Waddington, Malthouse Farm, Egerton, near Ashford.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec. 6049

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Llandaff. Bells (10) 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea, by April 5th, to F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 6045

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Worcester, Easter Monday, April 11th. Service 11 a.m. Meeting 12 noon. Usual ringing arrangements. Further details next week. Tea arranged for those who notify me before Wednesday, April 6th.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6057

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and Six-Bell Contest at Marsden, April 23rd (10-cwt. tenor). For tea please notify, by April 16th, D. B. Cater, Newlands, 7, Lane Ings, Marsden.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 6060

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SQUIRE LEONARD PROCTOR, J.P.

(1816 - 1895)

THE Squire was a unique figure in the annals of change ringing—only Squire Powell, of Quex Park, Birchington, can be compared with him. The latter's claim to fame, as far as we are concerned, lies almost entirely in the fact that he had a tower specially built on his private estate to contain a light ring of twelve bells, and although he secured the services of the noted William Shipway as instructor to his own men, they did not progress much further than a few peals of Grandsire Triples.

Squire Proctor, who was also a member of the Society of Cumberland Youths, added to the bells in the tower of his parish church, secured the services of another noted Cumberland Youth, Jeremiah Miller, who was afterwards succeeded by J. R. Haworth, a College Youth, and the Benington men became famous for many years as the leading band in England for their proficiency in ringing peals of Double Norwich Court Bob, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise.

These feats seem to be all the more remarkable when it is remembered that they were all achieved by ringers resident in one and the same small country parish. As may easily be imagined, Benington was a favourite spot with ringers. Nowhere did a ringer meet with a more cordial, hearty welcome, or with more generous hospitality, than at the Squire's house. 'The Lordship.'

It is now exactly sixty years since the death at the age of 79 of Squire Proctor, so there can only be a few men still with us who can have rung with him and his band or have seen and heard their ringing.

LEARNT AT CAMBRIDGE

Mr. Proctor, the head of a family which had been seated at Benington for nearly three centuries, was born in January, 1816. From a very early age he took an interest in bells, as he could ring a bell in 1829 when he went to Eton, where he rang the bell at the death of George IV. After spending his schooldays at Eton College, he went in 1834 to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he graduated in January, 1838. It was at Cambridge that he first entered on the study of the science and art of change ringing, practising chiefly on the fine ring of twelve at Great St. Mary's, the University Church.

Here was laid the foundation of that proficiency that later was to enable him to make himself master of all the best known and most admired 'crank' methods and to make his name so deservedly famous for nearly sixty years in ringing circles.

He joined the Society of Cumberland Youths in 1836 and after taking up his abode in the home of his father at Benington, he had the bells augmented to eight in 1838. They were opened by the Society on January 29th and next day a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung (conducted by E. Giles), to which he rang the tenor.

The Squire was not an infrequent visitor to his London friends and often rang at St. Martin-in-the-Fields. He would often commission J. Miller to take a band of Londoners to meet him for a day's ringing in the country.

THE FIRST PEAL

The first peal by the Benington band was rung in 1849 and is recorded on a tablet in this manner:—

'Ye Benington bells, ye Benington bells,
How many a tale your music tells
Of youth and home and that glad time
When last we heard your merry chime.
Now time will come when we are gone,
Your tuneful peal will still ring on,
While other hands your tender ropes shall pull
And strive our peal to ring which here we write in full.

On Tuesday, November 20th, 1849, a complete peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (5,040 changes) was rung in this steeple, in three hours and one minute. This peal, one of the most difficult in the science of change ringing, and the only peal in this intricate method ever rung in the County of Hertford, was accomplished in a masterly style by the undermentioned persons all resident in this parish. James Flott, Treble; Thomas Page, 2; Leonard Proctor, 3; William Collins, 4; John Aylott, 5; Charles Hollingsworth, 6; Joseph Kitchener, 7; George Warner, Tenor. The peal was most ably conducted by Mr. J. Kitchener, and is the production of Mr. J. Miller, of the Cumberland Youths, London, and contains sixty bobs.'

A peal of 5,280 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 1851 and this appears to have been the first of Kent in the county. In 1855 two peals of Superlative were rung within ten days of each other. Only four peals in this method had been previously recorded—1821 at Huddersfield, 1835 at Norwich, 1849 at Woolwich and 1850 at Bethnal Green—and the next Superlative peal was not rung until 1877 at Redenhall.

RINGING DAYS

The first of the Benington Superlative peals was rung on May 29th, 1855, and contained 5,376 changes. A Ringing Day was always held on this date in after years while the Squire was active, and indeed until 1940 it was the custom of the Eastern District of the Hertford County Association under the late Mr. W. H. Lawrence to hold a meeting on or near to this date, and in this, the centenary year, it would be very fitting to revive Benington's Great Ringing Day. The second of the 1855 Superlative peals was rung on June 9th and was a 6,048 by J. Cox; this stood as the longest peal in the method for thirty years when it was beaten by a 6,720 at Burton-on-Trent. Squire Proctor did not stand in the 6,048 peal, his bell was taken by J. Miller, but the rest of the band was similar to that in the other Benington peals. Joseph Kitchener called all the peals, also one of Stedman Triples in 1865, another 'first in the county.'

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the Benington band was the peal of London Surprise Major, containing 6,048 changes, which was rung in 1870. This was the third and longest peal to be rung in the method, the two previous London Surprise peals being rung at Norwich in 1835 and Woolwich in 1849. The next peal of London was not rung until 1877 at Burton-on-Trent, where the 6,048 was beaten in 1888 by a 6,720. Another great performance at Benington was the first true peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (5,600 changes) in 1873, rung over fifty years after the fifth and last of the false peals already recorded in the method, and once again the next Cambridge peal to be rung was at Burton in 1887.

The Benington peals of London and Cambridge are both recorded on the same tablet and the name of J. Miller is given as the composer of both peals, but the peal of Cambridge was actually the composition of C. Middleton rung in its transposed form. Tom Page conducted both from the tenor, Nathan Warner rang the treble, John Kitchener the second, Squire Proctor the third, Sam Page the fifth, Charles Hollingsworth the sixth and Charles Shambrook the seventh in both peals. L. Chapman rang the fourth in the Cambridge in the place of Joseph Kitchener.

A FAMOUS BAND

This famous band opened or reopened the bells at St. Peter's, St. Albans (1868). St. Albans Abbey (1871), Galleywood, Essex (1873), Sawbridgeworth (1871), Baldock (1882) and many other places with a long length containing touches in the various standard and Surprise methods they practised. At Galleywood they rang 5,060 changes in ten methods, ranging from 336 Grandsire Triples to 448 London Surprise.

In 1876, the Squire and three of his men took part in a peal of Stedman Caters at All Saints', Hertford, composed and conducted by John Cox.

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The last two peals by the Benington band were both rung in January, 1887, for the Hertford County Association. They were 6,000 Double Norwich and 6,720 Superlative, conducted by Sam Page. The Squire did not take part in either and the former peal was rung in honour of his 71st birthday.

Squire Proctor was one of the founders of the County Association in 1884 and was elected to serve as a vice-president at the first meeting under the presidency of the Bishop of St. Albans. In 1888 he was elected as president, and in 1893 at the annual meeting he was presented with a handsome marble clock and a framed illuminated address by Canon W. Wigram on behalf of the members. These gifts were left by him to posterity as a mark of the great kindness by his fellow-ringers. The clock and the framed address may still be seen in the Parish Hall at Benington, while a photograph of the Squire and his band hangs in the tower.

The Squire and his men grew old together. After he discontinued ringing, little was done in that way by them. The band were almost entirely his own servants and dependants. Benington was Mr. Proctor's world. He had few pursuits outside, and left it very seldom. Latterly he lived almost alone: he became more and more feeble, although adhering pretty much to the old routine of life, and was out of doors within two days of his death. He passed away in 1895 so quietly that even intimate friends and neighbours never heard of his being ill until they were told of his funeral.

The Society of Cumberland Youths, however, 'amid the solemnity befitting the occasion,' muffled the bells of St. Martin-in-the-Fields at the practice on Friday, March 29th, and performed the usual whole-pull-and-stand, which was followed by touches of Stedman Cinques.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S APPRECIATION

The Central Council, of which he was an original member, unanimously passed the following resolution at Sheffield on Easter Tuesday, 1895: 'That this meeting desires to place on record its high appreciation of the services rendered to the Exercise by the late Leonard Proctor, Esq., of Benington, than whom no one has done more to encourage practical ringing in its highest branches.'

The late Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, writing in 'The Ringing World' in March, 1928, and June, 1933, referred to Benington as the Mecca of many famous men—Cox, Haley, Miller, Lobb and, in later days, Washbrook, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, W. H. Fussell, Nathan and Frederick Pitstow (not to mention J. R. Haworth) and many others were visitors, and at The Lordship the old Squire kept ever open doors to ringers. It was nothing strange years ago to hear the bells of Benington ringing upon any day of the week, for if a peal was wanted, the Squire had only to call up his men, and visitors could be accommodated with any method they required. There must have been many peals rung that are not recorded, for the ringing was kept up to a very high standard right up to the time of Mr. Proctor's death.

It was nothing out of the common for London Surprise to be rung for services, and the bells were always raised in peal before the service touch and lowered again before the service. It was done perfectly and was a treat to listen to. Benington in Squire Proctor's days had a truly wonderful band and their striking was perfect. The band visited Braughing on the anniversary of the 12,240 Bob Major peal rung there on May 10th, 1779, for fifty years without a break, and it was seldom that all the standard methods were not rung during the day, and on one or more occasions took their own bell-ropes with them.

The old Squire would often take Sam Page to various parts of England for ringing and Sam was never tired of telling of his visits to Birmingham, Warwick, Ipswich, London, Lavenham, Saffron Walden and many other places as well as of the places visited by the whole band together to open rings, etc.

Mr. Lawrence could well remember in his childhood days hearing Benington bells across the fields, striking with the regularity of machinery. The ringers had been trained in a strict school. Thomas Page had the training of his son and Sam often repeated the words of his father to him, viz., 'If I was going to be a ringer. I'd BE one,' and the words were carried out to the full by both. Sam Page died in 1928, and about two years later C. Shambrook, the Squire's coachman, passed on, the last of the old band.

H. V. F.

TEN BELL PEAL

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. (approx.)

*MARTYN HAWKES	*Treble*	WILLIAM LEWIS	6
REGINALD WOODYATT	2	ALLEN MORGAN	7
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	THOMAS W. LEWIS	8
IVOR GOULTER	4	ARTHUR D. COOK	9
WALTER H. RAXTER	5	DAVID BEACHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. DEAL. Conducted by REGINALD WOODYATT.
* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Consisting of 1,536 changes each of Yorkshire and Cambridge and 2,016 Superlative with 132 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	*†RALPH HARRIS	5
*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	*PATRICK HARRIS	7
*GERALD C. HEMMING	4	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise. † 100th peal.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Lambert's Variation of Pritchard's. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JANICE E. GRENHAM	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
WILLIAM KITCHENSIDE	2	EDWIN BROMLEY	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
COLIN A. TESTER	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ERNEST BOUMPHREY	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
JEAN C. BROWN	2	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
WILFRED STEVENSON	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss J. Jones and Mr. W. Jepson who were married at this church prior to the commencement of the peal.

This composition contains the 24 5678's, 6578's, 4678's, 6478's, 4578's and 5478's.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	6
CYRIL S. JARRATT	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
RALPH BIRD	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to ringers of second and tenor.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	*Treble*	FRED BROWNLOW	5
NORMAN TOMKINS	2	ERIC BALDWIN	6
JAMES GROUNDS	3	PETER CROOK	7
*JAMES CUNLIFFE	4	ALBERT GREENHALGH	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
* First peal.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

*DEREK ASTON	*Treble*	PETER BAKER	5
LESLIE BARRY	2	LESLIE ASTON	6
FREDERICK NURDEN	3	THOMAS BOREHAM	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	EDWIN T. NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Major.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
(Mid-Devon Branch.)
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Benedictine Abbey of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

Aubrey L. Bennett	*Treble*	William J. Harvey	5
Mariella E. Mundy	2	*Gerald A. Uglow	6
Rev. John G. M. Scott	3	James E. Lilley	7
E. Maurice Atkins	4	Norman Mallett	*Tenor*

Composed and conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
* First peal of Major.
First peal in the method on the bells and rung on the front octave.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

Margery Birch	*Treble*	Douglas Burnett	5
Frederick R. Roberts	2	Rev. A. S. Roberts	6
Geoffrey W. Taysom	3	Clement W. Jose	7
A. Hubert Eplett	4	Robert A. Southwood	*Tenor*

Conducted by Rev. A. S. Roberts.
Rung with the bells half muffled to the memory of Henry Williams, late member of Truro Cathedral Company, and Mildred Beatrice Shaw, widow of the late Canon Vernon Shaw, of St. John's, Penzance, who died on the 15th and 18th of March, respectively.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

Mrs. E. Chandler	*Treble*	Wilfred J. Newman	5
*Leslie Evans	2	Harold Huxley	6
Gerald C. Hemming	3	C. Arthur Manning	7
Frederick R. Harris	4	Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff. Conducted by Geoffrey J. Hemming.
* 300th peal. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.
A birthday compliment to Joseph D. Johnson, General Secretary of the Worcestershire Association, and the Rev. F. C. Champion, Rector of Hinton-on-the-Green.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Lambert's Variation of Pritchard's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Kathleen M. Yeo	*Treble*	William R. Manser	5
†William A. Kitchenside	2	Frederick J. Lambert	6
George Beeney	3	Luther J. Honess	7
‡Stanley G. Ponting	4	Robert T. Lambert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert T. Lambert.
* First peal on eight bells. † 75th peal in method. ‡ 25th peal.
First peal on the bells since rehanging by J. Taylor & Co.
A birthday compliment to Kathleen Yeo.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

Anne Barr	*Treble*	Jeffrey B. Webb	5
Edmund Malin	2	Dennis Beresford	6
Joan Beresford	3	Peter Beresford	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	George E. Oliver	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. Whitehead. Conducted by George E. Oliver.
Rung as a compliment to Preb. H. S. Cresswell, Vicar of St. Mary's Church, on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A flat

William J. Ridgman	*Treble*	Peter Border	5
Margaret Swann	2	†Ivor J. Dickin	6
*John G. Gipson	3	*T. Reginald Dennis	7
*George E. Crisp	4	Chris. M. P. Johnson	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes.*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Sampson Walklate	*Treble*	Albert E. Thompson	5
Derek P. Jones	2	*Alan G. Foster	6
Denis R. Carlisle	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Harold Taylor	4	*David K. Walklate	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by David K. Walklate.
* First peal Yorkshire Surprise Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Walklate.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In five methods: being 1,088 changes London, 1,024 Cambridge, and 992 each of Bristol, Superlative and Pudsey, with all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Milton C. Fowler	*Treble*	W. Eric Critchley	5
John J. L. Gilbert	2	J. Frederick Milner	6
Howard Scott	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
Leslie W. G. Morris	4	Norman Chaddock	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
The first peal of Spliced on the bells.

PENWORTHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

James Blackburn	*Treble*	R. John Nash	5
Cyril Crossthwaite	2	Fred Howarth	6
*Richard Price	3	Frank Stead	7
Philip Dunderdale	4	G. Alec Dimmock	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by C. Crossthwaite.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to mark the 80th birthday of Mr. G. H. Bath, churchwarden.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Mrs. T. J. Lock	*Treble*	John R. Mayne	5
*Douglas C. Birkinshaw	2	*Roy Wilkinson	6
†Shirley M. Clayton	3	W. Norman Genna	7
Marion J. Skinner	4	Thomas J. Lock	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Thomas J. Lock.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

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PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES C. RAWDING	*Treble*	GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	5
BERNARD H. DALTON	2	AUBREY D. MILLS	6
JOHN G. AMES	3	HORACE BENNETT	7
W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Mark Howard) to Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Whitton.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

*GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	*Treble*	JOHN F. BRYANT	5
VIVIAN M. COPPING	2	*RALPH BEAUMONT	6
ROBERT E. MOULDS	3	JOHN HENRY FIELDEN	7
SHEILA M. TAYLOR	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY F. BRYANT.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for Confirmation service.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours* 52 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	JACK ASHCROFT	5
PETER COXALL	2	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	6
TERRY OWEN	3	ARTHUR MAWDSLEY	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

JOHN M. HARRAP	*Treble*	†ALAN P. CAVE	5
*MARGARET A. FLOYER	2	ROLAND W. MORANT	6
MARY FULLER	3	MARTYN W. HARBOTT	7
DUGALD MACPHERSON	4	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Major.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	*Treble*	*E. ALAN RAWLINSON	5
*J. BRENDA SOFTLEY	2	*PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	6
MARGARET A. SOFTLEY	3	*ROBIN G. LEALE	7
*ENID SOFTLEY	4	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal of Little Bob.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Mar. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B flat.

*MARGARET J. S. GOUGH	*Treble*	THOMAS GWILT	5
VINCENT A. HEMMING	2	LEONARD TUFFREY	6
GEORGE E. FEARN	3	ARTHUR MORRIS	7
MRS. KATHLEEN WATTS	4	*JUNE E. KENT	*Tenor*

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.
* First peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRAFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Tues., Mar. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, one extent of St. Clement's, two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

ROLAND JONES	*Treble*	R. GEORGE CARE	4
B. ERIC FROST	2	GEORGE F. ROOME	5
*ALLAN JONES	3	ERIC NOBLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal at first attempt.
Rung on St. David's Day for the Feast of St. David.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in seven methods: College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

HENRY W. GAYTON	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4
BRYAN F. SIMS	2	C. HENRY HARDING	5
RONALD J. SHARP	3	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. HENRY HARDING.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Henry Gayton.

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

CEDRIC CURSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM CLOVER	4
EILEEN G. BRACEY	2	CHARLES H. MOORE	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	3	HENRY TOOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
First peal on the bells.
Rung half muffled in memoriam Rev. Harold Mundy Mills, Vicar of Ketteringham, 1942-1955.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JILL I. MARTIN	*Treble*	DAVID P. STUBBINGS	4
JANE THORPE	2	EUSTACE W. BULMAN	5
T. REGINALD DENNIS	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

TEDBURN ST. MARY, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
On Fri., Mar. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Double Court, Double Oxford and St. Clement's and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE W. J. BUTT	*Treble*	HAROLD P. BURTON	4
FREDERICK WREFORD	2	JOHN QUICK	5
SIDNEY SKINNER	3	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.
First peal on the bells.
A birthday compliment to the tenorman.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*ERNEST J. LADD	*Treble*	CHARLES A. BASSETT	4
BERNARD V. COLLISON	2	PETER N. BOND	5
STANLEY G. PONTING	3	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
* 75th peal together.
A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ponting.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, COLEGATE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being extents of Norfolk, Primrose, Hull, Ipswich, Cambridge, Bourne and Spliced Cambridge and Ipswich. Tenor 9 cwt.

G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	*Treble*	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	4
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	GEORGE SAYER	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

DUXFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON	4
T. REGINALD DENNIS	2	*HARRY CHURCHMAN	5
JOHN G. GIPSON	3	†JOHN HALLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

FREDEICK A. SALTER	*Treble*	CHARLES TOWERS	4
MRS. M. I. PAILING	2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	5
J. KENNETH WAGSTAFF	3	JAMES H. PAILING	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. PAILING.
First peal as conductor.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

L. CLIVE PROSSER	*Treble*	CHARLES PHILLIPS	4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	2	REGINALD G. POWELL	5
TRACEY H. YOUNG	3	MAURICE WALTERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.
The last peal on the bells before being taken down for restoration.

SEDLESCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

COLIN A. TESTER	*Treble*	KEVIN S. HOHL	4
*BETTY TESTER	2	ALBERT RELFE	5
*GEORGE FRY	3	JOHN W. MEADE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.
* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

STAVERTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in G.

*DAWN V. ELSON	*Treble*	*W. JOHN KINCHIN	4
MICHAEL F. AMOS	2	*ROBIN WILSON	5
DONALD S. PAYNE	3	ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
* First peal of Minor.

SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, RODBOURNE CHENEY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb.

MARION HARRY	*Treble*	DENNIS BOUNDS	4
*A. TERRY COLLINS	2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	5
WALTER H. TRUEMAN	3	*FRANK BROUGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER H. TRUEMAN.
* First peal. Rung following the wedding of Peter Henderson and Beryl Strange, both ringers at this tower.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven varied extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

*ALLAN J. BUTCHER	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	4
†JOHN A. HOWARD	2	†CLEMENT F. BONNETT	5
†PATRICIA M. HOWARD	3	IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN A. C. BUTCHER.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor.

SEALE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Mar. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six extents of St. Simon's, 12 extents of Plain Bob, 20 extents of Grandsire and one each of Morris's and Pitman's 240's of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A flat.

*ANGELA M. HOUCHIN	*Treble*	‡ROLAND W. MORANT	4
E. JOHN-WELLS	2	†ERNEST GARDNER	5
†DUGALD MACPHERSON	3	*EDNA J. YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal. † First peal in three Doubles methods. ‡ 100th peal.
Rung for Mothering Sunday, also as a birthday compliment to Ernest Gardner, captain of the local band.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Kettering Branch.)
On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents each of Grandsire and St. Simon's and 22 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

RICHARD J. COLES	*Treble*	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3
BASIL O. BUTLER	2	*RICHARD F. ROE	4
BRYAN S. COPE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRYAN S. COPE.
* First peal of Doubles.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET. YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 15, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes.*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 720 each of St. Miles, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Old Doubles.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY	1-2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3-4
		ALLAN SHEPPARD	5-6

Conducted by ALLAN SHEPPARD.
A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Sheppard, brother of the conductor.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT 34, LEONARD AVENUE, SHERWOOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

*JOAN E. HOODLESS	1-2	BRIAN BUSWELL	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4	*ALLAN SIMPSON	7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal on handbells.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., Mar. 23, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	1-2	DAVID J. MARSHALL	3-4
		*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	5-6

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.
* First handbell peal.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June Grieveson 1, Pamela Law 2, Mary W. Brown (cond.) 3, Diana M. Gough 4, Valerie Mepham 5, Beryl Reynolds 6. First all ladies' quarter peal rung in the tower. Rung for all mothers on Mothering Sunday.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Flack (aged 11, first of Major) 1, S. Bonnett 2, Miss P. Hutton 3, P. Stacey 4, J. Dear (cond.) 5, W. Collins 6, E. Buck 7, C. Harwood 8.

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): J. Bunting 1, A. Tomlinson 2, D. Smedley 3, E. Sturman 4, C. Heeley 5, A. Ashby (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss G. Smith, once a ringer at this tower.

BARWELL, LEICS.—On Mar. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Wilebore 1, P. E. Hough 2, A. A. Lucas 3, J. L. Hough (cond.) 4, C. R. Belton 5, T. K. Deacon 6, G. P. Garner 7, A. H. Hough 8.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Phillips (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Wincott 2, Miss P. Burnell 3, W. E. Burnell 4, D. G. Thrush (cond.) 5, D. R. Taylor 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On Mar. 15th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss B. Tester 1, C. A. Tester 2, W. Durham 3, F. Bromley 4, A. Bromley 5, R. E. Lambert 6, E. Bromley 7, R. T. Lambert (first of Cambridge Surprise Major as cond.) 8. First of Cambridge Major for 1, 2 and 6. Rung as a farewell to Leonard Pearce, a local ringer, who is leaving the village.

BRISTOL.—On Mar. 19th, at St. Werburgh's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Grinter (cond.) 1, F. C. Mogford 2, B. W. S. Angell 3, A. R. Wright 4, D. V. Smith 5, R. J. Bowden 6.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. Maundrell 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, H. Burry 3, W. Hacker 4, R. Saye 5, R. Barry 6, H. Parkes (cond.) 7, W. Haines 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday, and as a compliment to the conductor.

CANFORD MAGNA, DORSET.—On Mar. 13th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Barton 1, M. Frewer 2, L. Pink 3, H. Pitman 4, W. Shute (cond.) 5, C. Chant 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Webber 1, L. Pople 2, F. Fackerell 3, H. Pople 4, W. Stevens (cond.) 5, W. Hayward 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. G. D. Ward, headmaster of Cannington School, 1924–1952, whose funeral took place the previous day.

CAPE TOWN, S. AFRICA.—At St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, on Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, C. Gardiner 2, W. J. Smith 3, J. Riley 4, J. G. Wood 5, L. Hewitt 6, R. H. Stickley (first as cond.) 7, J. Ernstyen 8. First for all the band except conductor. Longest length of Triples in Africa since December, 1904. Rung as a mark of appreciation to the Rev. W. H. Cummings (Rector) and the Rev. J. Ensor (assistant priest) and to the previous Rector (Canon W. R. Way) for their support and interest.

CHEDDAR, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: R. Pavey 1, Marion Macfarlane 2, W. Sargent 3, E. C. Wickham 4, Marjorie Legg (cond.) 5, R. Button 6, E. J. Small 7, J. Hudson 8. A compliment to Mr. E. J. Fisher on his 81st birthday.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On Mar. 14th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. Howe 1, Eva Appleby 2, F. G. Oliver 3, W. Brunt 4, B. Fairhead 5, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 6. First quarter 'inside' for 2 and 4. Also on Mar. 20th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: Mrs. R. Rouse 1, Pauline A. Nice (first in method) 2, A. R. Andrews 3, Brenda M. Balls (first of Surprise 'inside') 4, E. P. Duffield 5, J. H. Edwards 6, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 7, E. E. Davey 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 20th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Kathleen Harrison 1, Betty Syrett (first in method) 2, J. B. Morley (first in method as conductor) 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, H. Moss 6, C. F. W. Phillippo 7, A. E. Cook 8. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

QUARTER PEALS

FULHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 13th, 1,222 Stedman Caters: B. Lunn 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, W. Rawlings 3, J. Sansom 4, W. S. Langdon 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6, A. B. Peck 7, T. Setter 8, J. Waters 9, James Phillips 10.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Mar. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Buttery 1, Mrs. K. Ketteringham 2, B. Hunt 3, R. Read 4, F. W. Pinchbeck 5, D. A. Frith (cond.) 6, K. Ketteringham 7, H. R. Woods 8. First of Major for 1, 2, 3 and 4. Rung for the wedding anniversary of ringers of 2 and 7.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. W. Croft 1, W. F. Todd 2, K. C. Timbury 3, R. Head 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, G. Cherry 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

GRIMSBY, LINCS.—On Mar. 15th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with 6 and 8 covering): H. Hadwick 1, A. Pashley 2, G. I. Rusby 3, J. B. Budd 4, F. Kennington 5, R. Drury 6, S. Bromfield (cond.) 7, T. Robinson (first quarter) 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

GROBY, LEICS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Spencer 1, T. Gardner 2, E. Geary 3, W. Geary 4, V. Geary 5, S. Gardner (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Derek Dodson and Elizabeth Fallon on March 12th.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Hunnisett 1, W. Stepney 2, E. Hobden 3, E. E. Breed 4, G. Gadd (cond.) 5, C. Booth 6. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Blackman.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Gibbons 1, Miss P. Drury 2, D. Wright (first of Bob Minor 'inside') 3, G. Oliver 4, J. R. Worrall (cond.) 5, J. Martin 6.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Eales 1, Miss R. Pebody 2, R. S. Holland 3, M. F. Amos 4, E. G. Orland cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frederick Bandey, for 36 years organist of this church.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: Enid Preston 1, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 2, June Gladman 3, J. G. Rushton 4, J. Herbert 5, W. Bottrill 6, J. Scott 7, H. Wood 8, R. Kendall 9, A. J. Smith 10. Rung for evening service and as a compliment to June Gladman and Kenneth L. Brown on their engagement.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Mar 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Delahoy 1, P. Butler 2, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 3, Mrs. P. W. Campling 4, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 5, W. G. Knight (first quarter) 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday, also the birthday of the conductor, and a welcome home for the ringer of the 2nd from National Service.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Mar 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Knight (first quarter of Triples) 1, J. Hunt 2, A. Knight 3, P. Harding (cond.) 4, C. Barber 5, R. Harding 6, L. Hitchins 7, J. Case 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a welcome home to C. Barber from service in Korea.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. W. Barnes 1, R. E. Finch 2, D. C. Jackson 3, M. E. L. Beamish 4, P. Nash 5, J. M. Lakin (cond.) 6. First of Cambridge Minor by all except the 4th. Rung on the front six.

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BY H. POYNER

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Rung at Leicester on January 10th, 1955.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Pierce 1, M. King 2, L. Sharpe 3, E. Bishop 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5.

PENDLEBURY, LANCS.—On Mar. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Renee Aspden (first quarter) 1, N. Tompkins 2, R. Bagnall 3, A. Lomas 4, G. Gee 5, J. Thornley 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, F. Jones 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Mar. 13th, at St. Mary, Portsea, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Marion Parker 1, J. D. Harris 2, R. Parker 3, T. R. Taylor 4, A. York-Bramble 5, L. D. Duguid 6, F. W. Rogers (cond.) 7, A. T. Greenwood 8. First of Surprise for 1 and 3.

QUADRING, LINCS.—1,080 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob: Mrs. A. Richardson 1, J. E. Allen 2, C. Wander (cond.) 3, S. V. Woods 4, G. Pearson 5, S. E. Bennett 6. For the induction of the Rev. Mr. Burden.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Angela E. Berry 1, P. Hart 2, F. W. Elliott 3, H. A. Bradbury 4, D. C. Bartholomew (cond.) 5, D. R. Bartholomew (first quarter) 6. First quarter to be rung by an all local band for a number of years. A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: H. F. Perry 1, Mrs. E. Merrett 3, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 4, J. Merrett 5, J. Barrance (first of Doubles 'inside') 6, J. R. Brice 7, S. Smith 8. A birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Merrett.

ROWBERROW, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. R. Cox 1, C. Reason 2, R. Williams 3, F. S. Paramore (cond.) 4, K. Collier 5, W. Wiseman 6.

SIDBURY, DEVON.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Coles (first quarter) 1, K. Clarke 2, R. C. Woodley (cond.) 3, E. Pinn (first 'inside') 4, A. Chown 5, E. J. Summers 6, G. C. Woodley 7, R. Butt 8. Rung for the marriage of the daughter of Mr. L. Lockyer, a former ringer at Sidbury.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,440 Plain Bob and Oxford Bob Minor: S. H. Ashton 1, Marion Jackson 2, R. Head 3, G. Cherry 4, A. C. Harris 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

TODMORDEN, LANCS.—At Christ Church, on Mar. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Schofield 1, R. Cryer 2, G. Cheetham 3, J. Halstead 4, C. R. Milthorp (first 'inside') 5, D. Sanderson (first of Minor as cond.) 6, N. Barker (tenor covering). First of Minor for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Frisvell 2, J. A. Hales 3, W. F. Jarvis 4, J. Hales 5, G. A. Parsons 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Charles Alfred Neal, father of ringers of 7 and 8, who passed away on March 9th.

WALLINGTON, HERTS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Flack (aged 11, first of Treble Bob) 1, P. Staccy 2, E. Buck 3, Miss P. Hutton (first of Treble Bob as cond.) 4, J. Dear 5, C. Harwood 6.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): C. Wilkinson 1, Mrs. Devenish 2, M. Sinden 3, P. Devenish 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, Margaret Ward 6, J. Tomsett 7, A. Bishop 8.

WOLVERCOTE, OXON.—On Mar. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Godwin 1, W. F. Holloway (cond.) 2, W. Godwin 3, A. D. Eden (first quarter) 4, K. E. White 5, A. E. Ivings 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss R. Chamberlain and M. Bushnell, both Sunday service ringers.

WOOLWICH, S.E.—On Mar 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. E. Culver 1, A. Grove, sen., 2, Bdr. D. Holland 3, R. A. Johnson 4, M. Parry (cond.) 5, B. W. Aldridge 6. Rung for evening service on Mothering Sunday, and in honour of the newly-born son to the Rev. T. E. Roberts, of Holy Trinity Church, Woolwich, who was the preacher at this service.

YATESBURY, WILTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. O. Booth 1, B. Preston (first quarter) 2, J. Frampton (first quarter) 3, F. Preston (cond.) 4, G. Pratt 5. Birthday compliments to R. Rouse, now serving in H.M. Forces, and B. Preston.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Members from all parts of the Diocese congregated at Llanelly on March 12th for a quarterly meeting of the Guild.

At the service in the Parish Church the Rev. E. A. B. Hughes officiated, assisted by the Rev. T. L. Bowen, with Mr. Vivian Thomas at the organ. Tea at the Parish Hall was enjoyed by 45 members.

The Rev. E. A. B. Hughes, at the business meeting, extended a hearty welcome to the members of the Guild to Llanelly. Owing to another appointment he had to leave the meeting early, and Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, of Carmarthen, the grand old stalwart, consented to take the chair. His ability and jovial humour enabled the agenda to be quickly disposed of. The usual touch on the handbells was given by members from Llandilo and Mr. A. Hoare. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanbadarn Fawr on September 10th. Ten new members were initiated into the Guild. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 5s. Apologies for inability to attend the meeting through illness were received from the Master, Mr. H. Jenkins, of Tenby, and Mr. W. J. Harris, of Llanbadarn Fawr.

The secretary reminded the members of the annual meeting on June 25th. A bus would be chartered to take the members from St. Peter's Church to the Palace and back.

The secretary also reminded the members of the competition at Haverfordwest.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the ladies who waited at the tea by Mr. A. Hoare, and also to Mr. Ed. J. Thomas for presiding at the meeting in a very able way.

A RESIDENT PEAL AT BUCKFAST ABBEY

The peal of Bob Major rung at Buckfast Abbey on March 19th was of special interest to those who took part, as it was the first peal to be rung there by a band entirely resident in Devon.

In view of the time allotted to the band it was decided to ring the front octave, and it was fortunate that this was done as the bells did not come into rounds until after 5.45 p.m. and all ringing had to be finished at 6 p.m.

It was appropriate, too, that Messrs. Harvey, Uglow and Mallett were in the band, as they only took up change ringing since the war and had received their early instruction mainly in the Mid-Devon Branch.

A word of praise is due to Miss Mundy for the excellent way she rang. She is the first **resident** lady to ring a peal at the Abbey. The distinction of being the first lady, however, to ring a peal there belongs to Mrs. J. Thomas, of Evesham, Worcestershire.

A. L. B

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HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The St. Albans District held its March meeting at Harpenden on the 19th in bright, sunny weather, if a little cold. It was a pity that only a couple of dozen ringers turned up, as the pleasantly situated church has a good octave and the welcome given is always worthy of strong support by visitors. Ringing ranged from rounds to Bristol, with plenty in between for keen beginners.

Tea was in the Church Hall, adjoining the churchyard, and was very well provided by the local ringers and their wives. At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. H. V. Frost, details of the A.G.M. at Watford, in April, were announced, and Knebworth for May 21st and Barnet and Hadley for June 18th were suggested as forthcoming meetings.

G. D.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Although the bells at St. George's Church, Jesmond, are seldom rung, they were in good shape for the Northern District meeting.

Mr. McGuiness prepared an admirable tea, and afterwards a business meeting was held. Miss Joan Hall was elected as 'The Ringing World' representative for the District, and Mr. R. Worsdall was elected a member. The date of the annual outing was fixed as August 1st.

The younger members came to the fore after tea and, following some first-class tuition, rang a perfect touch for the service.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Jack Thomas planned a peal attempt of Holt's Original, rung silent, for a band of veterans, each over 70. On the day fixed for the meeting half the band were ill in bed. Perhaps when spring really arrives the band will be fit.

Mr. C. Crossthwaite 'completed the circle' of St. Mary's, Penwortham, on March 19th, when he called a peal of Plain Bob Major from the second.

Mr. Arthur York, tower captain of Alsager, received a very cordial welcome when he attended the meeting of the Crewe Branch at Church Lawton on his wonderful recovery from a broken neck.

The A.M.C. of the Manchester Unity of Odd Fellows will be held at Hastings this year. Bro. W. Frank Stenson hopes that ringing delegates will take advantage of the many eights in the neighbourhood.

After the last Hailsham peal the ringers gathered at the home of Miss K. Yeo (whose 17th birthday was celebrated by her first peal on eight) and were royally entertained. The centre piece of a delicious spread was an iced cake in the form of a bell emblazoned with the Sussex martlets.

It was a very happy and lucky wedding that coincided with a meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild at All Saints', Church Lawton, on March 19th. After the service the bride and bridegroom were greeted by the bells, including 'firing.' In welcoming the ringers to Church Lawton, the new Rector, the Rev. I. T. Wilson, said how pleased he was that the meeting coincided with the wedding, as no two young people were more deserving of the honour and compliment of the bells. It was a very happy meeting, 50 sitting down to tea.

Mr. Cyril Chambers, of Durban, arrives in England on April 6th, and his home address will be 2, Hall Street, Kidderminster. He returns to South Africa on June 23rd on the Arundel Castle.' We hope his engagements will permit him to attend the Central Council meeting at Bristol. Ringers will be pleased to meet one who has kept the flag of change ringing flying at Durban for so many years.

Congratulations to Mr. Roland W. Morant, of Guildford, on ringing his 100th peal.

The bells of Peterchurch, Herefordshire, are to be restored. The last peal on the bells in their present position was rung on March 19th.

The fact that there were no Sunday newspapers this week has enabled quite a number of ringers to put in a little quiet study on Central Council's resolutions and decisions.

Trull, Somerset, has lost a ringer of 50 years' standing by the death of Mr. A. S. Pyke. A quarter peal to his memory was rung on March 21st.

Re footnote to peal at Bournemouth on March 4th (page 182, 'Ringing World'), this should read 'First attempt on handbells,' as Valerie and three other Burnham girls took part in a four-method peal of Minor at Hitcham, Bucks, on May 3rd, 1946. Come on, Valerie, have you forgotten?—and sorry, Daniel.—G. G.

To those visiting South Africa: At Durban contact Mr. John Maeder, phone 37998 (home), or 21281 (business); at Cape Town Mr. W. J. Smith, 26114 (business), or 96117 (home), or Mr. V. Sheppard, 29571 (business). Cape Town ringers enjoy the two-monthly visits of Messrs. Spencer and Walker, who are officers in the Merchant Navy.

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TOPIC FOR THE MONTH – III.

Instructional Manual

IF you are an expert ringer and/or instructor you won't find much that's new in what follows, but in that case it may enlist your valuable help. If you are less expert the proposals may evoke at least your sympathy.

It is axiomatic that the clever exponent of an art is not necessarily a good teacher of it. The converse also is true. Teaching employs specialised techniques, however, in combination with both knowledge and experience; but chiefly it requires the 'know-how' of entering into the pupil's mind and influencing it. Teachers who get the results that present-day standards demand are trained in the business.

So what? Is this a plaint that the Exercise has no real teachers of ringing—no instructors, in fact? Far from it! There have always been good ringing instructors and many fine pupils they have turned out; and to-day there is a goodly number of instructors, active and potential. Also it is probable that there are now in the Exercise more professional teachers who are good ringers than there have ever been. The Universities' Association of Change Ringers, in which there are many members of this profession, looks particularly to such members to use their professional skill and knowledge in the spreading of our Art; and they, together with others, first class instructors, are rendering a valuable service in this field.

But (and it's no good beating about the bush!), there are too many towers without an instructor, and too many more in which the instruction has obviously been faulty. In short, the *average standard* of ringing (and this doesn't mean the ringing of advanced methods), is not at a level with which the Exercise could conscientiously rest content.

Apart from an insufficiency of capable instructors there is the lack of just that type of written material that would help to fill the gaps. Now, of course, this is no reflection on the available publications, including, for example, the introductory chapters in Snowdon's 'Rope-sight,' and the Central Council's excellent pamphlet on rope-handling entitled 'Hints for Instructors and Beginners,' compiled by Mr. Joe Dyke and others. But there are other aspects of the full course of training that, in the absence of experienced instructors, ought to be covered by written advice and guidance. In ringing, as in any advancing art, accumulating experience evolves new ways of approach and treatment; the general use of which is not merely advisable but essential, if optimum results from instruction are to be got. Does not such consideration indicate the need for a comprehensive and standardised work—a Manual of Instruction?

The need is most obvious, perhaps, in some rural areas; but in some urban towers, too, it is evident. How many of us, happy visitors in those friendly towers we have been privileged to enter, have not (now and again) been disappointed to find, amongst keenness and patience personified, those obvious signs of misguided effort and uninformed tuition? Poor, awkward styles of bell-handling; apparent ignorance of 'negative pull' or braking action; faulty control; beginners put into rounds even before they can 'balance' the bell after each stroke; indifferent striking; inability to get beyond a certain stage—even tenor-behind; abnormal 'wastage' of learners through lack of interest-maintenance, or sympathetic instructorship, or both; badly graduated training, or lack of any realistic scheme; little or no corrective instruction; improvers allowed to attempt tricky methods before they've learned to strike properly—these are some of the unfortunate brakes on the wheel of progress, contributing to the failure of numbers of beginners to 'stay the course,' and of others ever to become good ringers, even in the simpler methods. And the Exercise can't afford to lose one trainee, or leave one half-trained, even; we need them all. In some areas, if the bells are to serve the Church at all, the need is desperate.

But even where they 'only just manage Grandsire' (or whatever simple ringing they achieve for 'service') there is no reason why this should not be of the best possible performance, so long as they know *what* to aim for, and *how* to work for it. Any learner tends to acquire faults. The good instructor spots them immediately, and is able to take corrective action before they develop. If the learner's mind is sufficiently impressed by the correction he eliminates the error; but the degree of impression, and therefore of elimination, depends entirely on how forcefully the correction is introduced. A crisp, perhaps even startling, admonition is often better than a lecture. Good examples of this precept in practice are to be found here and there: they need to be collected and 'broadcast.'

Here, for instance, are some snappy injunctions more recently introduced against age-old faults:—

'Little finger on fore-finger!' (To get upper hand against lower hand in gripping rope.)

'Lost rope!' (When upper hand fails instantly and almost imperceptibly to change grip between strokes.)

'Elbows to ear-tops!' (To correct too low a grip on the rope, at either stroke.)

'Pull down to thighs!' (For getting lower part of a full stroke.)

'Stroke down the buttons!' (For correcting rope throw-out.)

'Handcuffs!' (A good test of upper-hand action at the grip-change is to imagine the wrists linked by handcuffs, thus preventing the upper hand 'waving in mid-air.')

And as to the 'Stance'—how many beginners are taught the 'three points of approach' to be observed before even untying the rope?

It seems almost exceptive to quote the very few foregoing items from what could be a considerable collection of tips and useful experiences in instructing; not merely for the section related, but for all the others of a full course of instruction. One has been able to collect and test a good many such, and has, in the past, published a large part of them and other details of tuition. But throughout the Exercise, among the many magnificent ringers and wonderfully successful instructors, there must be a wealth of brilliant ideas and first-class practical advice, awaiting collection and dissemination. A capable instructor, knowing and using this distillation of experience, will do for his pupils what no book ever could do: show them exactly how it is to be done.

There are, of course, more ways than one of setting about the job; but let us assume the compilation of a work that could serve both as a Manual for Instructors and as a Guide to Self-teaching; i.e., for the leader of a newly formed band where no instructor is available. It might then be planned on some such scheme as the following, wherein the suggested ten sections show the chapter headings and the topics in each:—

I. Introductory. Familiarisation: The mechanics of ringing: Observing, in bell-chamber, a bell actually rung, and in the ringing chamber a proficient ringer on the rope: The production of 'changes': Use of handbells for demonstration and for training the ear.

II. Bell Handling and Control. Stance: Grips: Arm motions: The (upper) quick-hand change: The strokes—independent and conjoint: Solo handling: Bell-balancing (between strokes): Raising and lowering, solo.

III. Striking. Ringing in rounds (on 3rd): Covering (1 and 2 dodging): Dodging (with 2nd): The use of the *ear*, always: Leading off the Tenor: The art of striking—timing by ear: Raising and lowering in peal.

IV. Elements of Method Ringing. (Still on 3rd bell) Place-making, as a whole-pull-only form of 'covering' (already learnt): Hunting down (from 3rds place), Leading, Hunting up (to 3rds again): The three different rhythms in the striking: Dodging (with 4th): Perfection of hunting, dodging, place-making.

V. First Method Ringing. Welding of the elements just learnt into Stedman Doubles: Proceeding to a hunt-controlled method, say, Plain Bob: etc.

VI. The Learning of Methods. Elementary Principles of Method Structure: Types of Methods: 'Signposts' and checks for the ringing of methods: Importance of 'home-work': Inter-relationship of 'Blue Line' elements: Division-end positions: The habit of close concentration.

VII. Practical Method Ringing. Paramount importance of the ear: Hearing the hunt-bell, *and* the striking: Timing the strokes: Rhythmic pulls: Visualising the path ahead: Looking for the signposts and the lead-ends or division-ends: Checking position: Cyclics: The team spirit: Etiquette of speaking.

VIII. Elementary Composition. The Bob as a course-builder and the Single as a phase-reverser: Round blocks and Q-sets: Composition of simple touches: Study of peal compositions: Proof: Transposition: Varying and Reversing.

IX. Elements of Conducting. Picking up the coursing orders and noting the positions of the Conductor's calls, and their effects: (Continued practice before attempting calling.) Learning the composition: Precision of the call-out: Watching and listening for trips: Checking 'key-changes' by eye, by ear and by both: Calling Round.

X. Training for Leadership. Sizing up the pupil and getting to know the ringers: Precept and example: Tact and discipline: Self-criticism: Tower etiquette: Public relations: etc.

Assuming the work to be sponsored by the Central Council, it might be placed in the hands of the Literature and Press Committee or of an Editorial Panel responsible to them. Then an invitation to the Exercise at large for contributions would no doubt produce a large quantity of very valuable material—some for a plan for the whole work; some for perhaps a complete chapter; some for a varied or fuller synopsis of the chapters; some for a topic or topics within one or more chapters; and some perhaps for only a few hints and tips. But all would be of some value, no doubt. What do you feel about the whole idea? And what about short refresher courses for Instructors?

A. Y-B.

(Your post-card comments, headed 'Manual,' are welcomed.—Ed.)

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Preliminary Notice

The second session of the 22nd Council (58th annual meeting) will be held at Bristol on Whitsun Tuesday, May 31st, 1955.

In accordance with Rule 13, notices of motion, signed by two members of the Council, must be received by the secretary not later than six weeks prior to the meeting.

Details of other arrangements will be given later.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

PEAL RINGING IN LANCASHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

AFTER Kent, we come to another county where lots of peals have been rung—Lancashire. This county also has the most rings of 12 bells of all the counties (five), and this is also the fourth in the list for 10-bell towers (Middlesex, Surrey and Yorkshire have more than Lancashire's nine). When tabulating the peals I was rather mystified by two towers which did not appear in Dove's book, and it was also difficult at times to differentiate between Newchurch and Newchurch in Rossendale. The mystery of the two towers was later resolved—they no longer exist and the bells have been removed elsewhere, but I wouldn't like to be certain of having credited the Newchurch peals to their proper towers! The county is also noteworthy for the number of rings in Roman Catholic churches. There are only 25 (I think) in all the British Isles, and ten of them are in Lancashire.

But now for figures. Worsley (10) is the tower with the greatest number of peals, having just passed the 200 mark since 1881. Its total is 206. It is one of four 10-bell towers which were eights at the beginning of the period and was quite popular as such, 65 peals coming from 1883 to 1916. Thirty-three more were rung before augmentation in the early 1930's, but it certainly blossomed forth after the trebles were added for 32 peals were rung in the four years just before the last war and there have been 76 since 1944.

No less than ten other towers have reached the century mark, and only Suffolk can beat this total of 11 towers with more than 100 peals rung at them, with 12. All the ten are under the 150 mark with Deane (eight) leading the list with 147. This tower shows a general feature of the county in having more peals before the 1914-18 war than since. Many of the towers which will be mentioned will indicate that peal ringing was more popular at them 50 years ago than until very recent times. Some are, however, maintaining a better average again nowadays. At Deane, 84 peals were rung from 1896 to 1916 and there were 58 from 1917 to 1934. (I said in my article on Hampshire that I thought North Stoneham was the only church to score peals every year of the first war, but I find I am wrong, for Deane also did.) There have been only five peals since then, in 1948 and 1949.

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

Manchester Cathedral (10) has 145. No less than 52 were rung in the 1880's, and a further 39 from 1891 to 1911. Thirty-three were rung between the wars and there have been 21 since 1945, so the average is better again now. Ashton-under-Lyne, St. Peter's (8), has 142. Eighty-five of these were rung in the last century, including a 10,000 of Kent Treble Bob Major. Of the 57 rung this century, 28 have come since 1944, so things are looking up here, too. This tower is very closely followed by its next door neighbour, Ashton, St. Michael's (12), with 138. Ninety-seven were rung between 1881 and 1915, 27 more from 1917 to 1934, and 14 from 1949 to 1953 (none in 1954). Several record lengths have been rung here including 15,312 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus and 10,075 Grandsire Cinques.

Apart from Liverpool, St. Nicholas' (12), all the remaining centenarians are 8-bell towers. At St. Nicholas' the 100 has just been reached with the last peal there. The best period was from 1919 to 1939, when 81 of the peals were rung. There have been 11 in the last two years since the bells were restored. The remaining 8-bell centenarians in order of number of peals are Pendleton (132—75 from 1885 to 1915, 50 from 1918 to 1932, and seven in the last three years); Oswaldtwistle (126—11 when it was a 6-bell tower before 1913, including a 10,000, 77 from 1913 to 1938 (none in 1918), and 38 since 1944); Oldham, Moorside (129—45 before 1914, 44 from 1914 to 1940, and 40 since 1944); Walkden (103—54 from 1898 to 1915, 41 between the wars and eight since 1948). The 10th tower is Eccles; 108 were rung here up to the mid 1920's (76 last century and 27 from 1900 to 1914) but then, I believe, the bells from St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester (which is one of the two mystery towers mentioned above), were placed in the tower, since when 27 peals have been rung—24 from 1929 to 1934 and eight since the war. I will leave readers to argue whether peals should be credited to the **tower** or the **bells**, as far as my articles are concerned, at any rate.

Two towers are nearing the 100 mark. Halewood has 96, spread evenly over the whole period, and Bolton, Holy Trinity, has 94. Only seven had been rung before 1914 in the 30 years from the first peal recorded there, but it has been doing well since the last war, for 36 peals have come since then.

MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

The two 12-bell towers not already mentioned have been having their best times since 1945. At Manchester Town Hall 23 of the 47 peals have been rung since then (it was a 10-bell tower until the middle 1930's), whilst at Oldham 11 of the 37 peals come from the last eight years, tht remaining 26 being spread out from 1890 to 1938. Only very brief mention can be made of the remaining seven 10-bell towers, of which only Blackburn Cathedral has passed the half-century, with 65 peals. Half of these were rung before 1914 and 10 from 1947 to 1952. Three of the seven were 8-bell towers at first—Preston, St. John's (32 peals in all, 11 since the war), Wigan 25 peals, nine last century, seven from 1948 to 1952), and Leyland, St. Andrew's (13, six on the eight from 1901 to 1925, four on the ten in the 1930's, and four more in 1946, 1947 and 1955). The remaining three are St. Helens, whose bells came from St. Peter's, Liverpool (the second 'mystery' tower), where 25 peals were rung on them from 1881 to 1894, and one more in 1905 (at St. Helens, 33 peals have come since 1929, 20 since the war); Dalton-in-Furness (27 peals—all since 1928, and 13 since 1947) and Lancaster R.C. Cathedral (13—two in 1883 and 1884, then a gap to 1935, and ten since 1945).

MOST 8-BELL TOWERS

Ten 8-bell towers have already been mentioned, but it is difficult to pick out others to talk about since there are so many of them. Actually, Lancashire has more 8-bell towers than any other county and easily the highest proportion of them to the total number of towers of any county with large numbers of bells (Cumberland has 15 eights out of 20 towers, which is a higher proportion in the counties with few bells). Without mentioning how they are distributed through the years, here are the numbers of peals in towers which come next to those already discussed:—Bolton, St. Peter's (86); Oldham, Glodwick (78); Manchester, St. John's, Miles Platting (77), Aughton, Christ Church, and Blackburn, St. Michael's (76); Bacup, St. Saviour's, and Ormskirk (75); Milnrow (74); Southport, Christ Church (72); and Middleton (71). At Newchurch in Rossendale an interesting point is that of the 46 peals rung between 1887 and 1914 all were Grandsire Triples except the last. All the nine peals at Halliwell (commencing 1897) have also been in this method.

As for 6-bell towers, Accrington and Halsall easily lead the way. The former has 61 and the latter 60 peals—nearly double any of the others. In both cases 80 per cent. of the peals have been rung since 1944, so they are both doing very well at the moment. As I write I see that a peal of Bob Major has been rung at Accrington, so it seems that this tower has now joined the ranks of the 8-bell towers. Only ten other 6-bell towers have reached double figures, so it is clear that the emphasis in this county is on the higher number of bells. These ten are Brindle (36 peals), Brathay (25), Hawkshead (22), Grassendale (17), Coppull (16), Kirkby Ireleth (13), Bootle (12), and Aughton, St. Michael's, East Crompton and Leyland ((11 each). All except two of these towers have appeared in the peal lists since the war. They are Brathay, where the last peal was rung in 1933 (there were two 10,000's here before 1914) and Grassendale (last peal 1927). As a point of interest, it is a 6-bell tower that has been silent for the longest time—Chipping, which has not had a peal this century yet. The last of its seven peals was rung in 1898. Roughtown's only peal was in 1904 and, by the time this article appears, an 8-bell tower will also have been silent for 50 years—Rochdale, St. Alban's.

VIRGIN TOWERS

On the subject of silent towers, there are eight which are still virgin territory. I need hardly mention the 12 bells of Liverpool Cathedral as being one of them! The others are two eights—Hurst and Lytham R.C. Church; three sixes—Kearsley Moor, Kirkham R.C. Church and Preston, St. Mark's; and two of the three fives—Leck and Thurnham R.C. Church. Downham is the one and only 5-bell tower which has recorded peals (two). Just as the county has the largest number of 8-bell towers for its size, so it has the smallest number of 5-bell towers.

This article concerns peals up to and including those appearing in 'The Ringing World' of February 25th, 1955.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

Trying the New Eight at West Bromwich

The March meeting of the Society took place at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on the 19th ult. When the Society last met at Christ Church, in January, 1947, the imposing tower contained a ring of 12 bells, but these were melted down in 1954 and recast into a pleasant toned ring of eight (tenor 25 cwt.).

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of Mr. Dennis Holden, Ringing Master. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. W. Jones (Vicar), who, in his address, stated that ringers were stewards who had charge of the old English art of change ringing. It was up to ringers to be worthy of such stewardship especially with regard to the bringing in of new recruits.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, after which the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary, thanked the Rev. F. W. Jones for taking the service and giving the address, Mr. S. Rogers for playing the organ, and Messrs. D. C. Jinks and F. Barraclough and the lady helpers for arranging the tea.

The attendance of 54 included a pleasing number of young ringers. The next meeting of the Society will be at Rugeley on May 21st.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE QUESTION

Dear Sir,—Since Mr. Lack has seen fit to suggest that I do not tell the truth, will you please allow me a little more of your space to reply?

Firstly, let me say that I did not, nor did I suggest, that I had been asked to write to you on behalf of our committee.

I wrote after a discussion over tea (which Mr. Lack did not attend), in which my friends suggested that somebody should write to 'The Ringing World,' state the case and ask for a decision.

Nor did I suggest any 'fiddling.' I only quoted the letter which was read to us from the conductor.

It was obvious that the fourth and maybe some of the other bells did not do as they should have, but it does not alter the FACT that rounds were rung as the conductor tells us.

And that, sir, is all I asked: Is a 'peal' a peal, if rounds accidentally or otherwise come up before the end? I should like to thank Mr. Ayre for his ruling, and should like to refer Mr. Lack, who is a Central Council member, to it.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. FOX.

Wisbech.

'A RINGER AND HIS OBLIGATIONS'

Dear Sir,—I must say how very much I appreciated your leading article recently, headed 'A Ringer and his Obligations.' It came as a welcome change to the continued assertion of ringers as to 'their rights'—a very prevalent attitude, especially in this atomic age. It seemed to sum up ringers' obligations and to remind us that we have responsibilities as well as privileges. Thank you, Mr. Birmingham, for your article and understanding. — Yours sincerely,

JOHN B. LONG.

Cardington, Beds.

CONGRATULATIONS AND . . .

Dear Sir,—May I offer congratulations to the Frampton band and their young lady conductor on a very fine achievement, and belatedly but not less warmly to Mr. Blagrove and his band in the Doubles field? These last performances will, I feel, do a lot to clear up the Doubles troubles.

Mr. Blagrove has also done a fine job in his extraction of the c.p.s. Surprise Major methods, despite opinions to the contrary. A quote from the Rev. C. D. P. Davies would not be inapt. 'Bristol . . . its appearance was quite casual . . . an example of certain principles, as one among others of the same class.'

Also, re Doubles methods and Bob Triples, have the Methods Committee really considered these points:—

(1) By in effect putting a ban on certain methods, will they help the growth and establishment of any Sunday service ringing, or the reverse?

(2) Do they not realise that when a Doubles text book is issued, then the variations and admixtures will be all but forgotten in 5–7 years? There are more ways than one of silencing cats, strange as it may seem.

Finally, have I any support yet for my opposition to the practice of having the 6th in 5ths in Major compositions? I contend that, there being little interval between 6 and 7, the rows with that pair behind sound very flat and take away much of the sparkle and life from the ringing.—Yours sincerely,

D. A. FRITH.

Grantham.

[Note.—There is no ban on what a band cares to ring. The only restriction is when they desire to call their performance a peal recognised by the Central Council.—Ed.]

REV. F. E. ROBINSON'S LAST PEALS

Dear Sir,—Replying to Mr. E. J. Rowe about the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's last peals, it is true that in his book, 'Among the Bells,' his last peal is given as being rung at Devizes, and after that he resigned the living of Drayton and came to live at Wokingham.

He used to come regularly to practise with us at All Saints'. and he told me himself that he hoped to be able to ring a few more peals of Stedman Triples in towers with a light octave. I am not sure how many he did complete (I believe one was rung at Cranleigh in Surrey), but his last was definitely at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, in January, 1910.

I myself went with him on two occasions to Aldermaston when his memory failed with the calling and he set his bell somewhere near the half-way. It may not be generally known that a few days after the Uxbridge peal he was taking Sunday duty in bitter weather at a church near Reading, where he caught a chill and developed pneumonia, from which he did not recover.

These are a few facts I am able to remember after 45 years.—Yours, etc.,

W. J. PAICE.

Wokingham.

THREE SURVIVORS OF LAST PEAL

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. E. J. Rowe's query in 'The Ringing World' of March 18th, the Rev. F. E. Robinson rang at least 12 peals, all Stedman Triples, after his serious illness.

After the peal at Devizes on May 16th, 1908, there was a period of some months during which he rang no peals. A note in 'The Bell News,' February 13th, 1909, announced his return to peal ringing after his restoration to health, and following is a list of peals rung by him, on light octaves, mostly in the Oxford diocese:—

Clanfield, Oxon, February 9th, 1909.
Slough, Bucks, April 12th, 1909.
Old Windsor, Berks, May 22nd, 1909.
Farnham Royal, Bucks, May 31st, 1909.
Wraysbury, Bucks, August 2nd, 1909.
Clanfield, Oxon, October 13th, 1909.
Southleigh, Oxon, October 29th, 1909.
Shipton-under-Wychwood, Oxon, November 5th, 1909.
Old Windsor, Berks, December 27th, 1909.
Hughenden, Bucks, January 1st, 1910.
Southleigh, Oxon, January 5th, 1910.
Hillingdon West, Middlesex, January 15th, 1910.

This last was his 1,250th and last peal. It was an excellent one, which he appreciated and thanked the band for their careful ringing.

The Rev. 'F. E.' did not ring peals in Lent, which season soon followed his last peal, but Mr. R. Buckland, of Beaconsfield, who had arranged several of these peals, was arranging for more attempts to be made after Easter. This was not to be, for Mr. Robinson died suddenly, his funeral taking place at Wokingham, Berks, on February 19th, 1911.

The tablet at Hillingdon, mentioned by Mr. Rowe, was made by Mr. Buckland, and was written by Mr. W. Lawrence, who also rang in the peal. Three members of the band are still active ringers—R. Buckland (Beaconsfield), R. H. Young (Harlow Common) and W. Welling (Old Windsor).

The new Master of the Oxford Guild, the late Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, performed the dedication and proceeded to call a peal of Stedman Triples, the band, with one exception, being those who rang in the previous peal.—Yours sincerely,

W. WELLING.

Old Windsor.

R.A.F. RINGERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter of L.A.C. Fox in your issue of February 25th, it is of interest to note that during my National Service I met only three ringers stationed at camps were I was stationed. However, I did meet other R.A.F. ringers by arrangement.

Mr. Fox may like to know that there is a R.A.F. Guild of Ringers in existence, but it is nearly dead. Briefly, its history is as follows. In 1948 some ringers found themselves stationed together at Yatesbury, and they formed a band in order to visit local churches. I am not sure, but I believe a peal was rung in the district by this band. When these ringers were posted to Cranwell they formed the R.A.F., Cranwell, Society. and on October 12th, 1948, a handbell peal was rung for this Society and the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The Cranwell ringers had the idea of forming the R.A.F. Society (later Guild) of Ringers and the first meeting was held at Edmonton, Middlesex, on June 4th, 1949. The late Eric Dench was elected Ringing Master, Alan Rogers elected secretary and Mr. R. E. Manton elected treasurer. As the secretary encountered so many initial difficulties, this is as far as the Guild has progressed, and it is now more or less asleep.

I saw Mr. Rogers in January and discussed the situation with him. We decided that whilst such a Guild would be a fine thing to have, it seemed impracticable to run it. Only twelve people joined it in 1949, and we realise that so much secretarial work would have to be done for so little a result if the Guild was re-formed. We felt that it could do little to help R.A.F. ringers get together because of expense of travel and of restricted and ever uncertain off duty times, and that if a R.A.F. ringer wanted ringing he could find it through the territorial societies. I believe Mr. Rogers is considering disbanding the R.A.F. Guild, but should your correspondent care to write to him, his address is 5, Lawrie Park Road, Sydenham, London, S.E.26.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN S. BARNES.

Attleborough, Norfolk.

PEAL RINGING IN KENT

Dear Sir,—The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's article may be interesting, but it leaves a false impression of Kent peal ringing. For instance, the 10-bell tower of Cudham is credited with 17 peals. They were not all on 10 bells, neither was anyone from Cudham in any one of them. (I believe it is correct to say that there has never been anything more than desultory call changes from any band that has been formed there.)

I suspect it would need no great mental effort to add up the towers in the county that have rung even a small proportion of their totals with their own bands.—Yours faithfully,

C. CULLEN.

Farnborough, Kent.

5,184 Kent Treble Bob Major

By MAURICE HODGSON

23456	M	I	O	V	W	H
43526	2	—	—	2		2
24365	2				2	2

P.L. 3254867

Rung at Brentwood, Essex, on December 4th, 1954, conducted by Harry Turner.

Believed to be the first peal of Major in a Treble Bob method in six parts called alike.

LETTERS—Continued

A SPLENDID FIRST TWO YEARS

Dear Sir,—Just over two years ago you were good enough to publish a report of the dedication of our new ring of six bells at Wanlip, Leicestershire, followed a year ago with details of the formation of the Wanlip Parish Church Guild of Bellringers at their first annual meeting.

Some of your readers may remember these items and perhaps wonder what progress has been made by a band 'starting from scratch,' so I take the liberty of sending to you a brief survey of the progress and policy of this Guild, which may be of some help to other towers.

Wanlip has a population of about 100 folk, and the church plays an active part in the affairs of the villagers. It was not difficult to recruit volunteers for the belfry, and all have so far made the grade. When the writer was appointed the tower's first captain he had at his disposal seven or eight keen members, whose ages ranged from 16 to 36.

A steady progress was made, both in striking and in the variety of methods rung, and the attendance for the first year averaged over 80 per cent. Grandsire and Bob Doubles were left behind in the search for new methods, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor with occasional Double Court have been firm favourites during recent months. But the great day arrived only several weeks ago, when after weeks of patient practice, we added Cambridge Surprise Minor to our list of Sunday service methods.

All this has been accomplished by the original band, but the question of recruits has not been neglected. Apart from the Friday practice, one night each week is set aside for the teaching of learners, with the bells lashed, and supervised on a rota basis by senior members of the band. Four choirboys have so far been started, and if this scheme is given the attention in future years which it must have, then the future of the Guild will never be in doubt. One of these boys has passed his probationary period in handling, rising and falling and in theory and attendance. He has been made a member of the Guild and can now ring 'inside' to Bob Minor.

Practices are for 1¼ hours and always close with prayers led by the captain. Service ringing is for 45 minutes, and for the monthly morning Communion service a quarter peal is attempted, again on a rota basis as far as possible.

The ringers' own bell fund has been started and all moneys received for ringing at weddings is deposited in this fund together with each member's weekly voluntary contribution.

Officers, i.e., captain, vice-captain, secretary, treasurer tnd tower keeper, are elected at each annual meeting under the chairmanship of the Rector, together with new members. The duties of each officer are defined in the minute book, and a report is made by each, annually. The captain also reports on progress to the annual meeting of the Parochial Church Council. A half-yearly meeting is held in the summer, and any ideas, outings, etc., are discussed. A Guild service is held annually.

Two outings around the county were arranged last year and the enjoyment of both was shared by ringers from other towers.

One peal of Treble Bob has been rung on the bells by the local band with the addition of Mr. Ernest Morris, who 'completed his circle' of towers in Leicestershire with this peal.

The two years have not been without their setbacks. National Service has claimed one member and will take more in the near future. Our only lady member has entered a teachers' training college in London, and vital examinations claim some part of certain younger members' evenings. But with God's blessing and the continued loyalty of all members of the Guild, Wanlip must remain what it has become in such a short period—one of Leicestershire's most active and progressive six-bell towers.

Perhaps the success so far has been due to the policy of recruiting members from **inside** the church, for all the members perform some other duty either as lay readers, choristers, servers or members of the Parochial Church Council, and thereby helping to promote a spirit of fellowship within the Guild to the glory of God and not to the glory of individual stardom.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS C. BELTON, Captain,
Wanlip Parish Church Guild of Bellringers.

OUR 'RINGING WORLD'

Within the last month my daily paper—and it is a reputable one—has told the country that the miner's pay will be increased by £13 million (good luck to them, they deserve every penny); building trade workers by £20 million; farmers' guarantees by £28 million; and the engineers by £70 million.

I know of very few, if any, these days who do not have either a smoke or a drink, and the Government receives annually £30 million to £40 million from betting—so someone has a shilling or two on.

National Savings reported last week totalled £28,206,000; whilst last year shareholders' and depositors' funds in British Building Societies had increased by £219 million.

Well, what's the inference?

Well, then, someone quibbles about the price of 'OUR' 'Ringing World' at 6d., the price of three cigarettes; he says, 'if it continues at 6d. we may find some will cancel—many will share'; threepence each way, what a thought, perhaps the wish is father to it.

Then he advocates penalising the peal ringers, the backbone of the Exercise, and many of them do pay for their peals.

I am not a Central Council representative but am a 'Ringing World' representative—hence these few observations—and I am sure those who appointed me to that office did not desire me to agitate for a reduction in the price of our paper. Practically all papers and periodicals have increased their price—they have had to do to keep pace with increased cost of production.

I wonder what few there are dissatisfied with the price of 'The Ringing World' do not suggest petitioning the Government for a subsidy.

Well—well—well, what a mate to go on a ringers' outing with.

Time people—especially Church people—had progressed beyond the sixpenny, let alone the fourpenny and threepenny stage; which might have been all right when I came out of my time when I received as a journeyman the princely sum of 24s. a week.

Moral: there is only one alternative to paying for your own sport—or pleasure—that is leaving it alone.—F. S.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting was held at Reigate on March 19th at which approximately 50 members and visitors attended. A service was conducted by the curate in which he gave the Association a very warm welcome and an interesting address.

At the business meeting all the retiring officers were re-elected. The secretary, in presenting the committee's report, drew attention to the difficulty experienced in collecting subscriptions and asked for co-operation. Although only 20 peals had been rung during 1954 the range was fairly wide, extending from Doubles to Maximus.

The Master, Mr. R. Davies, spoke on the dinner to be held on May 21st, and asked everyone to attend and help make it a success.

Mr. J. Euston spoke on his letter which appeared in the previous day's 'Ringing World' concerning the finances of 'our paper,' and his suggestion of a peal fee of 3d. per rope. This produced a fairly lively discussion which appeared to be strongly against the suggestion, but when he moved the proposal 'that our Central Council representatives should bring this forward at Bristol,' voting gave only a small balance against it, with some abstentions.

The meeting was advised of the illness of three of its members—Mr. W. H. Passmore, Mr. F. J. Sanders and Mr. F. W. Wicks. (Mr. Sanders has since passed away.)

After hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist. Miss B. Saggers (for arranging the tea) and Mr. G. Hood for having everything in order at the tower, the meeting closed.

Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. at Reigate under the direction of the Master, and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal and London Major. Some members also visited nearby Redhill, where the bells were also available in the evening.

CENTRAL COUNCIL REVIEW

Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Council, desires to make, with apologies, the following correction to 'Reports adopted by the Council which are still current.' On page 186, column 2, **Note** should read as follows:—

In 1952 (2) (b), (c) and (d) above were modified in respect of Doubles methods only, as follows:—

(b) No bell shall strike more than **four** consecutive blows in any one place, such four consecutive blows to occur only when the treble is at the front or at the back.

(c) As far as possible there shall be as many leads in the plain course as there are working bells, but this requirement to be relaxed to include single-hunt methods which have three leads in the plain course.

(d) The working bells need **not** be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end in the plain course.

LADIES' GUILD AT WROTHAM

A meeting of the Kent Branch was held at St. George's, Wrotham, on March 19th. There were few ringers present in spite of the sunny afternoon, but at least there were visitors from as far apart as Folkestone and Coventry.

The Rector conducted the service in the Lady Chapel, followed by tea and a business meeting at the Pilgrims' Rest.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent, the fine tone of the eight being much appreciated. N. T.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON BOB MAJOR

By H. CHANT

(Continued from page 190)

A glance at the 'Wrong' transposition (35426) informs the wavering student of his next step and saves him having to do any transposition either mental or otherwise.

The course 35426 is treated in exactly the same way as its predecessor. The 'Wrong' transposition returns us to the plain course (23456) and we complete the proof by surrounding the last six leads by a rectangle.

I would again draw the student's attention to the fact already mentioned, that three **complete** courses have been used, so that if you know your onions (like the professor and me) a mere glance at the course ends would have been sufficient proof.

Now try your hand in proving — both by figures and the chart — (say) Before and 3 Homes. Follow this by another Before and 3 Homes and notice in the figure proof where the falseness occurs. Check this from the chart.

Next try W, 3 Befores, M and H on the chart and notice how single leads are picked in the centre of certain courses when the 'Befores' are taking place.

Finally try a 'Bob Course,' i.e., W. 5ths and 4ths, M. and H. and notice how the 1st, 2nd, 6th and 7ths leads are taken from different courses. Remember that a lead has been rung that doesn't appear on the chart.

The student need not lose any sleep about this lead, because providing the rest of the proof is correct and the tenors have been 'kept together' there is no fear of falseness occurring.

COMPOSITION

The method of using the chart for this purpose is identical with that given on previous pages by using figures (see 'the four stages of decline'). The chart, however, accomplishes the task much simpler and, of course, no proof is needed as repetition of rows is impossible.

Start by drawing a rectangle round the plain course. This is the round block that we are going to extend, and we extend it by interpolating two courses at once. If we decide to interpolate two courses at (say) the 'Wrong' position we draw a line across the plain course between the 1st and 2nd lead. Here is the Plain Course treated thus on the chart:—

	23456	A glance at the 'W' transposition gives 52436. Take this course and treat it in exactly the same way, i.e., surround it by a rectangle and draw a line across at the 'W' position at the same time noting the 'W' transposition in this course, which is 35426. Again the same silly business. Treat this in exactly the same way.
W	52436	
5ths		
B	35264	
4th	64523	
M	43652	

An inspection of the 'W' transposition of the last course (35426) shows us that our insertion is complete as it shows the transposition 23456, which is the course from which we started to push in the two extra courses.

An insertion can be made at student's choice at the 'Middle' position in either of these three courses. Take (say) the course 52436 and draw a line between the 6th and 7th leads noting the M transposition 42635. Surround this course (42635) with a rectangle and with a line drawn across it at the M position. Directed by the transposition treat 62534 in the same silly manner. (Note that this directs a return to 52436, so that our insertion is complete.)

Bobs 'Home' are even more simple.

If any single course of a group of three has been used and the other two have not been used. mark the bottom line with a little squiggle (or write the word 'Bob'—personally I prefer the squiggle), surround the two compatriots with a rectangle and put a squiggle at the bottom of each.

e.g. Select (say) 52436 and squiggle the bottom. Surround (I nearly wrote encircle; but can one encircle with a rectangle?) courses 45236 and 24536, not forgetting to squiggle the bottom lines, and two more courses are 'composed'!

Transferring the 'composition' to paper usually takes longer, and is more tedious, than composing the touch or peal. Start from rounds and proceed until you arrive at a call which will be denoted by a line across the course. The line, in this case, proves to be the Bob W, therefore mark down a 'W' and continue, as directed, down the course 52436 from the W position. A line across the M shows that a Bob has been used; therefore, mark an M on your paper and continue down the course 42635 from the M position.

The reason for the squiggle will now be clear (even to the professor who is by this time consumed with envy), for without it we should not know whether or not to move to the next course on the right (see Rule II.). In this case there is no squiggle, therefore there is no Bob and we start (on paper) our second course from the top of 42635.

After working through the exercise we find that our 'touch' is W. 3M. 3H. 2W. the 4th stage of decline mentioned earlier.

In 'composing' extended peals direct, with the tenors together, some difficulty may be experienced on the chart when it comes to fitting in the last few groups of courses. However, with a little experience and practice, erasing and altering the end may be accomplished. In any case it is far easier on the chart than by figures and once fitted in there is no need to prove the peal as its proof is self-evident. An ordinary length peal (5.000 odd) takes only a few minutes (with practice) and the extent direct with the tenors together between 15 and 30 minutes. (Quicker if you are lucky—like me—longer if unlucky (like the professor).

After getting used to the chart, concentrate on producing **musical** peals. Few peals are published nowadays without some qualifying footnote such as '6th extent in 6th' or 'full combination of 4–5–6 in 5–6.'

That simple extensions have possibilities may be seen from the two following—both produced from the chart:—

5,040

23456	W	M	H
26354		2	—
46253		2	
25463	—		—
42563	3		—
54263			—
63254	2	—	2
34256		—	2
32546	—		2
62345		2	3
63425	—		2
43526		—	3
46325		2	—
43265	—		2
23564		—	3
53462		—	3
24365		—	—
53246	—	—	—
52436	—		2
45236		3	—
23456	—	3	—

6th extent each way in 5–6.
5th extent in 5ths.

5,152

23456	W	M	H
64235	—	—	—
24536		—	
54632		—	
26435		—	—
43265	—		—
24365			—
32465			—
46325	—		—
34625			—
63425			—
42635	—		—
62534		—	
52436		—	
43526	—		—
54326			—
35426			—
42356	—		—
34256			—
25346	—		—
32546			—
53246			—
45236	—		
32456	—		S

Repeated.
6th extent in 6ths.
5th 18 times in 6ths.

Although I suppose many 2-part peals have been composed as pure extensions (and rung), yet I cannot find one in the C.C. Collection. So you see, dear student, much still remains to be done, new fields to conquer, new paths to tread, etc., etc., etc.! Notice large chunks of extension such as:—

Peal 190 from the 10th course to the end of the part.
Peal 177 from the 9th course to the end of the part.
Peal 178 from the 1st course to the 25th course.
Peal 80 (1st) with the exception of the last Bob H.
Peal 80 (2nd) with the exception of the Bob H in the 6th course.

If these two (80 No. 1 and 80 No. 2) were written out in full it would be found that the whole peal could be regarded as an extension.

This leads our thoughts into another channel so put on your waders and let us consider means whereby we can extend an extension from a simple round block into a complete peal by means of:—

SHUNT BOBS

1	23456	W	H
2	45236	—	—
3	24536		—
4	52436		—
5	43526	—	—
6	54326		—
7	35426		—
8	42356	—	—
9	34256		—
	23456		—

As one can see from the brackets this touch is a mere extension; therefore, we know that it requires no proof other than seeing that the course-ends (or course-heads if, unlike me, you are a purist) are different.

A Bob 'Middle' inserted into one of these 9 courses would mean that the two bells unaffected by the call would be at 'Home' at the end of the ninth course. The other three bells would. however, be away from 'Home.' (On holiday, if you like.)

e.g. If a Bob 'M' is called in the first course, the two bells unaffected by the Bob (2–3 in this case) will be at Home at the end of the 9th course. This course end will now be 23645 instead of 23456. The whole nine courses could therefore be twice repeated before the round block was completed.

Imagine three complete round blocks (or write them out if your imagination is unequal to the task), each called exactly as above, i.e., W 3 H, W 3 H, W 3 H, the first beginning and ending 23456, the second 23645 and the third 23564.

The effect of the Bob 'Middle' is to shunt the composition from a point in one round block to a corresponding point in another. That is why (I suppose) it is called a shunt Bob and not because you 'shunt' ring it!

(I couldn't resist that in order to annoy the professor, who is by now becoming slightly bored.)

There is no need to write out the whole composition in order to prove it, but the procedure is as follows:—

Concentrate on the 'fixed' bells, i.e., those unaffected by the Shunt Bob which are at Home at the part-end (as it now called), 2–3 if the Bob is called in the first course. Observe that **they do not fall twice in the same relative positions** in any of the course-ends (heads) employed in the original round block.

This is the way I usually do it, so (of course) the student may be assured it is infallible.

Take the second.

In course 1 it is in 2nds place while the other fixed bell (the 3rd) is in 3rds place. Check down the remaining courses to see if there is another course-end (head) with it (the 2nd) in 2nds place. Yes, the 3rd. Now check the position of the 3rd; this is now in 5ths. (Breathe again.) You can. if you like, tick off these two courses to show that they are clear.

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OBITUARY

MR. E. J. HARDING

Fulmer, Bucks, has lost a devoted servant of God and a keen bellringer for over 60 years by the death of Mr. Edward James Harding, at the age of 87 years.

A large congregation paid their last tribute at the funeral service on March 23rd. The Rector (the Rev. Rex E. Lloyd) spoke in affectionate terms of Mr. Harding's character and services to the church—he was verger and sexton for 15 years, retiring only three years ago. At the organ was Mr. Selly, who for 50 years was organist of St. James' Church, Fulmer.

The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by Mrs. M. Bowerman (née Gutteridge), Miss. F. Gudgen, Mr. and Mrs. G. Swift, W. Welling, T. H. Winyard and W. W. Wolstencroft. W. W. W.

MR. HENRY WILLIAMS

Mr. Henry Williams, of Truro, who died on March 15th, was Cornwall's oldest method ringer. He began his ringing career in the early 1890's under the late Dr. John Symons with the progressive band at St. Mary's, Penzance, and was a member of that band until 1904, when the bells were condemned. The activities of this band can be recalled by the fact that during the first seven months of 1904, at the end of which ringing was stopped, an aggregate of 34,560 changes had been rung in completed touches, and including seven quarter peals.

Soon after this he went to Canada, but returned to live in retirement at Truro in 1930. He at once took up ringing enthusiastically with the keen young Cathedral band, and at the age of 66 rang his first peal, one of Bob Minor, at Kenwyn Church, in 1931. This was followed in the same year by a peal of Grandsire Caters at the Cathedral, when eight members of the band were assisted by the late Charles R. Lilley and Thomas G. Myers, from Plymouth.

Other interesting peals in which he rang were Bob Major on the back eight at Truro Cathedral, and Grandsire Triples at Lanhydrock by eight members of the Cathedral band which was the first peal by a band from one tower in Cornwall for 51 years, the previous being at his old tower of St. Mary's, Penzance, in 1883. Both these peals were in 1934.

In the five years until he was 70 he rang 13 peals as follows:—Minor 2, Triples 7, Major 2, Caters 2. All this interest, activity and help he was ready to give to younger people was backed up by regular attendance for service and practice ringing. Like many of this grand old type of ringer the war years put an end to their ringing, and Henry was too old to start again regularly when the ban was lifted. He lived to the ripe old age of 90.

A peal attempt having been arranged at Carbis Bay for March 19th, this was rung half-muffled to his memory, and an excellent peal that would have rejoiced his heart in every way was rung.

Random Thoughts on Bob Major — Continued

In the 2nd course the 2nd bell is in 4ths and the 3rd bell in 5ths, whereas the next time the 2nd is in 4ths (the 9th course), the 3rd is in 2nds place.

Checking through like this only takes a few seconds. Notice that if a Bob 'Middle' is called in the 5th course the 2nd and 3rd will also be unaffected by this one too.

The choice of the fixed bells depends upon the musical qualities required in the peal (or touch), and this latter end must also be kept in view when constructing the extension. (See peals 40 (a and b) and 41 C.C. Collection, the first a 9 and the second an 11 course extension.)

(To be continued)

NEXT WEEK'S PUBLICATION

Because of Good Friday the next issue of 'The Ringing World' will be in subscribers' hands by Thursday morning, April 7th. The advancement of press day by 24 hours means that the latest time Notices can be received for publication in this issue is first post Monday, April 4th.

NOTICES

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

From the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild to their vice-president, Mrs. A. C. Hazelden. 6099

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

The marriage will take place on Saturday, April 2nd, at 2.30 p.m., at All Saints' Church, Hampreston, Dorset, between Ivor H. Trueman and Heather J. Tesson. All friends welcome at the church. Future address: Roxburgh, Clifton Down, Bristol 8. 6086

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MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—There will be no practice at St. Martins-in-the-Fields on Wednesday, April 6th (Holy Week).—Peter N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 6091

SANDY, BEDS. — Ringing has been suspended until further notice owing to extensive repairs to the tower. 6079

EXTRA COPIES. — It is an advantage if those requiring extra copies will send their orders at the time copy of peals or quarter peals is submitted.

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Rise, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (5) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Memorial Hall 5 p.m. (price 2s.). Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Gray-Nicholson, Hinds House, Park Farm, Rise, Skirlaugh, Hull. 6083

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District. — Meeting at Doddington on Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 6041

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—North Ockendon April 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. W. Carter, Clay Tye Road, North Ockendon. 6010

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District. — Meeting, Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, April 2nd. Handbells 2.30. Bells 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting follow in hall.—R. Collins, Dis. Sec. 6037

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Quarterly meeting, Brenchley, Saturday, April 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names, with cash, please, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 5961

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Puddletown (6), April 2nd Usual arrangements.—Haine, Sec., Abbotsbury. 6038

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Conisbrough, April 2nd, 3 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 6039

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Business meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., Saturday, April 9th, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 6090

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Royston, April 9th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea must be sent, not later than April 6th, to Mr. F. Mitchell, Stafford House, Church Street, Royston, near Barnsley.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 6097

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Easter Eve, April 9th, at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Harris, 37, Leighton Street, Woburn, Bletchley, Bucks.—D. Knox, Dis. Sec. 6094

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prescot Parish Church on Saturday, April 9th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30 followed by tea and meeting. There will be a charge of 1s. 6d. per head for tea, and names must be sent to Mr. W. C. Finney, 100, Thomas Drive, Prescot.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 6069

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, April 9th, Micheldever. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Names by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 6093

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting, Yeovil, on Easter Monday, April 11th. Ringing at St. John's 11. Service at 12 noon. Luncheon, limited to 100, for **ticket holders only.** Applications for tickets, enclosing stamped addressed envelope, to R. O. Fry, 5, Morford Street, Bath. Ringing: East Coker, 11–11.45, 7–8; Hardington, 10.30–11.30, 5.30–7; Martock, 10.30–11.30, 5.30–7; Drayton, 10.30–11.15, 6–7.30; Somerton, 10.30–11.30, 6–7.30; West Coker, 6–7. More towers to be announced at the meeting. 6067

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bedford, Easter Monday. Lunch 1 p.m. at Dujon followed by meeting. St. Paul's (majestic ring of 10) 10.30 a.m.-12.30 and 5.30 onwards; St. Peter's, Bedford (8), and Clapham (6) 3–4.30. All ringers most welcome. Names for lunch, please, to Mr. J. W. Sinfield, 4, Queen Street, Houghton Regis, Beds. 5982

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Workington, Easter Monday. Bells (8) available 1.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.30, followed by meeting. Names for tea, by April 6th, to Mr. J. McTear, 26, Findley Place, Workington.—J. W Brownrigg, Hon. Sec. 6095

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — East Devon Branch. — Annual, Ottery St. Mary, Easter Monday. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. Names for tea not later than April 8th.—J. Arbury, Belmont, Ottery St. Mary. 6072

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting to be held at Morton on Easter Monday, April 11th, Bells 2. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Miners' Welfare Hall. Business meeting afterwards. Names to G. Holdgate, 5, Sitwell Villas, Morton, near Chesterfield, Derbyshire. —B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6075

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Huntingdon on Easter Monday. Bells available: Holywell (6) 10 a.m.-12 noon; St. Ives (8) 10-12; Houghton (5) 12-1.30; Hemingford Abbots (5) 12-1.30; Godmanchester (8) 1-3.30 and after tea; Hundon, All Saints' (6) 2-4.30 and after tea; Huntingdon, St. Mary's (8) 2-4 and after tea. Other towers can be used after tea by arrangement. Service, Huntingdon, All Saints', 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, All Saints' Parish Hall, 5 p.m. — W. J. Ridgman, Gen. Sec. 6087

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — 75th anniversary meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. Service 12 noon. Lunch at Star Hotel 1 p.m. Tickets from Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. Members 4s. (in advance). Others 6s. Towers open: Aylesford, Barming, Bearstead, Boxley, Lenham, 10 a.m.; All Saints', Maidstone, 10.30 a.m. Also after meeting together with East Farleigh, Harrietsham, Leeds, Mereworth, Wateringbury, West Malling and Wrotham.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 6077

A NEW QUARTER

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LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Easter Monday, at Llandaff. Bells (10) 2.30. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea, by April 5th, to F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff. 6045

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Easter Monday. Bells from 10 a.m. Committee meeting, St. Mary-le-Tower vestry, 11 a.m. No lunch arranged. Business meeting, St. Stephen's Hall, 2 p.m. Usual towers.—C. W. Pipe. 6100

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 11th. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12 noon. Coffee available in College Hall 1-2 p.m. Tea arranged at 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Wednesday, April 6th. Bells available: Cathedral (12) — provisionally — 6-7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), 2.30-4.30; Claines (10) and Kempsey (6) 2-4.30 p.m. — J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6085

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EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Annual at East Grinstead, April 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 followed by business meetin in Small Parish Hall. Names, by April 14th, to Miss K. Shepherd, 32, Cantelupe Road.—C. A. Bassett. 6080

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Stansted Mountfitchet (8) on Saturday, April 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6081

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general business meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey on Saturday, April 16th, at **2 p.m. sharp**, at the British Legion Club. Tea 2s. 6d. Divine service at 6 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify, not later than April 13th, Mr. J. Beech, The Pump House, Berrow, near Malvern, Worcs. The Abbey bells (12) will be available from 12 noon and again after the service. The following rings are being made available from 10 a.m. to 12 noon: Bishop's Cleeve (8), The Leigh, Combe Hill (6), Deerhurst (6) and Ashchurch (6).—F. Skidmore, Gen. Sec. 6074

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Watford, Saturday, April 16th. St. Mary's (10) 3-8.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Parish Hall. Business includes Bob Triples peals and Mr. B. Barker's propositions. Ringing also at Abbots Langley 10-12; Langleybury; Rickmansworth 11.30-1; Aldenham 2-3.45; Bushey 2-4. Evening ringing as required. Names for tea, by 13th, to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford. —H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6098

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Washingborough, near Lincoln, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, April 12th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 6092

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Leicester on Saturday, April 16th. Ringing at St. Saviour's 10.30 to 11.30; St. John's 11.30 to 12.30. Details of afternoon ringing, service and tea next week.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 6078

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Bircham, Saturday, April 16th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Rev. E. M. J. Cornish, Bircham Rectory, King's Lynn.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 6096

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly at Shenington (5), Saturday, April 16th. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 6076

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting at Southwell, Saturday, April 16th. Ringing at Minster from 2.30. Averham (6) available 2-4.30. Evensong in Minster 3.15. Tea for those who notify, by previous Wednesday, Mr. Fred Pickard, 47, Westgate, Southwell. Business meeting after tea.—J. W. Raithby. 6088

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — N. District.—Quarterly meeting at Banstead, Saturday, April 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names, by April 13th, to Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead. — W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6068

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and Six-Bell Contest at Marsden, April 23rd (10-cwt. tenor). For tea please notify, by April 16th, D. B. Cater, Newlands, 7, Lane Ings, Marsden.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 6060

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, October 1st, 1955, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn. Tickets, price 13s. each, now available from the undersigned; early application is advised.—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 6066

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EASTER, 1955

THE severity of this winter has made Easter, 1955, even more welcome. The circle of Nature in the gloom of the grave has seemed interminable; gnarled trees lifeless amid the snow mantle have for months given no semblance of any future. But the past fortnight has seen the miracle gradually unfolding; green buds have appeared and within a week or two Spring with all its beauty will give us a new hope. The circle of God's goodness to man is starting anew with seed-time and harvest. Annually this miracle is performed, and its witness by man, particularly in a year fraught with the severity of winter, cannot pass unmoved. There is not a heart which does not respond to the freshness of Spring. But the cycle of Nature is not confined to the vegetable kingdom; it is a pointer to a far greater thing from which there is no escape for each one of us.

On Easter morning the bells of our churches will ring out the Resurrection message—the great promise to mankind that the grave is not the end of all things. How expressively St. Paul tells of this great moment: 'When this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory."' The belief in this victory through Christ is the only way man can face the trials and tribulations of this earthly life. The transference from a natural body to a spiritual body is a secret that none can tell, but the confidence of its reality is in every Christian heart.

How can we as ringers tell of that confidence in the reality of the Resurrection to the thousands—'the city's crowded clangour,' as Henry Scott Holland so expressively described the scene in his well-known hymn? We are witnesses that are heard but unseen. Because of our vocation we have a responsibility, and neglect of that service on one of the great festivals, as at Easter, is a sin. The only excuse is ill-health and infirmity. By our free will we have elected to become servants of the Church in the office of bell-ringer; we have trained for this office; many of us have perfected our training by the experience of peal ringing. The whole fabric that we have built up by Guilds and Associations affiliated into a central body exists for one great purpose, that of witness by our art or craft, in town and village, to the great tenets of our faith. The sounding of our bells is not a ritualistic practice; neither is it confined to the mere summoning of the faithful to church. No, it is the proclamation to all and sundry in this pleasure-loving age that we have a message to all people. Next Sunday's bells tell the story of the Risen Christ. As we ring may our thoughts be directed:—

> Maker of all, to Thee we pray,
> Fulfil in us Thy joy to-day;
> When death assails, grant, Lord, that we
> May share Thy paschal victory.

Those who perform their Easter ringing with Christian conviction know that worship is empty if individually it is confined to the belfry. One of the most satisfactory features about the ringing in these post-war years is the repeated reference from different parts of the country to ringers taking Communion together. At this season in the Church's year when the Lord's Supper was instituted, 'This do in remembrance of Me' is not merely a command; it is the union of a living Christ with His people. The vision of that great family in Christ had W. E. Gladstone, the great Liberal statesman, when he wrote the hymn, 'O lead my blindness by the hand.' The third verse runs:—

> We, who with one blest Food are fed,
> Into one body may we grow,
> And one pure life from Thee, the Head,
> Informing all the members flow;
> One pulse be felt in every vein,
> One law of pleasure and of pain.

Perhaps we as ringers have a long way to go before we can regard ourselves as 'one family in Christ,' but we are not without hope that we are advancing in that direction and, after all, if we genuinely believe that we are doing His service Sunday by Sunday and not performing an act of self-gratification, then we have overcome the first obstacle. But it must be His and not mine.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5000 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*EMLYN F. HANCOCK	*Treble*	*ALBERT M. TYLER	6
†ALFRED E. REEVES	2	†ANTHONY W. T. CLEAVER	7
*REGINALD G. HOOPER	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	8
DAVID J. MARSHALL	4	*NORMAN H. COOMBS	9
†PATRICIA M. BOURN	5	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by GEO. W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Little Bob Royal rung in Bristol and for the Association.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 28, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5028 SPLICED PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Being 4,100 changes of Plain Bob and 928 of Little Bob, 209 changes of method. Tenor 20 cwt. 38 lb. in E flat.

L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Treble*	*JOHN S. BARNES	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
*RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	3	GEORGE SAYER	8
*JAMES B. MORLEY	4	BERT GOGLE	9
STANLEY W. COPLING	5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Spliced on the bells.
In memoriam the Rev. Canon K. E. Shaw during whose incumbency the bells were restored and augmented.
Composition contains 24 courses 7089, 34 8790 and 42 in the home position.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

DRAYCOTT-LE-MOORS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 25 lb.

SHELAGH R. COLLINS	*Treble*	JOHN BEARDMORE	5
*ANNETTE GRATTON	2	ALAN LAMBERT	6
FREDK. E. WILSHAW	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
*SHELAGH K. SEERY	4	EWART H. EDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First peal of Bob Major.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	*GORDON A. OLLIFFE	5
WILLIAM THORNLEY	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
*PETER R. JOHNSON	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

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

ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield & District Society.)
On Tues., Mar. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 34¼ cwt. in C sharp.

*DENISE J. SHAW	*Treble*	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	5
ARTHUR FIRTH	2	*FRED FISHER	6
†HOWARD WOODALL	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	4	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal on eight bells.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	5
BRENDA M. SMITH	2	GERALD C. HEMMING	6
PATRICK HARRIS	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	RALPH HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
A birthday compliment to Brenda M. Smith and her first peal of Stedman. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

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THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	5
GORDON A. HALLS	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
*MARY HOBBS	4	DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor.

TARLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 24, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	*ERNEST J. GOWER	5
DOREEN DUTTON	2	RONALD KENRICK	6
*G. ALEX DIMMOCK	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
E. ROGER MARTIN	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 17 cwt. (approx.)

*DAVID J. SMITH	*Treble*	BERTRAM J. COGGINS	5
†ERNEST J. HILL	2	LESLIE T. OLIFFE	6
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	ALAN R. PINK	7
HARRY P. FLOYD	4	BERTRAM D. COSTAR	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples.
Rung for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 25, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in G.

*ANGELA M. A. BRIGGS	*Treble*	PATRICIA M. BOURN	5
*MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	2	DAVID J. MARSHALL	6
*TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	REGINALD G. HOOPER	7
BRIAN GRINTER	4	ALBERT M. TYLER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*MRS. R. E. MANTON	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
†F. JOHN STIMSON	2	†JULIAN PAWLEY	6
RICHARD E. MANTON	3	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
MRS. J. THOMAS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal on eight. † First peal in the method.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.

Edward J. Bragg	*Treble*	Jack R. Worrall	5
T. Mark White	2	Frederick A. Munday	6
John R. Cooper	3	*J. Alan Ainsworth	7
*Harry Poyner	4	C. Ernest Smith	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by C. Ernest Smith.
* First peal of Bristol.

HIGHCLERE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

Jessie M. Kippin	*Treble*	Peter Nash	5
Nelia M. Leahy	2	Bryan C. Stirland	6
Ronald F. Diserens	3	Maurice J. Butler	7
J. Michael Lakin	4	Noel J. Diserens	*Tenor*

Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Geoffrey K. Dodd and Sylvia Stacey.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Bert Morgan	*Treble*	Harold Shuck	5
John Lloyd	2	Bernard Lawton	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Thomas Hemming	7
Frederick Jukes	4	Stephen Mallin	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clifford Skidmore.
* First peal of Stedman.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5152 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E

Gwen I. Rusby	*Treble*	Frank G. Bloomfield	5
Norah M. Bibby	2	George H. Randles	6
Geoffrey R. Parker	3	H. Leslie Pask	7
Sydney A. Chambers	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
The first peal in the method by all the band, in the county and for the Guild.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 MACCLESFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

Joseph W. Whittaker	*Treble*	†Ernest Bennett	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	C. Kenneth Lewis	6
*Basil Jones	3	Edward Jenkins	7
†James Fernley	4	Peter Laflin	*Tenor*

Composed by Albert G. Driver. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
* 100th peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The first peal of Macclesfield in Macclesfield.
A wedding compliment to Alan Wainwright and Anne Worth who were married at Christ Church, Macclesfield, prior to the commencement of the peal.

MADELEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*Rosaline Farlow	*Treble*	R. B. Savage	5
J. L. Stanier	2	B. L. Jones	6
*Jo Dyas	3	A. S. Bayley	7
G. L. Hewitt	4	*T. Wilson	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. S. Bayley.
* First peal and first attempt.
Rung to the glory of God and a welcome to Rev. Alexander Lord who was inducted to the living of Madeley on March 22nd, 1955.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in F.

Joseph Wm. Cotton	*Treble*	Roland Beniston	5
Francis R. Lowe	2	Derek P. Jones	6
Joan Beresford	3	John A. Underwood	7
J. Edward Cawser	4	George E. Oliver	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by J. Edward Cawser.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat. Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2. Tenor 16½ cwt.

Cyril S. Jarrett	*Treble*	George Kenward	5
Trevor A. Cross	2	Herbert E. Audsley	6
Harry Springate	3	George J. Butcher	7
Albert E. Beaney	4	Frederick A. Mitchell	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Butcher.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*Marion J. Parker	*Treble*	Tower R. Taylor	5
E. Winifred Keys	2	Norman J. Smith	6
*Russell H. R. Parker	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
Alfred T. Greenwood	4	Henry T. Macey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick W. Rogers.
* First peal of Stedman.
A wedding compliment to Geoffrey K. Dodd and Sylvia Stacey whose marriage took place at West Woodhay the same day.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Dennis Burling	*Treble*	Sam Scattergood	5
George R. Hiner	2	Ronald H. Dove	6
Ronald Birch	3	John S. Seager	7
William Holland	4	Barry Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by Stephen H. Wood. Conducted by Barry Holland.
An 83rd birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the second, and to mark his seventh wedding anniversary.

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RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

JOHN ORME	*Treble*	WALTER ALLMAN	5
ANN SLINGER	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
ALAN DUGDALE	3	ROBERT B. P. HULSE	7
HAROLD HAYES, SEN.	4	DENIS MADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
Rung by the Sunday service band for the retirement from the ministry of Canon L. S. Brasnett, Vicar of this parish.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

ERNEST W. BRIGHT	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	5
WINIFRED MELLIN	2	H. WALTER SMITH	6
JOHN WARNER	3	TERRY EARLE	7
WILLIAM MELLIN	4	HENRY DORKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Mellin, of Witham.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

OLIVER MILLS	*Treble*	JOHN WHITING	5
FREDERICK OAKHILL	2	INSP. JOHN ADSHEAD	6
STANLEY POOLE	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
MERVYN WILTSHIRE	4	JOSEPH UNDERHILL	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Oakhill.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD	*Treble*	*CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
*JAMES E. DANIELS	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of New Cambridge Surprise.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum on their wedding anniversary.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F sharp.

EDWIN BARNETT	*Treble*	*RICHARD W. STEPHENS	5
*JOHN L. MORRIS	2	*DENNIS BERESFORD	6
*MARY FULLER	3	*PETER BERESFORD	7
*IAN H. ORAM	4	†A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Lincolnshire. † First 'inside.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 14, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Plain Bob and two extents each of Woodbine, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILFRED BROADHEAD	*Treble*	ERIC STAINROD	4
CYRIL RUSBY	2	HERMAN RUSBY	5
IRVIN CROSSLAND	3	HARRY MANN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL RUSBY.
First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging by John Taylor & Co.
Rung with the bells half muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Jarman, a churchwarden for many years.

HORTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat. Mar. 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

*SYLVIA WICKENDEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
*AUDREY M. BIRT	2	BRIAN J. STAFFORD	5
JEFFERY C. BIRT	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.
* First peal.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Mar. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and one extent of Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

AUDREY S. NOBLE	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	5
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Mar. 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten 240's and 22 six-scores. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

ALAN J. HICKS	*Treble*	*ROBIN A. HODGSON	4
WILLIAM BUTTON	2	DAVID HODGSON	5
*RUTH A. CAREY	3	*MARGARET H. TWIDALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN J. HICKS.
* First peal.
Rung as close as possible to the Feast of the Annunciation. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN G. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	4
DAVID VOKES	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
T. CHARLES BROWNE	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

KIRKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Mar. 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Treble*	†HAROLD SCHOFIELD	4
*WILLIAM SYKES	2	‡GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	5
†J. HENRY FIELDEN	3	‡ROBERT E. MOULDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT E. MOULDS.
* First peal. † First peal of Cambridge Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ARLESEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Bting seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in G.

*ALEX SIMPSON	*Treble*	JOSEPH LIVOCK	4
*NORMAN HULL	2	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	5
C. HENRY HARDING	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal.
Rung for the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 29 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
MARY FULLER	2	RALPH BIRD	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

WINTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Mar. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN HALL	*Treble*	C. AUBREY HARRISON	4
JACK BRAY	2	HARRY HALL	5
RONALD CHAFER	3	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

To welcome Rev. E. Troup, who was inducted Vicar of this parish on March 18th.

PREES, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Childwall, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
ROBERT W. HINDE	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

The first peal in seven methods on the bells.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Rev. E. Bankes James' arrangement. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

CECIL RADDON	*Treble*	ERIC HORNBY	4
*VICTOR NEAL	2	HENRY PARKER	5
*DAVID GODFREY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 5th.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GORDON R. WALLACE	*Treble*	*P. MARGARET JAMES	4
†MRS. W. MAUGHAN	2	*MRS. K. LAWSON	5
†WILLIAM MAUGHAN	3	*KENNETH LAWSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in four methods.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Mar. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten six-scores each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and St. Martin's and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 12 lb.

MICHAEL DAY	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3
DAVID VOKES	2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	4
C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*		

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung in honour of the appointment of Rev. F. E. Vokes as Professor of Theology at St. David's College, Lampeter.

RENHOLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Mar. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being one Morris's 240 and ten different extents of Grandsire, and 30 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*ALEX SIMPSON	*Treble*	*NORMAN HULL	3
ROGER LENNARD	2	*PETER J. SHIPTON	4
BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells since 1920.



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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June Grieveson 1, Pamela Law (cond.) 2, Mary W. Brown 3, Diana M. Gough 4, R. D. Brown 5, B. J. Harfield (first in method) 6. Rung as a compliment to Ann Law and Bob Jones on their engagement.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: E. Jenno (first quarter) 1, F. Southgate 2, G. W. Moss 3, Miss P. Nice 4, M. Bantick 5, T. Cole 6, H. J. Millatt 7, F. H. Erith (cond.) 8.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICS.—On Mar. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Pollard (first on eight) 1, J. Thomas 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, G. Bowcutt (first 'inside' on eight) 4, F. Williams 5, J. Day (first 'inside' on eight) 6, P. A. Corby (cond.) 7, R. Pollard (first quarter) 8.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 540 Grandsire and 540 Plain Bob): B. Thomas 1, Jean Powell 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, G. Williams 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, Heather Evans 6. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone for the new church at St. Peter's, Aberbargoed.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Mar. 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. F. Brooks 1, A. B. Corden 2, H. Sear 3, W. Daniells 4, F. Stonton 5, D. J. Meager 6, J. Marks 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Mar. 27th, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Brown 1, R. Brown 2, A. Freeston 3, S. Jessop 4, W. E. Clarke 5, J. Petch 6, F. Dewey (cond.) 7, T. Freeston 8. Rung for Evensong, and a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BRISTOL.—At 40, Heath Road, Eastville, on Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (in hand): K. W. Price 1–2, S. G. Riches (cond.) 3–4, T. K. Price 5–6. First quarter in hand for 1–2, 5–6.

BRITFORD, WILTS.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. A. Bacon 1, Miss J. Stephens 2, Miss J. M. Gray 3, H. H. Abrahams 4, F. L. Harris (cond.) 5, J. Sutton 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss Marion Lewis, daughter of the captain of the ringers, to Mr. R. Mayes.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Mar. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 540 of Grandsire): R. J. Vardy 1, Miss Joan L. Taylor (first in four methods) 2, F. J. White 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, A. Bown 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Arranged for the conductor's birthday in his old home tower.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Mar. 27th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: R. H. Davies 1, S. T. Hume 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, Mrs. L. Mills 4, D. L. Mills 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard (cond.) 8. First in Worcester combination by all. Rung for Evensong.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, G. M. Rouse 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. A. T. M. Perry and Miss G. Harvey. Also an 85th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Barker, verger.

CLERKENWELL, E.C.—On Mar. 27th, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Friswell 1, Miss M. Prockson 2, W. Jarvis 3, R. Newman 4, D. Harman 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, W. Prockson 7, H. Barnard 8. Rung for Passion Sunday.

COTLEIGH, DEVON.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Snell 1, Miss M. Curtis (first quarter) 2, W. Sparks 3, C. Webb 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, W. Chick (first quarter) 6.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Mar. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. Fulker 1, W. Absolom 2, J. Adams 3, Miss C. Hall 4, F. Godden 5, R. Tuckwell 6, L. Busby 7, F. Absolom (first in method as cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 5 and 6.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Carol Buckingham 1, R. Rayfield 2, R. Harris 3, A. Webb 4, L. Maynard 5, S. Hayzelden (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service, and a 70th birthday compliment to R. Stedman.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—On Feb. 19th, 1,386 Grandsire Triples: F. Briscoe 1, S. Wallis 2, W. Chamberlain 3, R. J. Sharp 4, G. Mayes 5, C. Clarke 6, B. Sims (cond.) 7, A. Smith 8. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Beldom and Miss V. Nicholls, both ringers and choristers at this church.

QUARTER PEALS

FULHAM, S.W.—On Mar. 27th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Page 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, H. Belcher 4, J. Allsop 5, James Phillips 6, W. Rawlings 7, J. Stephenson 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, J. Waters 10.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 7, 6, 8 covering): Miss E. Mulford 1, D. Lawson 2, D. Jordan (cond.) 3, W. Corderoy 4, D. Bosley 5, B. Bosley 6, W. Gilks 7, A. Samler 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. Corderoy, a member of the band and church organist.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Kathleen Yeo (first of Minor) 1, Laura Beeney (first of Minor) 2, C. J. Piper 3, F. H. Beeney 4, B. Stepney 5, G. Beeney (first in Minor as cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

HERTFORD.—On Mar. 27th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Thorn 1, R. Dore 2, J. Kemp 3, A. S. Carter (cond.) 4, C. Springham 5, J. Welch 6, G. Ditton 7, P. Saunders 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second (a ringer for 50 years).

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On Mar. 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Hodgson 1, D. R. Airey 2, P. C. Holland 3, T. Hill 4, L. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 5.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. J. Hicks (cond.) 1, R. A. Hodgson 2, Margaret H. Twidale (first quarter 'inside') 3, Ruth A. Carey 4, D. Hodgson (first quarter of Grandsire Doubles) 5, J. M. Moore 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. Rung for mid-Lent Sunday.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Mar. 26th, 1,312 Ashtead Surprise Major: C. S. Rew (first of Surprise) 1, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 2, W. G. Wilson 3, A. J. Boyack 4, S. Croft 5, T. E. Davies 6, A. E. Thirst 7, H. W Rogers (cond.) 8. Also on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (with tenor covering): Miss B. Humphrey (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Creak 2, Miss E. Farrell 3, Mrs. K. F. Parr 4, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 5, H. W. Rogers 6, T. F. V. Neal 7.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. W. Linington 1, Edna Everest 2, S. A. Hill 3, D. Fagg 4, P. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, H. G. Keeley 3, Canon C. Carew Cox 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, G. S. Morris 6, C. W. Powell 7, R. Keeley (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

MUNDFORD, NORFOLK.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Wibin 1, C. Booth 2, B. Crook 3, A. Horn 4, J. Harris (cond.) 5, E. Budgen 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung for Evensong.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 22nd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: H. King (cond.) 1, L. Cordell 2, Miss W. Bowak 3, R. Bridge 4, R. Stevens 6.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. L. Jeffreys 1, L. Beal 2, B. Sadler 3, J. Belcham 4, F. May 5, P. J. King (cond.) 6, B. Cook 7, R. Chambers 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Mar. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. T. Langstone 1, Mrs. J. C. Northan 2, Mrs. E. Merrett 3, J. Merrett 4, H. Perry 5, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Captain A. J. Dyer, a former Mayor of Romford.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Mar. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Green (15) 1, Mrs. Bevan 2, P. G. Morgan (15, cond.) 3, H. Powell 4, J. J. Webb 5, A. Poulton 6, R. Jones 7, T. Bevan 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: T. Small 1, Pat Forster 2, A. Hicks 3, Ruth Carey 4, R. Hodgson 5, D. Hodgson (first quarter as cond.) 6, M. A. Laurance (first quarter) cover. First quarter of Bob Minor by all the band. Rung for Confirmation service.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Godfrey 1, Miss P. Oakeshott (first 'inside') 2, Miss A. Culpin (first 'inside') 3, T. P. Harris 4, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 5, Miss S. Devereux 6. Rung for Mother Sunday service.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith M. Midgley 1, F. V. Nicholls 2, D. J. Midgley 3, R. Smith (cond.) 4, F. B. Cookson 5, Jill Tombs 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Cooper 8. Rung for Evensong on Mothering Sunday.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Chappel 1, R. W. Blank (cond.) 2, Miss G. Brown 3, Mrs. S. Brown 4, Miss P. Gaunt 5, M. Maisey 6, C. Lewington 7, R. Rivers 8. A wedding compliment to Mr. G. K. Dodd and Miss Sylvia Stacey.

THURNBY, LEICS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): W. Bott 1, J. Pawley 2, L. Wykes (cond.) 3, R. Ellwood 4, P. Pawley 5, K. Rands 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Geo. Voss, for 50 years a ringer and verger at St. Luke's Church.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. J. Newman 1, Mrs. J. Brooks 2, R. J. Scott 3, D. G. Broyd 4, D. M. Knox (cond.) 5, W. Twidell 6, J. W. Sinfield 7, J. G. Newman 8. Rung for Evensong. Also 720 Carlisle Surprise: D. G. Broyd 1, R. J. Scott 2, J. G. Newman 3, W. Twidell 4, J. W. Sinfield 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6. Both rung by local Sunday band.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (660 Stedman, 600 Grandsire): S. G. Coles 1, W. H. Tarr 2, R. W. Shire 3, W. G. Gigg 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. G. Perry 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. E. Pyke, for 50 years a ringer at Trull.

TURVEY, BEDS.—On Mar. 19th, 3,248 Plain Bob Major: D. P. Jones 1, P. Mehew 2, D. R. Brazier 3, J. B. Long 4, T. P. Harris 5, B. Pattison 6, P. I. Chapman 7, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to L. H. Bywaters.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,296 Grandsire Caters: M. Cubitt 1, D. Banks 2, Miss M. Bryce 3, D. Cubitt 4, J. H. Kirby 5, G. Townend 6, K. Park 7, J. E. Kirby 8, L. Boumphrey 9, W. Moreton (cond.) 10. First quarter of Caters for 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. All-local band except 9.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marybell McKane 1, Sylvia Streater 2, Betty McKane 3, N. J. Smith 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, H. J. Peskett 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.—On Mar. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Alderton 1, Mrs. V. Lathbury 2, W. Shepherd (cond.) 3, P. Alderton 4, M. Jackson (first quarter) 5, G. Curtis 6, W. Goldstone 7, S. H. Price (first quarter) 8. For Confirmation service.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—At Holy Trinity Church, West Hill, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Walters 1, J. Phillips 2, W. Langden 3, B. K. Lunn 4, J. Chilcott (cond.) 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, H. Belcher 7, J. Phillips 8. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Southwark.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On Mar. 13th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: G. Northwood (12) 1, D. Baker (16) 2, R. Bowles (16) 3, O. Northwood (17) 4, T. C. Belton (cond.) 5, F. Key 6. First in method for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for Holy Communion by the Wanlip Guild.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Mar. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Perrett 1, E. Overend 2, T. Phippen 3, T. E. Mallard 4, E. Gray (cond.) 5, J. Titt 6.

WATERLOO, S.E.—At St. John's Church, on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Merrett 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. Hales 3, F. R. L. Blewer 4, E. D. Smith 5, J. Barrance 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Hughes (first of Triples) 1, Miss A. Yarde 2, S. N. Bristow 3, G. Walford (cond.) 4, G. Salter 5, D. T. North 6, G. J. Gammon 7, D. W. Lentell 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. Devenish 1, J. Tomsett 2, Bridget Frewer (first quarter) 3, P. Devenish 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, C. Wilkinson 6, J. Brickell 7, A. Bishop 8.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Stephens 1, J. Rose (cond.) 2, Miss D. Nice 3, F. Symonds 4, F. Crudge 5, J. Hart 6, F. Stedman 7, G. Abbott 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

Southern District of Irish Association

The first time that a meeting was ever held in Cork city was held there on St. Patrick's Day (March 17th), when over 90 members of the Southern District of the Irish Association met to compete for the R. R. Cherry Challenge Cup and to elect its officers for the ensuing year. The towers represented were St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork, Ballymodan, Doneraile, St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny, Mount St. Alphonsus Monastery, Limerick, and St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. The fine eight (tenor 27¼ cwt.) of the Cathedral were put to good use during the morning.

The competition to decide the best strikers was held during the afternoon, when seven teams competed. The standard of ringing was exceptionally high. The winners were Mount St. Alphonsus' 'A' team, who recorded only 63 faults; St. Finbarre's, Cork, were a close second, with 72 faults; Ballymodan, a six-bell tower, were third, with 90 faults. The judges were Messrs. Tom Perrott (one of the original ringers at the Cathedral), Ed. Burns and Fred. E. Dukes. The Ringing Master, Mr. Roy McCormack, was in charge of the tower during the day.

After lunch in Moore's Hotel the meeting was welcomed to Cork by Canon Bouchier on behalf of the Lord Bishop, who was unavoidably absence on church business. Canon Bouchier, in his welcome, made special reference to Mr. Dukes, who had travelled through the previous night via Fishguard and Rosslare from a business trip in London in order to be present at the meeting.

Greetings were read from the president and the Northern District secretary and conveyed to the meeting on behalf of the Eastern District by Mr. Dukes. He also thanked Canon Bouchier for his kind remarks and expressed his pleasure at being 'back home' in Cork again.

The election of District officers resulted as follows:—Chairman, Mr. David Benson (Limerick); vice-president, Mr. Fred Bogan (Cork); Ringing Master, Mr. Roy McCormack (Cork); secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Bingham, 11, Peter Street, Limerick; assistant secretary, Mr. C. W. Galbraith; representatives on Executive Council, Messrs. G. Bingham, C. W. Galbraith and R. McCormack.

It was unanimously decided to support an invitation to be sent to the Central Council to hold its meeting in Ireland, provided the Council members will visit the towers in the District during their stay and let their members hear some good ringing!

The next meeting place was selected for Ballymodan in Co. Cork, where there are six bells.

After tea in Moore's Hotel the Dean of Cork (the Very Rev. H. R. McAdoo, D.D.) kindly presented the Cherry Cup to the winners, Mount St. Alphonsus, with the wishes of the District to go on to Dublin and bring back the Murphy Cup to the District. He also presented the Ballymodan team with the Attendance Challenge Shield for Sunday ringing—they had 100 per cent. attendances during 1954 and now have secured the Shield for the third year in succession.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District

The Ashford District met at Hythe on March 26th, where the local arrangements had been made by Mr. W. J. Bidnell, the tower secretary. Since the partial internal reconstruction of the tower, Hythe bells have become somewhat noisier, but fortunately the Vicar and the band of ringers are both of one mind about this and are determined to put matters right.

Ringing continued until 4.30, when the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Newman) conducted the service, in which he welcomed all visitors to the church. The lesson was read by Mr. J. Willis, and Mr. W. P. Garner was at the organ. The collection was given to the Association's Belfry Repair Fund.

A good tea was arranged at the Paddock Tea Rooms and it was followed by a short business meeting. Nine new members were elected, seven of them being from Hythe. Mr. S. G. Waters gave a preliminary notice of a special service for ringers which will be held at Biddenden Church, combined with Evensong, on June 26th.

After the usual votes of thanks ringing was continued during the evening.

About 35 members and friends were present representing the following towers:—Ashford, Bethersden, Biddenden, Brabourne, Canterbury Cathedral, Croydon, Folkestone, High Halden, Hythe, Lydd, Maidstone, Marden, New Romney, Selleridge, Willesborough and Woodchurch.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Edwin Timbrell, the Lancashire composer, is in Sharoe Green Hospital, Preston. He had a fall at his home recently but is now recovering. He was 84 last February.

Mr. W. Button, with the peal of Doubles at Northiam, Sussex, on March 21st, completed Grandsire from Doubles to Cinques.

Mr. F. R. Lowe 'completed the circle' at Measham, Leicestershire, by ringing the second to the peal of Bristol Surprise Major, reported in our peal columns.

New District 'Ringing World' representatives of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association are Miss J. Brenda Softley (Eastern) and Mr. R. W. Leighton (Western).

Handbell tune ringers will be interested to learn that the Crosthwaite (Keswick) Handbell Ringers made a B.B.C. recording on March 31st to be broadcast on April 20th in the 'Country Dancing' programme at 6.30 p.m. in the Home Service. This is their fifth broadcast in this series.

The many friends of Mr. Peter Eves, of Chelmsford, would like to join in wishing him a speedy recovery to health and the belfry. Peter was involved in a motor-cycle accident whilst on his way to stand in a peal at Thorpe Bay, and sustained a broken leg. His lady pillion passenger, Miss P. Lambert, of Danbury, escaped injury. Peter's present address: St. John's Hospital, Chelmsford.

Visitors to Stradbroke, Suffolk, will be glad to learn that all the bells can now be heard distinctly in the ringing chamber. This transformation is due to the work of the energetic steeplekeeper, Mr. J. Clarke, who has made and fitted a two-branch chute capable of controlling the volume. Other splendid work Mr. Clarke has done has been the fitting of a new pulley to the fourth, and certain attention to the clappers.

Featured in 'The Folkestone and Hythe Gazette' is a visit to the belfry of St. Martin's Church, Cheriton. Youth is very much in evidence in this tower, which includes the 13-year-old Bryant twins—Maureen and Elvina—Shirley Martin (13), Robert Turner (13), John Palmer (14) and Fred Price (14).

It is somewhat unique for father and daughter to ring their first peal of Stedman together. Miss M. J. Parker and her father, Mr. R. H. R. Parker, accomplished this at Portsea on March 26th.

The peal at Silk Willoughby, Lincs, on March 5th, was in the following seven methods:—Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and not as printed on page 180.

Of the nine active ringers at Folkestone Parish Church, two—Mr. Alfred Kedwell and Mr. F. Crooks—are over 80 years of age. An appeal for young people to come forward and learn our art is made in the local Press by Mr. F. J. Whittaker.

Miss Mary Hobbs is leaving the Derby District to take up a new appointment at Aylesbury. Her friends of the Derby District send her their best wishes and thanks for her efficient service as District secretary. Miss Hobbs took part in a farewell peal of Superlative Surprise Major at the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile. This was her first peal of Surprise.

The quarter peal at Walberton, Sussex, on March 21st, was a creditable first performance for the ringers of the treble, second and third, especially the treble ringer (Miss M. McKane), who speaks only French and needed her sister's assistance as interpreter. She is also handicapped by having to use a deaf-aid. The Misses McKane are from Guernsey.

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PEAL RINGING IN LEICESTERSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

PEAL ringing in Leicestershire is noteworthy for the number of peals rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry. No less than 593 have been recorded here, easily the most, not only in the county but in the whole country also. Fifty-three peals were rung there in 1954, which is another record, for that is the greatest number which has ever been rung in a year in an individual tower. Once before, in 1949, the Foundry bells reached the half-century in a year. What makes these facts even more remarkable is that the first peal was not rung until 1901, so that the total was reached in less than 50 ringing years. These peals could form the subject of a complete article since they total more than have been rung in some of the smaller counties (e.g., Huntingdonshire), but there is not room to give more than a few details.

Surprisingly enough, only 40 of the peals had been rung by the time the first war started. Then came two in 1916. From 1920 to 1939 came the immense total of 292 peals—about 15 a year average. Even this has been dwarfed by the number rung since the last war—no less than 259 in ten years. I wonder how many sets of ropes have been worn out in this period?

The tower has seen some long lengths also (apart from the recent attempt at the 40,000). These include 10,400 Real Superlative Surprise Major, 10,976 Bristol Surprise Major, 10,368 London Surprise Major, and 9,600 Spliced Treble Bob Major. The first peal in six spliced Major methods was also rung here. So much for the Foundry ten.

RANG THE CLOCK ROUND

Loughborough Parish Church (All Saints') actually comes second in order of number of peals at the moment with 187 peals. The most famous of these is the one which will ever remain a record of achievement—the 18,027 Stedman Caters rung on April 12th, 1909, with a tenor of 30 cwt. This was the first time that the clock had been rung round by one band of men. These beautifully going bells have kept up a good average of about three a year since 1884 with slightly more at the beginning of the period than the end. Thus 117 had been rung by 1913, and there have been only 18 since the last war.

This will probably mean that the third tower on the list, Leicester Cathedral (12) will shortly take second place, for its total is 185, of which 126 have come in the last 11 years. Only six had been rung prior to 1914. There is no need to mention who is responsible for the recent prolific effort!

There are three other towers which have passed the 100 mark, but they are a long way behind these last two. They are Stoney Stanton (8), South Wigston (8) and Leicester, St. Margaret's (12). The first has scored 114 peals, 20 between 1891 and 1915, 60 from 1918 to 1938, and 34 since 1943. The record length of Cambridge Surprise Major—12,896 changes—was rung here in 1923. South Wigston also holds a long length record—that for Double Norwich Major, for 17,104 changes of this method were rung there just over 50 years ago, in 1904. The jubilee of this peal was recently celebrated at the tower. Actually 103 peals have been rung there in all—29 from 1901 to 1913 (it was a 6-bell tower last century), 31 from 1919 to 1940, and 43 since 1944, so its average is better now than previously.

THE HOME OF ERNEST MORRIS

Leicester, St. Margaret's, has 102 peals in the period, but very early peals were rung here so the actual total is greater than this. Thus a peal of 'Triples' was rung here in 1730, and a 10,000 of Grandsire Caters in 1777. In our period 13 peals were rung from 1884 to 1902, 44 from 1922 to 1939, and there have been 45 since the war, so the average here is also greater now than heretofore. This tower will also ever be famous for being the 'home' of Mr. Ernest Morris, who has done so much for the Exercise by his many excellent books. It is actually a 6-bell tower which is nearest to the century mark—Croft, where 91 peals have been rung. Since only one 6-bell tower in the whole country has passed the 100 mark this means that it is amongst the leaders for numbers of peals in the land. The first peal was only rung in 1928, so it has done very well to reach this total. Thirty-four came between 1928 and 1940 and there have been 57 since the war.

We turn now to towers according to the numbers of bells. Both the 12-bell towers have already been mentioned (Leicester Cathedral and Leicester, St. Margaret's) as have two of the four 10-bell towers (the two Loughborough rings). There are two more 10-bell churches—Leicester, St. John's, and Melton Mowbray; 63 peals have been rung at the former—12 from 1902 to 1913, eight from 1919 to 1925 (it was an eight-bell tower then); then came ten from 1929 to 1939 after augmentation and there have been 33 since the war, so the tower is doing well now. It is a great relief to know that the threat of its demolition seems to have receded, and one trusts that it is now safe. At Melton Mowbray, the next peal will be the 50th since 1881. The first peal recorded in this period was in 1894, and 30 were rung before the first war put an end to activities. Only nine were rung between the wars, but the average is better again now, for ten have come since 1936.

OTHER EIGHT-BELL TOWERS

I think there will be space to mention all the 8-bell towers that have passed the 50 mark. After the two centenarians already discussed comes Anstey with 88. These have come very consistently from the time of the first peal in 1906. Whitwick has 88, nearly half (40) since 1948, so it is doing well. The first first peal here was in 1891, and we find a gap from 1933 to 1948—presumably the bells needed attention. Then comes Measham with 86. Only two peals had been rung prior to the first war—in 1913 and 1914, but 53 came between the wars and the remaining 31 since 1946. Thurcaston has 85. The first peal didn't come until 1920, but 50 were rung in the 1920's. Then came a sudden drop for only one came in the 1930's (in 1937). There have been 34 since the war.

Only three of Gilmorton's total of 84 had been rung before 1914, commencing in 1909. Then came 29 from 1921 to 1939 and no less than 52 in the last seven years. Two towers are in the 70's and one in the 60's. They are Claybrooke (78—19 from 1930 to 1939 and 59 since 1946); Earl Shilton 70—54 from 1922 to 1938 and 16 from 1947); and Enderby (68—one peal in 1921 when it was a 6-bell tower, 17 from 1928 to 1939 after augmentation, and 50 since 1944). Leicester, All Saints', has 59 peals. Most of these were rung when it was a 6-bell tower, principally 41 between 1946 and 1952. There have been 13 on the eight in the past three years. Quorn has 58; 35 of these came before 1914, commencing in 1886 (only one or two towers can boast earlier peals in the period). The tower was not very active between the wars, only nine peals being rung, but has revived recently with 14 peals since 1948. The next peal at Ashby Folville will be the 50th there.

SIX-BELL TOWERS

The best 6-bell tower, Croft, has already been mentioned. Its total of 91 is nearly double any of the others, for Whetstone comes next with 48, 35 of which have been rung since 1944 (the first peal was in 1914). Thirty-six of Copt Oak's 41 have likewise come since the war, but there has only been one each year in 1953 and 1954. On the other hand Stoke Golding's heyday was between 1910 and 1914, for 28 of its 37 peals were rung then. Eight were rung between 1921 and 1928 and there has only been one since then—in 1949. The following four towers have reached the 25 mark—Ibstock (29, the majority since the war); Thurlaston (27—all since 1924 except the first, which was in 1900); Hallaton (25—22 from 1922 to 1938); and Peckleton (25—three in 1891 and 1892, 21 from 1920 to 1939, and one since, in 1953).

Two 5-bell towers have reached double figures, which is a very respectable total for this class, as mentioned in a previous article. They are Dalby Magna and Kirby Muxloe, which have scored 13 each, in both cases chiefly since the last war, although the latter was amongst the first 5-bell towers in the county to have a peal rung at it (in 1909). Kirby Bellars has seven peals and Great Bowden six.

Leicestershire was one of the first counties to have all the ringable bells rung to a peal (a personal ambition of Mr. Ernest Morris, I believe), so that only three towers remain to be conquered. These include an 8-bell tower—Church Langton (which Mr. P. Amos in a letter last year showed were unringable) and two 5-bell towers, Shawell and Skeffington. I'm sure these must also be or they would have 'fallen' by this time.

So much for another very interesting county. Numbers are correct (by the way) up to March 18th, 1955 (i.e., as far as 'The Ringing World' is concerned).

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Although the result of the boat race was known before the start of the ringing at Armley on March 26th it was not until nearly tea time that a touch of 'Cambridge' could be rung; one wag suggested Oxford Treble Bob (fully muffled) but fortunately this idea did not receive support.

The bells were raised in peal at 3 p.m. and ringing progressed from Plain Bob via Grandsire, Kent, Stedman and Double Norwich to Cambridge and London, and so to tea time. A photographer from the local Press took 'shots' to be used with an article about the Society.

After tea there were a few touches on handbells before a return to the tower, where further ringing took place till 7 p.m., when the business meeting was held.

The president was in the chair, and apologies were received from Mr. T. Hill and Mr. S. Barron. Mr. A. Coldrick, of Armley, was elected a member. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and local company was proposed by Mr. F. Rayment and seconded by Mr. A. Johnson. Mr. H. Lofthouse suitably replied.

The following nominations were received:—President, Mr. H. Lofthouse; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Barron, W. Dixon and T. W. Strangeway; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; auditors, Messrs. F. Rayment and C. Suttcliffe.

The next meeting, the annual general, will be held at Leeds Parish Church on April 30th.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

MINUTES OF THE NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE MEETING, 1954

MINUTES of the first session of the twenty-second Council (57th Annual Meeting), held in the Cathedral Library, Newcastle, on Whit Tuesday, June 8th, 1954.

A welcome was extended to the Council by the Lord Mayor and by the Lord Bishop of Newcastle. The thanks of the Council were expressed by the President.

PRESENT:—

Life Members.—Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. G. W. Fletcher, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary Members.—Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. I. Hairs, Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. K. Lewis, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. P. L. Taylor.

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Derbyshire Association.—Mr. A. Mould, Mr. W. Robinson.

Devon Guild.—Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

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East Grinstead and District Guild.—Mr. C. A. Bassett.

Ely Diocesan Guild.—Mr. F. W. Lack, Mr. H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association.—Mr. J. H. Crampion, Mr. H. J. Mansfield, Mr. F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—Mr. T. Boreham, Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Mr. F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. H. Pulling, Mr. J. R. Worrall.

Hereford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. W. F. Moreton.

Hertford County Association.—Mr. W. Ayre, Mr. R. G. Bell, Mr. E. Edmondson.

Irish Association.—Mr. F. E. Dukes, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association.—Mr. T. Cullingworth, Mr. T. E. Sone.

Ladies' Guild.—Mrs. A. Richardson.

Lancashire Association.—Mr. F. Dunkerley, Mr. J. Ridyard. Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild.—Mr. S. Burton, Mr. P. A. Corby, Mr. H. J. Poole, Mr. A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. Bray, Mr. G. E. Feirn, Mr. J. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association.—Miss J. S. Evans, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association.—Mr. H. W. Rogers, Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association.—Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, Mr. T. J. Lock, Mr. R. F. B. Speed.

Midland Counties Guild.—Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association.—Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Association.—Mr. N. V. Harding, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Mr. A. D. Barker, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. F. D. Boreham, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford Society.—Mr. F. A. H. Wilkins.

Oxford University Society.—Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—Mr. P. I. Chapman, Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Mr. E. Nobles, Mr. W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild.—Mr. J. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.—Mr. G. E. Fearn, Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. W. C. West.

Scottish Association.—Mr. R. St. C. Wilson.

Sheffield and District.—Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.—Mr. F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild.—Mr. C. Glenn, Mr. J. Segar.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society.—Mr. B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild.—Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association.—Mr. F. E. Collins, Mr. W. F. Oatway, Mr. H. N. Pitstow.

Sussex County Association.—Mr. R. G. Blackman, Mr. H. Stalham.

Swansea and Brecon Guild.—Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild.—Mr. D. Burnett, Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association.—Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild.—Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Mr. C. H. Kippin, Mr. G. Pullinger.

Worcestershire and Districts Association.—Mr. B. C. Ashford, Mr. W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association.—Mr. W. E. Critchley, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. L. W. G. Morris, Mr. S. F. Palmer.

SUMMARY:—

	Associations	Members Present	Members Absent
Wholly represented..	24	51	—
Partially represented..	26	51	43
Not represented ..	4		4
	54	102	47
Life members ..		5	2
Hon. members ..		7	11
		114	60

REPORT AS TO MEMBERSHIP

The Hon. Secretary reported that 54 Associations were affiliated, entitled to 150 members. The Rules provided for 24 Honorary Members and there were 7 Life Members. making a total membership of 181. There were vacancies for 1 representative member and 8 Honorary Members. All affiliation fees had been paid.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Messrs. A. L. Barry, E. W. Biffen, P. N. Bond, P. Border. W. Cathrall, G. W. Cecil, P. A. F. Chalk, S. G. Coles, Miss D. Colgate, G. H. Cross, F. H. Dallaway, G. E. Debenham, J. P. Fidler. T. H. Francis, J. A. Freeman, R. O. Fry, N. Golden, G. H. Harding, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, A. C. Hazelden, G. L. Hewitt, Miss K. Higgins, S. T. Holt, D. Hughes, G. J. Lewis, Miss M. Lidgey, J. E. Lilley, W. Longman, T. G. Myers, G. E. Oliver, W. A. Osborn, A. J. Pitman, F. Precey, B. D. Price, Rev. A. S. Roberts, F. W. Rogers, C. J. Sedgley, J. F. Smallwood, Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, Miss M. E. Snowden, Mrs. J. Staniforth, L. Stilwell, G. E. Symonds. T. H. Taffender, E. C. S. Turner, W. H. Viggers, A. Walker, C. Wallater. J. J. Webb, J. Willis, C. W. Woolley and E. A. Young.

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS TO PRESIDENT

The following were presented: Mrs. E. A. Barnett (hon. member), Messrs. T. Boreham (Gloucester and Bristol), D. Burnett (Truro), S. Burton (Leicester), P. J. Chapman (Peterborough). P. A. Corby (Leicester), R. G. Corby (Chester), J. H. Crampion (Essex), T. Cullingworth (Kent), E. Edmondson (Hertfordshire), Miss J. S. Evans (Llandaff and Monmouth), G. E. Fearn (St. Martin's Guild), S. Foskett (Bedfordshire), C. Glenn (Southwell), N V. Harding (Norwich), B. G. Key (Stafford Archdeaconry). E. Nobles (Peterborough), W. F. Oatway (Surrey), H. S. Peacock (Ely), H. N. Pitstow (Surrey), W. L. Robinson (Derbyshire), Rev. J. G. M. Scott (Devon), H. J. Shuck (Dudley and District), R. F. B. Speed (Middlesex), H. Stalham (Sussex), J. M. Stephens (Bedfordshire), B. D. Threlfall (Cambridge University), A. Tomlinson (Lancashire), F. A. H. Wilkins (Oxford Society), R. St. C. Wilson (Scottish) and J. R. Worrall (Guildford).

TELEGRAM TO THE QUEEN

The following telegram was sent to H.M. the Queen:—

'The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers in annual conference assembled at the Cathedral Library, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, desire to offer your Majesty their loyal congratulations on the happy completion of your royal progress through the British Dominions, which it was the privilege of the ringers to celebrate on the occasion of your Majesty's return.'

The following reply was received:—

'The Queen sincerely thanks all assembled at the annual conference of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers for their kind message of loyal congratulations and for the way in which they helped to celebrate Her Majesty's return to this country.—Private Secretary.'

TELEGRAM TO MR. E. ALEXANDER YOUNG

On the motion of the President, the following telegram was sent to Mr. E. Alexander Young, former Secretary of the Council, who had just entered his 90th year:—

'Central Council meeting, Newcastle. All send kind regards and best wishes.'

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Mr. E. H. Lewis was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. E. A. Barnett was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

Hon. Librarian: Mr. F. Sharpe was re-elected on the proposition of Mr. E. H. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The Standing Committee recommended the re-election of the following retiring members: The Earl of Shaftesbury, Messrs. J. P. Fidler, H. M. Howard, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Messrs. E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, W. H. Viggers and A. Walker.

The committee also recommended the election of Mr. J. T. Dyke and Miss P. J. Ayris.

The recommendations were adopted on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

Mr. C. W. Roberts was elected on the proposition of Mr. F. W. Goodfellow, seconded by Mr. W. G. Wilson.

ELECTION OF HONORARY AUDITORS

Messrs. A. A. Hughes and F. W. Perrens were re-elected on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

LOSS OF MEMBERS THROUGH DEATH

The President reported the death of the following former members of the Council, the members standing in silence: Messrs. H. R. Butcher, D. D. Cooper, W. H. J. Hooton, T. Law, G. R. Newton, W. Perkins and J. H. W. White.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes as published in 'The Ringing World' of April 30th, 1954, and circulated to members, were adopted.

REPORTS

These have been published as shown:—

HON SECRETARY

('Ringing World,' June 18th, 1954, page 394)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

It was agreed to send a message of good wishes to Mr. J. W. Jones, who had retired after 46 years' membership of the Council.

HON. LIBRARIAN

('Ringing World,' June 18th, 1954, page 394)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

It was agreed that 'Preservation of Bells' and 'Collection of Minor Methods' (with amendments) should be reprinted and that 'Double Norwich Court Bob Caters,' 'Variation and Transposition' and 'Collection of Peals, Section II.' (1904) should not be reprinted.

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' June 18th, 1954, page 394)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

TRUSTEES OF THE CARTER RINGING MACHINE

('Ringing World,' June 18th, 1954, page 395)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

STANDING COMMITTEE

(a) Handbook Sub-Committee.

Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher had resigned and no report was submitted. The Standing Committee recommended the appointment of Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mr. C. K. Lewis, and this was agreed.

(b) Roll of Honour Sub-Committee.

('Ringing World,' June 18th, 1954, page 395.)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. Miles, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson. It was agreed to proceed with the construction of a case and to put in hand the matter of a photostat copy.

REAPPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The President announced the names of the following ex-officio members: Messrs. E. H. Lewis, E. A. Barnett, F. Sharpe, G. W. Fletcher, A. A. Hughes, F. W. Perrens, E. A. Young and all conveners of committees.

On the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. H. Miles, the following were reappointed: Messrs. R. S. Anderson, F. I. Hairs, P. J. Johnson, C. K. Lewis, H. J. Poole, A. H. Pulling, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. E. C. S. Turner.

Mr. J. T. Dyke was elected on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Mr. W. B. Cartwright was elected on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Mr. J. Freeman was elected on the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. G. E. Feirn.

Mr. F. E. Dukes was elected on the proposition of Mr. J. T. Dunwoody, seconded by Miss J. Stewart.

'RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 25th, 1954, page 409)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. A. B. Peck.

The committee (Messrs. J. F. Smallwood, F. I. Hairs, J. T. Dyke, H. J. Poole and R. S. Anderson) were reappointed on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

'THE RINGING WORLD' ACCOUNTS

('Ringing World,' June 25th, 1954, page 409)

Adopted subject to audit on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 25th, 1954, page 410)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. R. G. Blackman.

The committee (Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, W. H. Viggers, L. Stilwell and J. Willis) were reappointed on the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker.

PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' June 25th, 1954, page 410)

The majority report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

Messrs. C. W. Woolley, C. W. Roberts and A. J. Pitman were reappointed on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs, with power to co-opt. Mr. W. E. Critchley was added on the proposition of Mr. N. Chaddock, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

METHODS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' July 2nd, 1954, page 425)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and Messrs. F. N. Golden, C. H. Kippin and C. K. Lewis were reappointed on the proposition of Mr. W. Ayre, seconded by Mr. J. H. Crampion.

The committee agreed to consider revising the Collection of Triples Methods.

LITERATURE, PRESS & BROADCASTING COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' July 2nd, 1954, page 425)

Adopted on the proposition of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

The committee did not seek reappointment, and the thanks of the Council were expressed to them (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and Messrs. A. Paddon Smith and A. Walker) for their long service. It was agreed that the functions of the committee should be divided.

APPOINTMENT OF LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

On the proposition of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole, the following were appointed: Messrs. E. C. Shepherd (convener) and F. E. Dukes.

APPOINTMENT OF BROADCASTING & TELEVISION COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Mr. A. A. Hughes, seconded by Mr. A. D. Barker, the following were appointed, with power to co-opt: Messrs. H. J. Sanger (convener), G. E. Fearn and J. T. Dunwoody. Mr. A. A. Hughes was added to the committee on the proposition of Mr. J. H. Crampion, seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' July 2nd, 1954, pp. 425–6)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. F. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. F. E. Collins.

The committee (Messrs. F. Sharpe, E. H. Lewis, W. Osborn. J. W. Clarke, F. E. Collins and E. A. Young) were reappointed, with the addition of Mr. J. Freeman.

RECORDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' July 2nd. 1954, page 426)

Adopted, subject to the deletion of Pudsey Surprise Royal, on the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mrs. C. C. Marshall, who were reappointed on the proposition of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' July 2nd. 1954, page 426)

Adopted on the proposition of Mr. J. W. Clarke, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre.

The following were reappointed on the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: Messrs. J. W. Clarke, W. Ayre and J. P. Fidler.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

('Ringing World,' July 9th, 1954, page 441)

After discussion, the report was adopted with the exception of a paragraph concerning peals of Bob Triples, which was deferred until 1955, on the proposition of Mr. H. J. Poole, seconded by Mr. J. T. Dunwoody.

On the proposition of Mr. G. W. Fletcher, seconded by Mr. F. W. Perrens, the following were appointed to the committee, with power to co-opt: Messrs. W. Ayre, H. Miles and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

On behalf of the Standing Committee, the Secretary gave notice that peals not conforming to the Council's Decisions would not in future be included in the Analysis; they would, however, if sent, be published in 'The Ringing World.'

THANKS TO COMMITTEES

The President expressed the thanks of the Council to the retiring committees.

MOTIONS

(a) Proposed by Mr. F. E. Hawthorne, seconded by Mr. W. Ayre, and carried:—

'That this Council deprecates the increasing number of installations of synthetic and recorded bells, which it considers to be unworthy of use in the house of God, and wishes to support the responsible authorities in the steps they are taking to prevent their installation.'

(b) Proposed by Mr. J. R. Worrall, seconded by Miss J. S. Evans:—

'That this Council disapproves of the ban on the publication in "The Ringing World" of letters signed with a pen-name, and instructs the Editorial Committee to rescind it forthwith; furthermore, that this Council expresses its complete confidence in the ability of the Editor of "The Ringing World" to select only such letters as he considers suitable for publication.'

The following amendment, proposed by Mr. G. W. Fletcher and seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby, was carried:—

'That this Council expresses its complete confidence in the ability of "The Ringing World" Committee to select such letters as it considers suitable for publication.'

The motion, as amended, was carried.

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Invitations had been received from Bristol and Leicester. On the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. W. B. Kynaston, it was decided to visit Bristol in 1955. The Council took note of an invitation from Mr. H. J. Poole to visit Leicester in 1956.

VOTES OF THANKS

On the motion of the President, thanks were expressed to the Provost and Chapter of Newcastle Cathedral for the use of the Cathedral Library; the Provost for officiating at Holy Communion; the Lord Bishop of Newcastle and the President of the Durham and Newcastle Association (Mr. R. A. Gofton) for their welcome; Mr. D. A. Boyles (secretary of the Durham and Newcastle Association) and Mr. K. Arthur for local arrangements; and all incumbents and towerkeepers for the use of their bells.

A vote of thanks to the President was proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes.

A civic reception was afterwards given to members and friends by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in the Laing Art Gallery.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COMING INTO ROUNDS DURING A PEAL

Dear Sir,—Mr. Border is quite right. On page 187 of 'The Ringing World,' 'Conditions required for peals,' it is stated that 'any shift or error in ringing' must be 'immediately corrected.' In other words, the Central Council does not think that a trip invalidates a peal. The fact that a trip produces rounds rather than any other wrong change is entirely irrelevant.

If it is proposed only to accept peals in which no trips and errors of ringing occur, 'The Ringing World' will have several pages of extra space at its disposal every week.—Yours faithfully,

DESMOND PAINTER.

Harpenden, Herts.

A RINGER AND HIS OBLIGATIONS

Dear Sir,—I would like, with many others, to congratulate Mr. W. Birmingham on his contribution 'A Ringer and his Obligations,' published in 'The Ringing World,' March 18th. I consider that it is one of the finest editorials ever published in 'The Ringing World.' Every ringer, young or old, novice or experienced, should read such a well thought out and well written article. Unfortunately a large number of ringers never see the ringers' 'weekly,' and so would miss reading this outstanding exposition.

It seems to me too precious a contribution to be cast aside after publication. I suggest that it could be printed in card form and included as an addition to the Central Council's Publications. Such a card would grace the walls of any ringing chamber and be an ever-present reminder of a ringer's duty 'to his church, to his belfry, to the public, to his Guild or Association and to the Exercise at large.' Perhaps it could be incorporated in a condensed form in the excellent 'Ringers' Notebook and Diary,' published by William Viggers and Maurice Hodgson.—Yours sincerely,

J. CHALK,

South Woodford, E.18.

NORWICH RINGERS OF 100 YEARS AGO AND OTHER TOPICS

Dear Sir,—The query on page 169 of 'The Ringing World' of March 18th regarding the men who took part in the peal at Loddon, Norfolk, 100 years ago, interested me greatly. Six of that band had taken part in the 7,000 Stedman Cinques in 1844 at Mancroft, and I have rung with William Freeman many times. He had rung the seventh to the Cinques, and Palgrave had strapped the tenor with George Smith. Freeman severed his connection with Mancroft in 1889, and for 22 years was steeplekeeper at St. Andrew's (the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow's present charge, and which, I see, he describes as 'the most dilapidated ten in England!'). Save for an Association meeting, St. Andrew's was a 'closed shop' for a Mancroft ringer, for Freeman would have nothing to do with 'these youngsters.' But for an annual meeting he raised the bells, and chalked in large figures on the floor below each rope the number of the bell. A very necessary precaution, for the 'circle' runs 1, 3, 2, 7, 10, 5, 4, 6, 9, 8. and on the back eight of this lot Sam Thurston called the first peal of London ever rung!

But about 1894 he stopped some of us younger ones and asked 'when we were coming to St. Andrew's for a touch.' We jumped at the chance of helping to heal old sores and we went many times. His beautiful handling of the rope and hatred of bad blows made by anyone were educational. He died on January 26th, 1897, in his 81st year, and I am glad the company at Mancroft mustered in strength for a half-muffled touch to his memory. With the possible exception of John Burton, of Norwich, I think I must be the only one to have rung with him.

Palgrave, although an invalid for many years, retained membership until his death in October, 1899, in his 82nd year, and, of course, we honoured his memory also.

Reminiscences of Mancroft are rather fascinating, especially to those of us whose ringing days are over.

Here is an odd thing: Mancroft bells were cast and hung in 1775, and, save for short breaks, been pealable ever since. The ninth peal on the twelve was rung in 1895 and was the first single-handed peal of Cinques, although 120 years after the bells were installed, the tenth peal was Maximus in 1896, the sixth peal of Royal (Kent) on the bells in 1896 also, and Oxford Royal at the end of the same year. And the fifth peal of Caters was rung in 1895. But the startling thing is that these five bells noted, Caters (1895), Cinques (1895), Kent and Oxford Royal and Kent Maximus (1896), were all called by the same man, who is still alive at the time of writing! And 180 years after the casting and hanging of the bells.

Another curiosity worth noting: The outside title page of the 'Bell News' (No. 99, Vol. II.) bears the date 'February 32nd, 1884.'

'Bell News' again: Issue for July 26th, 1884, has no peals to record. I wonder if Phone SPR 1025 knows this?

How many present day men have heard of F. W. J. Rees' fascinating series of eleven articles on 'The Chronology of Change Ringing' which appeared in 'Bell News' from March 29th, 1884 to July 19th, 1884? For those with a liking for this sort of thing it means a great treat, for the entries cover an immense field, and the labour involved prodigious. Mr. Rees and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead each deserves a monument! In any case, any ringer interested in our history from the earliest times is strongly advised to try and get hold of the 1884 volume of the 'Bell News.'—Yours truly,

CHARLES E. BORRETT.

Sheringham, Norfolk.

GRANTHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—I strongly protest against the publication of your correspondent's remarks in Belfry Gossip concerning Grantham bells. It is clear that in sending you such untruthful information he wishes to damage the very good reputation of the bell founders concerned.

In fairness to them I must say that we have found them to be very helpful and willing to try and give satisfaction to the Vicar and churchwardens. Also I know that they have spent a considerable sum of money in trying to overcome what is proving to be a very difficult scientific problem. I hope that in the near future their efforts will meet with success.

Any ringer who has the privilege of ringing on Grantham's splendid ring of bells, and who, when anything goes wrong, enjoys publicly 'blasting' them, must be a most miserable and despicable type of human being, and I am sure that the air in St. Wulfram's belfry would smell sweeter by his absence.—Yours faithfully,

S. PROCTOR.

Grantham.

SQUIRE PROCTOR'S MEN

Dear Sir, — The interesting account of the Benington band omitted the most remarkable thing. The story as the late Canon Coleridge told me, and no doubt others have heard it, was, apart from Squire Proctor, none of the band could read or write. Each dinner time they sat in a circle and moved stones to learn London Surprise. The late Mr. W. Lawrence also told me that was true.—Yours sincerely,

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

MR. JOHN R. WILKERSON

Dear Sir, — Last year one of my Newcastle ringer friends brought back to me from Norwich a reminder that I should not forget where I had started to ring. Now, as I have learned of the passing of my old instructor, perhaps I may be allowed to acknowledge my debt to the Norwich Diocesan Association in general and to the late John R. Wilkerson in particular, who passed to his rest at Acle on March 6th in his 91st year.

John Wilkerson had been the village blacksmith as had his father before him. So far as I know he had never travelled very far, but his knowledge of local affairs and local people was truly remarkable. I can recall ringing trips to nearby towers when it seemed that John knew practically every farm and its occupants. I understand that he retained that knowledge and was often consulted when arguments arose. He was also a keen and, I believe, a skilled bowler and I can remember how he would come from the bowling green as the bells were raised on practice night.

John had been a ringer from his boyhood days, when Acle had only five bells. For many years those bells remained silent as the tower was unsafe. After the restoration and augmentation to six in 1933, John and other old ringers resumed ringing and helped to train younger ringers. Later he became captain and during that time I learned to ring under his tuition. As captain he set a first-class example in punctuality and regularity to the rest of us, and we had a good Sunday service band in those pre-war days. Unfortunately the war dispersed the younger members and the old ones were too old to resume. I remember ringing last with John at Easter, 1943, when he was in his 80th year.

He had never had the opportunity of peal ringing in his younger days but he was game enough to attempt his first when well over 70. In all he rang four peals in 1938-39. They were in four to eight Minor methods; all were at Acle and I had the pleasure of calling the last three.

Anyone who reaches the age of 90 is a remarkable man and I think that John Wilkerson would be well above average among such remarkable men. At his passing I gratefully acknowledge my debt to him who began my instruction in ringing—a process which, by the way, still continues. May he rest in peace in that village of which for so long he formed a part.—Yours, etc.,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

'A LONG-FELT NEED'

Dear Sir,—May I be amongst the first to congratulate the president and secretary of the Central Council upon the review of the Council's operative decisions which appears in 'The Ringing World' of March 25th. It was obviously a very great labour, but the authors will derive comfort from the knowledge that the publication of these decisions supplies a long-felt need for information.

There is, however, one decision which I looked for in vain, and which I believe to be still operative It is the decision taken about 1936, I believe, requiring all Guilds and Associations affiliated to the Central Council loyally to abide by its rules and decisions.

As this operative decision is of particular importance to all the affiliated bodies in view of the Council's action in regard to methods not having Plain Bob lead ends (or heads), may I ask the secretary kindly to publish the full text of that decision so that every peal ringer may be aware of the consequences should an irregular (so called) method be rung to a peal.—Yours truly,

ALAN R. PINK.

Oxford.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON BOB MAJOR

By H. CHANT

(Continued from page 206)

Let us examine one or two possibilities of constructing 3-part peals with the aid of simple extensions and shunt-bobs.

4. 5, 6 EXTENT IN 6th

If 2–3 are selected as the fixed bells, then in order to construct a 5,040 the following points must be watched:—

(1) The fixed bells themselves must be true. (See rule above.)

(2) A 15-course extension must be constructed.

(3) The unfixed bells (I couldn't think of a better term—perhaps we should call them 'floaters'—or does that savour too much of 'Brag'; or is it 'Pontoon'?) must appear 12 times in 6ths in the 15 courses.

The chart will be found ideal for constructing these 15-course extensions; after a bit of practice it is like working a sausage-machine.

Having produced the desired extension it is only necessary to insert the shunt-bob and 'hey presto,' there is your peal.

Many peals have been produced (composed) on this plan as can be seen from the examples given in the C.C. Collection. Peals 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93 (which has, in my edition, transposed the M and W, and acquired 48 changes from nowhere), 94 and 95 are simple 15-course extensions with one shunt-bob in each part.

The shunt-bobs are as follows:—

Peal	Position	Course
87	M.	9
88	W.	12
89	H.	2
90	M.	6
91	H.	3
92	H.	10
93	M.	1
94	M.	1
95	M.	1

If the student places a circle round the shunt-bob and brackets consecutive blocks of 3 together (as previously shown) he will find that all these peals will reduce to a plain course.

In all of them the shunt-bob could be moved elsewhere without affecting the truth of the composition, and in most more than one shunt-bob could be used.

e.g. Peal 87, the shunt-bob, could be a Bob 'M' in the 5th course or a Bob 'W' Wrong in the 12th course. In addition to the shunt-bob already used, both the extra shunt-bobs could be used making three shunt-bobs in all, but there is little point in inserting Bobs merely for the sake of inserting Bobs, unless it be for the base design of disguising your composition so that students will not recognise it as a variation of some other peal, and composers do not do such things.

6th EXTENT EACH WAY IN 5–6

Here there appears to be more scope for the young composer as there is only one (No. 80) in the C.C. Collection that is a simple extension with a shunt-bob, and I have already mentioned that. The 6th will be a fixed bell with, frequently, the 5th as a companion, in order that it (5th) may have the extent one way, or some such qualification.

In the extension the 6th, then, must appear four times in 6ths and four times in 5ths, and the 5th as frequently in 5–6 as possible. Of course, the fixed bells must be true as was stated in regard to 2–3 in the previous peals.

6 3 8 4

This is the longest length possible in 3 parts on the pure extension plan. There are one or two variations (of musical qualities) possible.

The student may first like to try his hand at producing such peals as No. 102 C.C. Collection.

This is merely a simple extension with 5–6 fixed and a shunt-bob (H) in the 10th course. Notice that the composer claims no special musical virtue and, apart from 'knocking off' one or two for practice, the student had better leave this type of peal to the professors.

I hope that this criticism of the peal will in no way be distorted as a criticism of the composer, who produced some of the finest peals extant and who probably had, in his day, forgotten more about composition than I have ever known.

I have several 6384's produced from the chart, but I am leaving this subject for the student to work out his own salvation. See what you can do with it.

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Having dealt, somewhat desultorily, with shunt-bobs that do not affect the fixed bells, let us consider those that do.

Consider the four following groups carefully:—

	23456		H		W	M	H	
(1)	42356		—		23456	23456	42356	A
				and				
	23456	W	B	H	W	M	H	
(2)	52364	—	—	—	52436			
					23564	23564	52364	
	42356		H		W	M	H	
(1)	34256		—		42356	42356	34256	B
				and				
	42356	W	B	M	H W	M	H	
(2)	35264	—	—	—	— 54326			
					42563	52364	35264	
	24365		H		W	M	H	
(1)	32465		—		24365	24365	32465	C
				and				
	24365	B	M	H	W	M	H	
(2)	32654	—	—	—	24365			
					46253	26354	32654	
	45236	W	H		W	M	H	
(1)	23456	—	—		34256	34256	23456	D
				and				
	45236	W	B	M	H W	M	H	
(2)	23564	—	—	—	— 34256			
					45362	35264	23564	

Look at 2–3 in each pair of courses, and notice that they start and finish in the same positions. The other three bells have, however, changed their positions. I have written the figure proof in order to help the student (or the professor if he requires help—or has not gone to sleep).

In A, the Bob W brings 2–3 back to normal; in B, the Bob 'Middle' restores equilibrium, in C and D again it is the 'Middle' that brings order out of chaos.

Observe that 2–3 are in a different position at the start (and finish) of each group, i.e., A is different from B, B from C and C from D.

Now let us examine three simple extensions, the last two being variations of the first, which is itself no other than our old friend W 3 H, W 3 H, W 3 H, which Reeves put to good use by means of a shunt-bob.

(1) 23456	W	H	(2) 23456	W	H
45236	—	—	42356		—
24536		—	35426	—	—
52436		—	43526		—
43526	—	—	54326		—
54326		—	32546	—	—
35426		—	53246		—
42356	—	—	25346		—
34256		—	34256	—	—
23456		—	23456		—

(3)

23456	W	H
42356		—
34256		—
25346	—	—
32546		—
53246		—
24536	—	—
52436		—
45236		—
23456	—	—

Again, at the risk of boring the professor to tears, I would remind the student that as these touches are simple extensions, no proof is needed other than seeing that the course ends (heads) are different, and that, in fact, the nine courses rung are **complete** courses and the course ends that occur in the touch are the course ends of these nine courses.

Notice that the three touches increase in musical value which indicates that the third one will probably prove to produce the most musical peals. This, in fact, proves to be correct.

But first of all let us examine No. (1).

Let us assume that we intend producing a three part composition (or doubling this by singles and making this a 6-part), and we are using 2–3 as fixed bells. We therefore compare the course-heads of our touch with our tabulated groups (A, B, C, D), and see if our fixed bells are in the same position and have the same calls in the course in both cases.

There are two courses where the second part of our tabulated groups (A, B, C, D) can be substituted for the first. These are the 8th where B may be used, and the 9th where C may be used.

Let us take the 8th course first.

Here we will use figure proof in order to check, but **there is no need to write out proof other than the substituted course.**

Let us do this:—

					B			
42356	W	B	M	H	W		M	H
35264	—	—	—	—	54326			
					42563	52364		35264

Now it can be seen from the proof that we have used part of the course 54326 (from the W to the B). Unfortunately we have already used, in course six of our extension, the complete course, and so with a sigh of regret (coupled with an air of smug satisfaction that our knowledge has saved us having to write out the complete proof), we reject the substitution.

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WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, April 9th, Micheldever. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. 6093

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting, Yeovil, on Easter Monday, April 11th. Ringing at St. John's 11. Service at 12 noon. Preacher, The Master. Lunch 1.15 at the Cottage Cafe. Meeting in Church Hall at 2.30. Lunch tickets available on application. Ringing: East Coker, 11-11.45; 7-8; Hardington Mandeville, 10.30-11.30, 5.30-7; Martock, 10.30-11.30, 5.30-7; Drayton, 10.30-11.15, 6-7.30; Somerton, 10.30-11.30, 6-7.30; West Coker, 6-7.—R. O. Fry, Gen. Sec. 6132

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Huntingdon on Easter Monday. Bells available: Holywell (6) 10 a.m.-12 noon; St. Ives (8) 10-12; Houghton (5) 12-1.30; Hemingford Abbots (5) 12-1.30; Godmanchester (8) 1-3.30 and after tea; Hundon, All Saints' (6) 2-4.30 and after tea; Huntingdon, St. Mary's (8) 2-4 and after tea. Other towers can be used after tea by arrangement. Service, Huntingdon, All Saints', 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, All Saints' Parish Hall, 5 p.m. — W. J. Ridgman, Gen. Sec. 6087

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — 75th anniversary meeting, Maidstone, Easter Monday. Service 12 noon. Lunch at Star Hotel 1 p.m. Tickets from Mr. F. M. Mitchell, 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend. Members 4s. (in advance). Others 6s. Towers open: Aylesford, Barming, Bearstead, Boxley, Lenham, 10 a.m.; All Saints', Maidstone, 10.30 a.m. Also after meeting together with East Farleigh, Harrietsham, Leeds, Mereworth, Wateringbury, West Malling and Wrotham.—E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 6077

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Ipswich, Easter Monday. Bells from 10 a.m. Committee meeting, St. Mary-le-Tower vestry, 11 a.m. No lunch arranged. Business meeting, St. Stephen's Hall, 2 p.m. Usual towers.—C. W. Pipe. 6100

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 11th. Service in All Saints' at 11 a.m. General business meeting in College Hall at 12 noon. Coffee available in College Hall 1-2 p.m. Tea arranged at 5 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) — provisionally — 6-7.30 p.m.; All Saints' (10), St. John's (8), 2.30-4.30; Claines (10) and Kempsey (6) 2-4.30 p.m. — J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Cheltenham Road, Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6085

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, April 13th, 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6136

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Backwell, April 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6121

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—L. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 6108

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Audlem, April 16th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by April 13th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6144

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—Meeting, Hartford, Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3. Tea 5. Service 6. Names for tea to R. W. Worrall, Hillcroft, Vale Road, Hartford.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 6145

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Bridget's, West Kirby, April 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea free for those notifying by 12th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6141

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting Chilvers Coton. Nuneaton, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (10) available 3. Service 4, followed by tea and business in Parish Hall. Names for tea by Wednesday, 13th, please. Visitors welcomed.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 6112

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Saturday, April 16th. Committee 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., Cathedral. Tea 5 p.m. General meeting 5.45 p.m., Diocesan House. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's (10) 2-4 p.m.; St. Peter's (8) 2.30-4.15 and 6.30-8; Cathedral (10) 3-4.30 and 6.30-8.—A. B. Cooper. 6084

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Annual at East Grinstead, April 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 followed by business meetin Small Parish Hall. Names, by April 14th, to Miss K. Shepherd, 32, Cantelupe Road.—C. A. Bassett. 6080

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Stansted Mountfitchet (8) on Saturday, April 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6081

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6128

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general business meeting at Tewkesbury Abbey on Saturday, April 16th, at **2 p.m. sharp,** at the British Legion Club. Tea 2s. 6d. Divine service at 6 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify, not later than April 13th, Mr. J. Beech, The Pump House, Berrow, near Malvern, Worcs. The Abbey bells (12) will be available from 12 noon and again after the service. The following rings are being made available from 10 a.m. to 12 noon: Bishop's Cleeve (8), The Leigh, Combe Hill (6), Deerhurst (6) and Ashchurch (6).—F. Skidmore, Gen. Sec. 6074

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, April 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hawley (8) also available after tea. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. F. Farr, 1, Bristow Road, Camberley, Surrey.—G. S. Joyce, Dis Sec. 6115

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Watford, Saturday, April 16th. St. Mary's (10) 3-8.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Parish Hall. Business includes Bob Triples peals and Mr. B. Barker's propositions. Ringing also at Abbots Langley 10-12; Langleybury; Rickmansworth 11.30-1; Aldenham 2-3.45; Bushey 2-4. Evening ringing as required. Names for tea, by 13th, to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford.—H. V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6098

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Rochester District. — By-meeting, Ash-by-Wrotham, April 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, 13th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 6143

LADIES' GUILD.—Lincolnshire District.—Annual meeting at Washingborough, near Lincoln, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday, April 12th, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding, Lincs. 6092

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Cartmel Priory on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Dixon, Clogger Beck, Cartmel.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6119

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Ringing meeting at St. Thomas', Pendleton, April 16th, 3 p.m. **Special business meeting** 4.30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend. Cups of tea. Bus from King Street West.—R. Benson. 6104

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — Meeting at St. Barnabas', Shore, Littleborough, April 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Please send numbers for tea to J. Lee, 71, Featherstall Road, Littleborough.—F. Pritchard. 6130

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Croston, Saturday, April 16th. Names for tea, by April 13th, please, to Mr. P. Ascroft, 19, Highfield Road, Croston, Preston. 367 bus from Chorley 3.15; 98 bus from Preston 2.10; or 162 bus from Preston 1.53 via Leyland, change at Lydiate Lane.—L. Walmsley. 6073

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Waterfoot on Saturday, April 16th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 6140

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting at Leicester, Saturday, April 16th. Ringing: St. Saviour's 10.30 to 11.30, St. John's 11.30 to 12.30, St. Margaret's and All Saints' 2 to 4, Cathedral 3.15 to 4.15. Service in Cathedral 4.30. Tea, followed by meeting in Little Theatre, Dover Street, 5.15. Social evening after meeting. Names to me, please, by April 13th. The new Lord Bishop and the new Provost would like to meet a representative gathering of the Guild.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 6127

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ticknall (6), April 16th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify, by Thursday, April 14th, Mrs. Marriott, Estate House, Ticknall, near Derby.—J. W. Cotton. 6118

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting at Bircham, Saturday, April 16th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to Rev. E. M. J. Cornish, Bircham Rectory, King's Lynn.—C. Tovell, Hon. Sec. 6096

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly at Shenington (5), Saturday, April 16th. Service 4. Tea 4.45.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 6076

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Bucklebury, April 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, 13th, to Miss S. Davis, Bucklebury Village, Reading. Yattendon (6) available after 6 p.m. 6137

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Monthly practice, April 16th, at Checkendon (Kemp's bus 5.15 Reading Station) and Nettlebed (Thames Valley bus 6.30 Reading Station). Quarterly meeting, Goring, May 21st. —Burton. 6107

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Daventry, Saturday, April 16th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday, April 12th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 6129

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Twywell, April 16th. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5 o'clock. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please. — L. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 6131

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Great Doddington (5), Saturday, April 16th. Names for tea, please.—A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 6117

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Pewsey, Saturday, April 16th. Names to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough. 6138

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Whitechurch Canonicorum, April 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 6109

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Escrick, Saturday, April 16th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please provide own food; cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6142

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting at Weghaston (6), Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by 13th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 6125

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — N. District.—Quarterly meeting at Banstead, Saturday, April 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names, by April 13th, to Mr. H. N. Pitstow, Saffron, High Street, Banstead. — W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6068

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Practice meeting, Barcombe, April 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Please notify for tea, by Wednesday, April 13th, to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 6106

DEVON GUILD.— N.E. Branch. — Meeting at Bampton, Saturday, April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea, by April 20th, to J. Waite, 2, High Street, Bampton.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 6082

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Special meeting at Chippenham, Saturday, April 23rd. St. Andrew's bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in St. Andrew's Hall at 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—F. Skidmore, Hon. Sec. 6122

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting in Guildford, Saturday, April 23rd. Service at Cathedral Church 3.30. Tea and meeting in S. Nicolas' Hall 4.30. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available from 2.30. Numbers for tea, by April 19th, please, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. —G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 6114

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and Six-Bell Contest at Marsden, April 23rd (10-cwt. tenor). For tea please notify, by April 16th, D. B. Cater, Newlands, 7, Lane Ings, Marsden.—A. Farrand, Hon. Sec. 6060

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, with the cash, please (2s. per head), not later than Tuesday, April 19th, to Mr. H. Ansell, 31, St. Leonards Road, Deal, Kent.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 6134

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Horncastle, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, April 18th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6135

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—The North Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild will hold a meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, April 23rd, in conjunction with members of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. Tea will be at 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and Evensong at 6 p.m., after which ringing will be resumed until 9 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, April 21st, to Mr. R. M. Gray, 38, Alma Place, North Shields. All ringers cordially invited.—Nancy I. Lea, Hon. Sec. 6111

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District. — Meeting, Ulceby (6), April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by April 20th, to Mr. M. Walker, Front Street, Ulceby, Lincs. 6103

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, High Wycombe, April 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 19th.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 6133

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks and Oxford City Branches.—Combined meeting at Appleton, Saturday, April 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Important: Notify by 19th. — A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 6110

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Benson on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells available at 3. Service at 4. Tea for those who notify me not later than April 19th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. Tel. Thame 193. 6116

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Culworth Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Chipping Warden on Saturday, April 23rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous.—A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. 6123

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Spring meeting at Orlingbury (6), Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Tuesday, previous, to B. O. Butler, Orlingbury, Kettering.—D. Haynes, Hon. Sec. 6124

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Langham (6) on Saturday, April 23rd. Names for tea by Tuesday, 19th, to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 6105

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Guild.—Quarterly meeting, South Newton, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Wishford (5) also available after tea. Names by April 19th, please. — Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury (note change of address). 6113

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Redhill, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting and a talk 'How to learn methods.' Names for tea, by April 20th, to Miss Illman, 12, Garlands Road, Redhill. 6120

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Quarterly meeting at Kirk Ella on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by April 21st, to Mr. F. R. Pearson, 2, Palmer Avenue, Kingston Road, Willerby, Hull.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 6102

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SOME THOUGHTS ON RULES

CHANGE ringing, as we are all proud to affirm, is both a Science and an Art. This statement, of course, cannot be literally true, and the purist will claim that it is either a Science or an Art, but that it cannot be both. The purist, however, would be wrong, for the statement is a paradox, and implies that there are scientific or mathematical principles to be followed in the theory of change ringing, and artistic creation and satisfaction in the practice of change ringing.

A Science, by its very nature, demands rules and laws. An Art, by its very nature, cannot be confined or limited by rules and laws. This, to me, is the crux of the problem. Whenever the Scientists have attempted to formulate 'limiting' or 'confining' rules they have been hotly contested by the Artists.

That is not to say, of course, that all argument in change ringing is due to the conflict of Science with Art. Indeed there is probably more internal argument amongst the Scientists themselves than there is between the Scientists and Artists. But the fact of conflict remains, and whenever the Scientists come to general agreement amongst themselves as to a particular rule to be brought before the Central Council, it will always be opposed by the Artists if it attempts to 'limit' or 'confine' the Art.

Let us examine this in relation to the problems of method construction. The Scientist looks on this as a means of producing true changes; and studies the figures representing a lead — being concerned with the regular succession of the nature of the rows, seeing that no bell strikes more than two consecutive blows in one place, that the lead is symmetrical, and that it produces a Plain Bob lead end.

The Artist, on the other hand, prefers to study the 'blue line'—concerning himself with its interest or monotony, its movement or stagnation, and its inherent musical qualities. It is not surprising, therefore, to find a conflict of opinion on method construction.

How does this concern the current conflict on Bob Triples? In Annable's time, when ringing was first and foremost an Art, several excellent seven-bell methods were rung with a treble and six working bells. These methods have qualities which are not to be had in the so-called 'pure' Triples methods, and provide work similar to that found in the more difficult Surprise methods of to-day. Then along came the Scientists who held that every seven-bell method should consist of an unbroken succession of triple changes, and that every eight-bell method should consist of an unbroken succession of alternate quadruple and triple changes. Imagine the storm that this caused! It has never really settled!

There appears to be a widely held opinion that this 'law' is *fundamental*, and must be scrupulously observed in the case of odd bell methods, but need not be in the case of even bell methods. Why? Your guess is as good as mine!

The case of seven-bell methods was further complicated by the problem of producing an extent entirely of triple changes. This was very laudable as a *problem of composition*, but unfortunately it grew into a *prejudice* which condemned Plain Bob on seven bells, not because the four blows behind were 'stagnation,' but because it did not consist of an unbroken succession of triple changes. The result of this has been that instead of having a variety of interesting seven-bell methods to ring, we are now virtually 'limited' or 'confined' to Grandsire Triples. This, to quote one of the finest writers and thinkers that the Exercise has produced, 'is entirely due to the mistaken idea of insisting on a rule which is a good one in its proper and limited sphere, but a bad one when it is made universal.'

When considering Rules, therefore, let us not forget that change ringing started as an Art, and the development of the Science was secondary and subsidiary. Rules which both satisfy the Science and benefit the Art should be accepted gladly; but rules which, in satisfying the Science, injure the Art should be discarded.

In conclusion, may I point out that the Scientists and Artists mentioned previously are not necessarily separate individuals? A complete change ringer is himself both a Scientist and an Artist — in which case the conflict is internal. Central Council representatives, look into your own hearts before you cast your vote! C. C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26¼ cwt. in D.

*HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST STITCH	7
HARRY F. HOLDING	2	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	†ALBERT HUMPHRIES	9
IVOR R. NICHOLS	4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	10
GEORGE W. HUGHES	5	*WILLIAM DAVIES	11
GEORGE A. PACKER	6	GEORGE DEAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
* 75th peal together. † First peal on twelve bells.
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CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
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MILTON C. FOWLER	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
NORMAN CHADDOCK	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Spliced 'inside.'

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
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A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

ALLEN D. RIVERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	5
FREDERICK R. SCOTT	2	WALTER LEE	6
JEFFERY C. BIRT*	3	EDGAR J. SMITH	7
WILLIAM F. BUTLER	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

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JANET D. CUDBY	*Treble*	*HAROLD SMITH	5
PATRICIA V. HOLLOWAY	2	WALTER HUNT	6
MRS. HAROLD SMITH	3	STANLEY G. DAY	7
LAURIE HALL	4	†EDWARD G. BURROWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD SMITH.
* 25th peal. † First peal. First peal in the method by all. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Alan Brown, of Twyford band, and Miss Ann M. Parsons, of Silverton, Devon.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BREDE, SUSSEX.
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ALAN J. HICKS	*Treble*	DEREK C. JACKSON	4
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†RUTH A. CAREY	3	DAVID HODGSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HODGSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the 702nd anniversary of the death of St. Richard, Bishop of Chichester.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR
Being composed of seven extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 10 cwt.

CECIL C. MAYNE	*Treble*	D. KAY ADKINS	4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	RICHARD G. OUSTON	5
KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band.

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Conducted by R. W. SELBY.
* First peal.
Rung in honour of Mrs. Frances E. Suffield's 100th birthday, a resident of the village for the past 52 years.

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THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Single Oxford, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

*JUNE KNIGHT	*Treble*	*BERNARD BOWN	4
†KENNETH BURDETT	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
*JOHN WARDLE	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. UNDERWOOD.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.
Specially arranged and rung as a farewell peal to Rev. C. I. H. Siviter who is very shortly leaving this parish after being Vicar for seven years.

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
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ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	*Treble*	ERIC SIMPSON	4
MRS. A. RICHARDSON	2	SYDNEY SAGE	5
IVOR JENKINS	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the sister of the fifth ringer.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
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Being 42 extents, 10 callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

*EDGAR GEEVES	*Treble*	†RONALD DANIELS	3
REX LINE	2	*NORMAN LINE	4
GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

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THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
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BRIAN BUSWELL	1-2	*ALFRED MOULD	5-6
CLEMENT GLENN	3-4	†DAVID J. MARSHALL	7-8

Conducted by BRIAN BUSWELL.
* First peal of Grandsire on an 'inside' pair. † First peal of Triples 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN

By P. AMOS

(Continued from page 60.)

THE 1954 summer festival of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, held at Stamford, afforded opportunities to some to explore the unknown in and around that town which is noted for its many churches and licensed houses.

Although a town of only around 14,000 population it has as many churches and pubs as some towns three to four times its size. It once had 59 pubs, I'm told. There are St. Mary's, All Saints', St. Michael's, St. John's, St. George's, St. Helen's, and St. Martin's Churches. Out of this lot only All Saints' and St. Martin's have ringable bells—six in each.

St. Mary's is the only one with eight bells, but its oak frame and headstocks are so affected with worm and dry-rot as to make them totally unringable. It is not so much a question of the strength of the steeple and of the church being near the road. I can think of plenty of towers similarly placed—one at Thetford for instance. Neither is its tens 27 cwt., as I have heard stated! It is a 48-inch bell and therefore only in the region of 18-19 cwt. Peals *have* been rung at St. Mary's in bygone days.

St. Michael's shares a unique distinction with Braunston, near Daventry—of its bells being older than the church. The present St. Michael's Church dates from 1836. Its six bells were saved when the church was destroyed by fire. They were cast in 1762.

St. John's and All Saints' are so near to each other that you can almost throw a stone from one to the other. A good ring of six is in All Saints' steeple and four in the old tower of St. John's.

St. Martin's, with a handy six all cast by C. and G. Mears in 1850, is the only tower of Stamford within the Peterborough Diocese, the only tower south of the river Welland, and the parish is generally known as Stamford Baron, being the Church of Lord Exeter, the patron of the living, who is also patron of a number of others in the district. St. George's Church, like St. John's, has four bells. It is here a plaque commemorates the first Toby Norris, who died in 1626.

THE NORRIS FAMILY

It would be difficult to think of Stamford without thinking of the Norris family of bellfounders. A number of ringers do not realise that there were two Toby Norris's—Toby I, Thomas his son, and Toby II, grandson of the first Toby.

Toby II would sometimes inscribe his name on his bells—Tobie, on others Toby, and others Tobias.

Toby I commenced business in 1603, when most bellfounders did not inscribe their names, but used trade stamps to identify their bells. The earliest bells of Toby I were the 1603 treble of three at Wadenhoe, Northants (augmented to six in 1937), and the 1604 treble to four (now unringable) at Bainton, near Stamford.

When he died in 1626 his son, Thomas, carried on the business, taking in turn *his* son, Toby II, in 1664. Thomas died in 1674. The business continued in the hands of Toby II with the help of Thomas Hanes and Alexander Rigby (the latter leaving him to start on his own in 1684) until 1699 when Toby II died. Thus, after 96 years, came to an end the Norris family of bellfounders.

Alexandre Rigby continued casting and recasting bells until 1708 when he, too, died, being buried on October 29th, in St. Martin's Church, where a stone commemorates his memory.

Although Toby II and Alexandre Rigby cast many bells neither were considered the best of bellfounders. A recently restored five by Toby II of 1696, upon which I rang a peal, are typical of most of his bells—being dull in tone. It would be difficult to effect a good splice with a new treble which would almost be bound to sound louder than the rest. A Gloucestershire legend about Rigby reads: 'Badgeworth ringers, they were mad, because Rigby made me bad.' However, a good bell of his which must have been one of his first, dated 1684, is the treble of three at Great Billing, near Northampton, where there is also a genuine 14th century bell, the 14 cwt. tenor, by Johannes-de-Yorke, a bellfounder who became Mayor of Leicester in 1370; together with an early Newcombe bell of about 1534.

Of Thomas Hanes we know very little. But the second of three light bells—tenor 4¼ cwt.—at Wittering, Northants, reads: T. Hanes and Tobie Norris cast mee 1681. 1681 is also the date on the treble, but with only the name of Tobie Norris. The tenor of these three is about a century older, being a product of one of third generation of Newcombes, with the latin inscription: *Laus Tibi Domine*, meaning, 'Praise to thee, O Lord.'

Thomas Norris comes into the picture as well as Toby I at Bainton. The third bell there reads: 'Thomas Norris 1652.' Also, Alexandre Rigby has his name and 1702 inscribed upon the second. The tenor of these four is a bell of Henry Jordon, the London bellfounder of 1442-1470.

THORNHAUGH—OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

All three Norris's come into the history of the middle three of the five bells at Thornhaugh, Northants, a tower little heard of until 1950 when the first peal (which I arranged and took the fourth in) was rung. Only one Guild meeting is known to have been held here apart from the 1954 summer festival. The tower is a little off the beaten track.

On the second bell is *Mvlti Vocati Pavci Electi* 1619, with a cross stamp as used by Toby Norris I. This Latin inscription means: 'Many called, few chosen.' On the third is: Thomas Norris made me 1634. The fourth, up till 1860, bore the inscription: Tobias Norris 1684. There was, in addition to these three Norris bells, a sanctus bell which in 1860 was broken up and recast in with the old fourth by Warner and Sons, of London, whose names are inscribed together with the churchwardens, J. Wilson and H. Fuller, the then Rector. Was this Rector a descendant of the famous Baptist missionary, Andrew Fuller, of Kettering? The bi-centenary of Andrew Fuller was in 1954.

Messrs. Warner and Sons rehung all three bells in a new metal frame for five in 1889, adding a new tenor and a new treble in 1909, but putting them on wood headstocks. The tenor of 32 ins. diameter weighs 6 cwt. 6 lb., but sounds heavier.

AN AWKWARD BELFRY

Not far from Thornhaugh is Yarwell where, in 1926, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston rehung three bells in a new metal frame, adding a tenor of 5¼ cwt. to make four, with space for another treble.

I do not advise anyone suffering in the least degree with arthritis to ascend this belfry which is by way of an awkward ladder and through a trap door. The bells are hung high up in the tower which strikes one as having, at some time, had a spire surmounting it.

The ancient treble at Yarwell may be a bell by John-de-Colsale, a Nottingham founder of circa 1410. *Cvm Voco Venite*, meaning, 'when I call, come to church,' will be found on the second with a cross used by the Newcombes, and on the third is *Mvlti Vocati Pavci Electi*, with the names of Thomas Tilton and Edward Peak, churchwardens, and Thomas Eayre, bellfounder, 1754. This incumbency now goes with Nassington where there is a minor five (first five of six), and a licensed house 'The Queen's Head,' underneath which it is said the head of Mary Queen of Scots was buried after execution at nearby Fotheringhay in 1589, a story which should not be taken too seriously! The beautiful lantern tower has just been restored—the restoration of the bells is foreseen. Entry to the belfry is through a staircase in the porch and over the church roof. There are four bells, tenor about 11 cwt. (39 inches), by Thomas Norris 1634. The third is a recast by G. Mears in 1860 from a Tobie Norris bell of 1609. The second is 1614, and the treble 1595. Tansor, with three bells, has a tenor of 7 cwt., by Robert Crouch, of London, who was a competitor to Henry Jordon, circa 1450. In this tower one is greeted (or was) with old moth eaten ropes, dust and cob-webs galore. From Cotterstock, where there are five bells (tenor 8 cwt.), comes the proverb: 'The weakest go to the wall.' Stone benches can still be seen from when the church had no seats. A tuneful and complete ring of five (tenor 9 cwt.), by Thomas Eayre, 1727, can be found in the Georgian church at Stoke Doyle. A not so tuneful four is at Pilton, where there is a bell of Henry Jordon's, circa 1450, and one by Robert Newcombe, circa 1550. Pilton has a very beautiful church!

Mr. Stanley A. Hazelden, captain at East Farleigh, Kent, obligingly stood in for a peal of Minor when Mr. A. Patrick Cannon's band arrived for a peal attempt one short. His action was much appreciated by the band.

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QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Roy D. Brown 1, Stanley W. Brown 2, Derek H. Paine 3, Maurice W. Stephenson 4, Harry W. Brown (cond.) 5, Rev. Canon H. T. Mogridge, M.A. 6. First quarter peal rung in the tower by an all men's band and in the shortest time. Rung for Palm Sunday.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Apr. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann S. Parvin 1, Renee Sturgess 2, Mervyn J. Bray 3, Geo. E. Verrill 4, A. Sturgess 5, R. Smith 6, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 7, D. W. Nuttall 8. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Rosemary Margaret Barron to Mr. Herbert Leddra. Also for the 42nd wedding anniversary of Mr. W. Ayres, verger of the church, and Mrs. Ayres.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Edwards 1, E. C. Ayres 2, L. Haddon 3, C. J. Chalwin 4, M. Hatchett 5, W. E. Redrup (cond.) 6. Rung half muffled in memoriam E. W. Redrup, father of the conductor, who died suddenly on March 22nd, aged 73 years. He was for many years a ringer at this church.

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. W. Colgate 1, M. Smart 2, J. Colgate 3, H. Taylor (cond.) 4, A. B. Cannings 5, E. Knight 6. Rung for morning service, and as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Cannings, tower keeper.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Shiels 1, H. Wingrove 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, R. Buckland 4, A. Pendlebury 5, A. Bridges 6, J. Harrison (cond.) 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung for the christening of Susan Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lamb, on this day.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St Paul on Passion Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Thompson 1, S. Foskett 2, R. A. Lennard 3, P. J. Shipton 4, G. Amor 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6.

BLUNSDON ST. LEONARD, WILTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire): Brian Bladon (cond.) 1, Yolande Wilkins 2, Anne Pettiford (first 'inside') 3, Barry Shepherd 4, Walter Trueman 5, Diana Lewis 6. Rung for Mothering Sunday Service. Also on same day for evening service, 720 of Thelwall Bob and 360 of Childwall: Diana Lewis 1, Lolande Wilkins 2, Barry Shepherd 3, John Manners 4, Anthony Peake 5, Brian Bladon (cond.) 6. First in methods for all except the conductor. Also on Apr. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent T.B. and 540 Plain Bob): Diana Lewis 1, Eric Sutton 2, Yolande Wilkins 3, Barry Shepherd 4, Brian Bladon 5, Anthony R. Peake (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of I. H. Trueman, a local ringer, to Miss H. Tesson, of Hampreston, Dorset.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On March 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (1 and 2 leading): A. Simmons 1, H. Preece 2, D. Bryant 3, T. E. Hiddins 4, E. W. Coles 5, C. A. Gerrish 6, W. T. Petty (cond.) 7, D. L. Hughes 8. Rung half muffled in memoriam Mr. Price Price, for 30 years people's warden at this church, who was interred this day.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Bridges 1, Sheelagh Sands 2, R. A. Lennard 3, D. Houghton 4, J. B. Long 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung on Mothering Sunday.

CLEWER, BERKS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Rugby, Braywood, Slapton, Welford, St. Nicholas, Longford, Fundenhall, Winchendon Place, Thornborough, Haddiscoe, Grandsire, Union, Chase and Plain Bob): M. Purchase 1, Monica Howard 2, Audrey Butler 3, W. Butler (cond.) 4, J. Brooks 5, A. Bird 6. Rung for all mothers on Mothering Sunday.

COTLEIGH, DEVONSHIRE.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, W. Sparks 2, W. Baker 3, O. Griffin 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, B. Tozer 6.

COWBRIDGE, GLAM.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Davies (first away from tenor) 1, H. Blick 2, E. Morgan 3, S. Lunn 4, R. C. Coles (cond.) 5, E. Carter 6. Rung half muffled for the memorial service to the Rev. Gilbert Thomas.

CRANFORD, MIDDX.—On Mar. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Eileen Ricketts 1, J. Sansom 2, Barbara Thrush 3, P. Woodgyer 4, D. Fowles 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Anne C. Garnett.

CROMHALL, GLOS.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Eamer 1, Miss D. M. Drew 2, Miss B. Bridgeman 3, Miss J. Barbrook 4, C. Rouse (cond.) 5, R. Beale 6. First quarter for treble ringer. Rung by pilgrims before evensong, after the Pilgrims' Conference.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Apr. 3rd at the Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: R. Davies 1, Mrs. F. E. Collins 2, Mrs. W. F. Oatway 3, S. H. Dearden 4, C. Parks 5, E. W. Razzell 6, Miss P. M. Steere 7, P. G. Humphries 8, G. H. Humphries 9, W. F. Oatway 10, F. E. Collins (cond.) 11, F. E. Mitchell 12.

DEDDINGTON, OXFORD.—On Mar. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. H. Pearson 1, W. Ivings 2, J. H. Gregory 3, C. C. Clarke 4, G. E. Deeley 5, E. E. Pearson (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 2, 3 and 4.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Apr. 4th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Kathleen Harrison 1, J. B. Morley (first in method as cond.) 2, F. C. Roper 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, H. Moss 6, A. E. Cook 7, T. C. Ford 8. Rung half muffled in memoriam Dr. J. C. Pearce who passed away March 31st.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss Sands 1, Miss Cope 2, D. Houghton (cond.) 3, Miss Fundrey 4, L. Duffield 5, A. Lumbis 6.

GOODWORTH CLATFORD, HANTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,320 Doubles (one extent each of St. Martin's and St. Simon's, three of Southrepps Pleasure, two each of April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): Miss V. Smart 1, C. J. Castell 2, M. H. Marsey 3, G. K. Dodd (cond.) 4, P. Nash 5, R. Rivers 6. First in six methods by 1, 3, 4 and 6.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, G. Webb 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. Rung for evensong and as a 76th birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Allen

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Apr. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Ruff (first quarter) 1, Jean Pell 2, C. Pell 3, C. Clarke 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5, F. Reeve 6.

HALIFAX, YORKS.—On Apr. 3rd at All Souls' Church, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. Henry Fielden 1, M. Vivian Copping 2, Sheila M. Taylor 3, John F. Bryant 4, Ralph Beaumont 5, Geoffrey F. Bryant 6, Robert E. Moulds (cond.) 7, Vernon Bottomley 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. Rung by the local band for Palm Sunday.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Grandsire, April Day, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, Norfolk, Old Doubles, 180 of Reverse Canterbury, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew): John Cruickshank 1, Vernon Green 2, John Hadfield 3, Robin Trebilcock 4, Tom Smith (cond.) 5, Reg Brown 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

HALIFAX.—At 18, Chester Road, on Mar. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. E. Moulds 1-2, J. H. Fielden (arr. and cond.) 3-4, Vernon Bottomley 5-6, G. F. Bryant 7-8. First in hand for all except V. Bottomley. Also at 85, Haley Hill, on Apr. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. H. Fielden 1-2, V. Bottomley 3-4, R. E. Moulds 5-6, G. F. Bryant (first as conductor 'in hand') 7-8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Ann Tanner 1, Laura Beeney 2, Kathleen Yeo 3, C. John Piper 4, George Beeney (cond.) 5, Albert Ellis 6. Rung for evensong.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. H. Dunnington 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, W. Ransome 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung before morning service on Mothering Sunday. Also on Mar. 27th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, G. Perkins 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Also on Apr. 3rd, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, E. L. Nicholls 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, G. Perkins 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HESTON, MIDDX—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Eileen Ricketts 1, J. Chilcott (cond.) 2, J. Sansom 3, Anne Garnett 4, P Ruch 5, W. Lewis 6, B. Rose 7, J. Ricketts 8.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTER.—On Apr. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Powers 1, N. E. Marklew 2, E. Vallance 3, F. Long 4, E. Sowmans 5, A. Ballard 6, J. A. Smith (cond.) 7, F. Mellor 8. Rung half muffled in memory of George Thompson.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Mar. 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rose 1, F. Elsome 2, D. Peacock 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papworth 6. Rung for evensong.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. A. Hill 1, C. W. Linington 2, P. N. O. Robinson 3, Edna Everest 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, Mr. F. Cox, and his wife and also for their 37th wedding anniversary.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Olave's, Hart Street, on Apr. 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. M. Abercrombie 1, M. W. Harbott 2, Miss G. R. Lamont (first of Major) 3, Miss M. L. Hawksley 4, R. J. Cook 5, A. P. Cave 6, A. Thirst 7, W. T. Cook (cond.) 8.

QUARTER PEALS

MARDEN, KENT.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hoad (first quarter) 1, J. Haffenden 2, J. Grenham (first of Grandsire) 3, C. Tester 4, R. E. Lambert 5, P. Carter 6, T. E. Sone (cond.) 7, B. Tester 8. Rung for the wedding anniversary of the ringer of the sixth.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Silvey 1, Miss H. Bonner 2, R. E. Dean 3, Miss J. Cook (first 'inside') 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, E. D. Poole (cond.) 6, L. J. Young 7, J. T. Clay 8. Rung for evensong on Mothering Sunday.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Doubles (180 St. Simon's, 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire): Rosamund A. May 1, Jillian H. Wilson 2, Eva Taussig 3, Pamela A. Warren (cond.) 4, G. M. Battersby 5, G. M. Purnell 6. First in four methods for 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. First in four methods as conductor. Rung for evensong, the bells being half muffled for Lent.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.—On Apr 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Attrill 1, C. Guy 2, H. Long 3, W. Upton 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, S. Moody 6, C. A. Drake 7, W. G. Scott 8. A compliment to Walter Scott, a former ringer at this tower on his 85th birthday. Also to Mr. D. R. Reed on his marriage this day to Miss W. M. Cox.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denison 1, F. Elsome 2, G. Crisp 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, D. Peacock 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Payne, both members of the Over Guild.

RINGWOULD, KENT.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (1,020 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob): A. Furminger 1, E. H. Harding 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 4, J. F. Penfold 5. Rung to mark the completion of the redecoration of this church.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (two extents of April Day, three Plain Bob and 5⅓ Grandsire): R. Brewin 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, P. Plowright (first 'inside') 3, G. Brewin 4, R. Wilmore 5, M. Westbury (first quarter) 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss P. Perkins, a chorister at this church. Also on Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bishop 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, P. Plowright 3, G. Brewin 4, R. Brewin (first 'inside') 5, M. Westbury 6. Rung before morning service. This is the first quarter by a service band at this church.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—On Apr. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): W. Penn 1, Mrs. K. Smith 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, L. H. Jones 4, J. J. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Hemming (first quarter) 6, H. Meek 7, W. Beard 8. Rung half muffled for Mrs. H. M. Lewis, a parishioner.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Apr. 3rd, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: B. C. Johnson 1, F. J. Spicer 2, R. W. Darvill 3, T. J. Southam 4, H. V. Frost 5. A. E. Ewer (first on 8 'inside') 6, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 7, H. G. Mason 8,

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Geoffrey Boore 1, P. Brook 2, O. Wood (cond.) 3, Miss K. Gorvin 4, H. Simmons 5, P. Ranger 6, F. Marchant 7, D. Roatcher 8.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Apr. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. L. Wood 1, J. E. Race 2, E. W. Parke 3, A. Pryke 4, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 5, H. G. Goddard 6. Rung with the compliments of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Crouchman in honour of their wedding solemnised the previous day.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTER.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. M. James 1, C. R. Hayward 2, N. L. Walker 3, M. Vernon 4, G. Ball 5, J. Vernon 6, J. A. Smith (cond.) 7, T. Burbage 8. First quarter by Sunday service band.

THRUMPTON, NOTTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Harrison 1, F. Priestley 2, Miss M. Hill 3, S. Adams 4, C. W. Towers (cond.) 5.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,440 Yorkshire Surprise Royal: Mrs. P. Mayne 1, Miss E. Fulton 2, C. Mayne 3, D. K. Adkins 4, W. Paul 5, J. Hoare 6, R. Bell 7, W. Wenban 8, J. Mayne (cond.) 9, T. Sheppard 10.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Apr. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Sykes 1, H. Short 2, J. R. Waller 3, G. W. White 4, H. Waters 5, J. Hodgson 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss M. Hunter, daughter of one of the local ringers.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob: B. Harfield 1, Agnes F. Millam 2, S. W. Brown 3, Edna M. Everest 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, M. Truran 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mrs. Hancock, a member of the local band. Also on Mar. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Rosemary Patching 1, H. W. Brown 2, Edna M. Everest 3, Agnes F. Millam 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, M. Truran 6. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Freda Hammond, a member of the local band.



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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch Spring Meeting

The rain, persistent though it was, could not dim the beauty of that splendid old Church of St. Mary, Puddletown, where the Dorchester Branch held their spring quarterly meeting on April 2nd.

Inside this fine building with the tombs and effigies of the Martyn family, knights and their ladies on marble canopied tombs, the minstrels' gallery and the ancient high oak pews, complete with doors, the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, Canon A. L. Helps, assisted by the Branch chairman, Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester, who read the lesson and also gave the address. Mr. Ken Townsend was at the organ and the choir was in attendance.

Tea was served in the Village Hall by Mr. and Mrs. Robins, and the ringers were the guests of Canon Helps, who was thanked by the chairman for his generous hospitality.

The business meeting was conducted by Canon Markby, and apologies for absence were received from Mr. F. Precey (Ringing Master), Mr. R. H. Duke (assistant hon. secretary), the Rev. A. F. Godley, Mr. G. W. Abbott and Mr. E. T. P. Field. It was agreed that the date of the June meeting at Abbotsbury be left to the Vicar and the hon. secretary.

Regarding the Guild annual festival to be held at Marlborough on May 21st, it was suggested that tower correspondents should send names to Mr. Duke by about May 1st, and a coach would be obtained if sufficient support was forthcoming.

Branch practices were provisionally arranged as follows:—April 16th, Martinstown; April 23rd, Buckland Newton; May 7th, Litton Cheney; May 14th, Preston; June 4th, Wool; and June 18th, Milton Abbey.

A vote of thanks to Canon Helps for his hospitality and welcome, to the organist and choir and the caterers was voiced by the chairman, and Canon Helps, in reply, said he was most pleased to welcome the ringers on every possible occasion.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

First Visit to St. Peter's, Leeds

Over 50 members were present at the quarterly meeting of the Western District held on March 19th at St. Peter's Church, Leeds. It is over 40 years since the Yorkshire Association was sub-divided into four Districts, and the kind invitation of the local company to hold its first meeting at Leeds Parish Church was much appreciated.

Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. and continued in a variety of methods from Triples to Cinques until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the nearby Church Hall.

At the business meeting which followed the chair was taken by the vice-president, Mr. P. J. Johnson, and various speakers expressed pleasure at being given this opportunity of ringing at Leeds, and hoped that this would be the forerunner of many more successful meetings at Leeds.

An announcement was made concerning this year's Snowdon Dinner to be held at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds, on October 15th, and it was hoped that this important social function would receive the full support of all members.

Further ringing was enjoyed during the evening until 9 p.m., when a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Major on the back eight (tenor 42 cwt.) brought the meeting to a close.

Following the meeting, ringing was resumed on the six fine bells and was carried on until 9 p.m. under the direction of Messrs. F. Stedman (Wyke Regis) and H. Ford (Abbotsbury), Deputy Branch Ringing Masters.

Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Towers represented were Abbotsbury, Buckland Newton, Bere Regis, Charminster, Dorchester (St. Peter's), East Lulworth, Frampton, Preston, Puddletown, Upwey, Wool, Wyke Regis and Yetminster, with visitors from Beaconsfield, Birmingham and Bournemouth.

PRESENTATION TO MR. E. MARLOW

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Warminster on April 2nd, about 40 ringers and friends attending, including visitors from Frome, Salisbury and Chippenham. Apologies were received from the Ringing Master (Mr. P. Harding) and secretary (Mr. F. Slatford), who were unable to attend the service and tea, Mr. Harding arriving later in the evening.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. A. Week, with Mr. L. Hitchins acting as secretary. The next three meetings were arranged for Bromham, West Laverton and Urchfont. Thanks were accorded the Vicar for taking the service and for the use of the bells, and to Mr. F. Mallard for making the arrangements.

At the conclusion of the meeting the Vicar presented Mr. E. Marlow with a watch from the Warminster ringers and friends as a token of appreciation for 50 years of service to ringing, 30 years having been spent at the Minster Church.

This concluded the business, all returning to the belfry, where the bells were kept going till later in the evening, methods rung ranging from rounds to Cambridge.

OWSTON, LINCS, BELLS ARE A PEAL-RINGER'S DREAM

Owston, on the west bank of the Trent, in the Isle of Axholme, Lincs, is a large village in rich agricultural country. Many Roman remains have been discovered in the parish, and only recently one of the richest finds of Roman coins was unearthed there. Parts of St. Martin's Church are 12th century.

For many years the six bells have been in poor shape, but soon after Canon D. L. Ravins was inducted to the living last year he started a very comprehensive restoration of the church with the bells top priority. By Saturday, February 26th, this part was complete. Messrs. Taylor have tuned and quarter-turned the bells and rehung them in a frame for eight and are to be congratulated on a perfect job. The tower has been thoroughly overhauled and new floors fitted. The bells are now rung from the ground floor and are excellent to handle and hear. With the church at least 100 yards from the nearest house they are the peal-ringer's dream.

By special request of the Vicar and churchwardens, Saturday, February 26th, was the occasion for almost continuous ringing. The local band rang them in rounds during Mass at 8 a.m., when the Vicar blessed them and all those who might ring them.

Later a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the following members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild: A. Waite (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Grey 2, George L. G. Lunn (conductor) 3, G. Harrison 4, A. Gilbert 5, D. Cole 6. This is believed to be the first quarter rung on the bells.

After lunch, which was very kindly provided free by the parishioners, more ringers arrived, despite arctic weather. Many methods were rung, most of which would undoubtedly be the first on the bells, which have hung in the tower for 100 years. One visitor, aged 87, had come 40 miles by bus and taxi to ring at Owston, where he learned to handle a bell 60 years ago!

GRANDFATHER'S FIRST GRANDSIRE

There was a Confirmation service at Eye, Suffolk, on March 15th, and as it was a Tuesday at 3 o'clock, it was a certainty that eight of the tower's ringers could not be got together, so George Symonds, of Ipswich, who had been associated with Eye and district for so many years, was asked well in advance if he could get a band together. This resulted in a band of eight as follows: Michael Mills (aged 13), of Thorpe-le-Soken; Urban Wildney, of Kirby-le-Soken; George Moss (Manningtree); George Waterman (Harwich); James Bennett (Grundisburgh); William Tillett and Charles Sedgley (Ipswich); and Geo. Symonds himself.

The day arrived and seven turned up at Eye. That morning Geo. Symonds had notification from Charles Sedgley that he could not come because of an attack of lumbago.

The aim had been a quarter peal but now—what was to be done? The seven climbed the 52 stairs and began to ring Grandsire on 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 with no tenor behind while Claude Rush biked round the town searching for the eighth man.

Tower captain Fred Brunning was working away, Horace Bailey could not leave his job, then who next? Tom Turner. He was at home. 'Can you blow behind for Grandsire, please?' 'What's on?' 'They're ringing for the Confirmation service.' 'Who's there?' 'Do you know Geo. Symonds?' 'Yes—that I do.' 'Well, he's there with six others.' 'What are they ringing?' 'That's Grandsire without the second, and the big drum is mixed up with the flutes—well, what d'yer say?' 'I haven't got a collar on—and I haven't washed.' 'That doesn't matter. Can you do it?' 'All right. I'll go.'

He was soon up the tower—the seven going quite well. 'Here's your eighth man,' said Claude. George Symonds called 'Rounds' and 'Stand.' Tom went on the tenor and right away. Right from the start all went well. The Vicar had said that ringing ought to stop at ten to three, so at that time Claude went back to the ringing chamber and winked at George, who apparently thought all was well and at the appropriate times called two more 'Boooaarbs.' So Claude whispered in his ear: 'It's six minutes to three.' 'Better call 'em round?' he asked. 'Yes!' So, 'Rounds' and 'Stand' again. A great pity! Another eight minutes or so and there would have been the quarter—it would have been a good one.

'Well done, Tom! How long since you rang Grandsire?' 'Never rung it before!' And he's over 70!

We hope that a certain Cumberland Youth has seen the results of his challenge to the Aldrington band to ring an 'all-ladies' quarter peal' and and 'all-gentlemen's quarter peal.' There are still six more ringers, extra to these twelve, in the local band, three of them having rung quarter peals. The average age of the ladies was 17½ years, but the gentlemen havn't mentioned theirs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Cheltenham Branch

Despite incessant rain and lack of public transport, a successful quarterly meeting, at which most towers in the Branch were represented, was held at Stanton on March 26th. Visitors from Staffordshire, Somerset and Worcestershire joined in ringing on the six bells.

The service, conducted by the Rev. H. Hodson, was delayed a little owing to the fact that the organ keyboard was found to be locked. The arrival of the churchwarden, complete with numerous keys, did not solve the problem, and eventually the hymns were sung with pedal accompaniment only.

Empty seats in available transport were eagerly seized upon when a move was made to Buckland, where ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

An enjoyable meeting was held on March 26th, when the North District visited Morpeth Watch Tower. It is interesting to note that in Morpeth the church and steeple are one mile apart, and the tower was originally built as a jail.

At the business meeting Mr. Kenneth Arthur emphasised the obligations of a ringer, and the Rector of Morpeth suggested that each belfry should have a representative on the Church Council.

Ringing ceased at eight o'clock, when the traditional curfew was rung.

A BRISTOL UNIVERSITY RINGING ROMANCE

The wedding took place on April 2nd, 1955, at the Church of All Saints, Hampreston, Dorset, of two well-known and popular ringers, Ivor H. Trueman and Heather J. Tesson. Ivor learned his ringing under the very capable tuition of his father, for many years chairman of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. Heather learned to ring at the church where she was married.

Both bride and bridegroom are active members of the University of Bristol Society and it was ringing which brought them together. They are past officers of the Society, Ivor having been Master in the academic year 1950-51. They now ring regularly in Bristol, where they are both employed, and are held in great esteem by City and University ringers alike.

It was a ringers' wedding in many ways. The groom's father, Mr. W. H. Trueman, conducted a touch on the six bells of All Saints' Church before the service and Mr. W. B. Kynaston, Past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. called one afterwards. The best man, Mr. J. R. Worrall, and several other guests took part in both touches.

The ceremony was conducted most beautifully by the Vicar, Rev. E. H. Monds, who, himself, has been taught to handle a bell, while at the organ was yet another ringer.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white gown of flowered net over taffeta with a shoulder-length veil and a headdress of white heather and hyacinth bells. She carried a bouquet of tulips, daffodils and heather. The bride was attended by a small bridesmaid and a page.

At the reception, which was held at the Innisfail Hotel, the health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. Cull. The bridegroom responded and in turn proposed the health of the parents of the bride and himself, to which Mr. Tesson, who had, personally, made the wonderful cake, replied. Telegrams bearing best wishes and congratulations from absent friends were then read.

Later, the couple, showered in confetti and the best wishes of all the guests, left for a honeymoon in the Scilly Isles. The bride wore a green suit with red accessories.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Newark District

The March meeting was held at Bingham, when there was an attendance of over 50, including visitors from Bottesford, Branston, Bulwell, Colston Bassett, Daybrook, Duffield, Grantham and Sheffield.

Tea was taken in a nearby cafe and was followed by the business meeting. Two new members were elected, namely, Mrs. Clarke, of Whatton-in-the-Vale, and Mr. L. Coldbeck, of Newark. The next meeting was confirmed as Ossington and Sutton-on-Trent. Staunton-in-the-Vale was chosen for the July meeting.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where ringing in various methods ranging from rounds to Cambridge continued until 8.30 p.m.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The 200th peal on the bells of St. Matthew's, Walsall, was rung on April 2nd. The earliest peal recorded in this tower was 6,000 Bob Major in 4 hours and 1 minute on June 30th, 1788. The peal on April 2nd was the 100th Mr. Howard Howard had rung on the bells, and his 50th of Stedman Cinques as conductor.

Local ringers at Halifax have made a start as handbell ringers. We hope to receive a peal from them shortly.

Mr. J. Bennett, of Grundisburgh, who was knocked off his bicycle recently and had his right femur fractured, expects to be in hospital for at least three months. His address is Vista Bonney Ward, Borough General Hospital, Ipswich. A speedy recovery is the wish of all ringing friends.

A meeting is being held at All Hallows', Twickenham, on May 7th with the purpose of forming a Medical Change Ringing Society. Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, of 93, Cole Park Road, Twickenham, is acting as local representative and will send details to doctors interested. An informal dinner will follow the ringing.

In connection with the Oddfellows' A.M.C. at Hastings, Mr. W. Frank Stenson has received sufficient invitations to sustain a week's ringing tour. Unfortunately at St. Mary-in-the-Castle Church, where the special service will be held on the Sunday afternoon of June 4th, there are no bells. Invitations to ring at Christ Church, Blacklands (the recast ring in Hastings for morning and evening service on the Sunday and for the Tuesday practice have been received. A coach trip has been arranged for the Thursday evening to Battle Abbey and possible ringing in four towers. Ringers attending the Conference are asked to communicate with Mr. Stenson, North Col, 142, Munshull New Road, Crewe, Cheshire.

Next week the Guild of Clerical Ringers are making their headquarters at Lynton, North Devon, for their ringing week. The party will consist of the Revs. J. H. B. Andrews, Canon C. Carew Cox, Preb. E. V. Cox, K. C. Davis, K. W. H. Felstead, F. S. Marle, M. C. C. Melville, I. J. Richards, D. P. Roberts, R. D. St. J. Smith, W. H. R. Trewhella, H. F. Warren, C. E. Wigg, Canon R. F. Wilkinson and E. B. Wood. The party will also be joined for part of the time by the Rev. and Mrs. J. G. M. Scott, Mrs. E. S. Powell and the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge.

The Kent County Association is probably the first Association to have a Royal Prince as a practising member. He is Prince Disnadda Diskul, of Siam, who is a member of the Tonbridge District.

A Yorkshireman writes with reference to the article of the Rev. K. W. H Felstead on 'Peal Ringing in Lancashire' that Lancashire is not alone in having five rings of 12. Yorkshire also has five 12's—York, Sheffield, Leeds, Wakefield and Halifax.

Congratulations to the Rye Grammar School Society of Change Ringers on ringing their first peal. This Society, which was formed in Autumn, 1950, consists of past and present members of the school, many of whom rung at Rye Parish Church. The Society has rung several quarters but never before a complete peal..

Cromhall, Glos, ringers played a prominent part in the Pilgrims' Conference held at the Parish Church on Palm Sunday. They rang for each of the three services and our quarter peal column records one of their performances. The conductor extends congratulations to Miss Elizabeth Eamer on the way she rang her first quarter.

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PEAL RINGING IN LINCOLNSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

LINCOLNSHIRE is amongst the counties with the greatest numbers of rings of bells. In her case, most of them are of the six-bell variety—just about 60 per cent. Quite a good proportion of the towers still remain to be conquered—32 out of the 183. These include two 8's—Stamford, St. Mary's, and Barton-on-Humber, St. Mary's (unless I have got mixed up between the two towers at the latter place); 13 6's—Addlethorpe, Caistor, Coningsby, Croft, Friskney, Halton Holgate, Higsthorpe, East Keal, Langton, Owston, Redbourne, Stamford (St. Michael's), Theddlethorpe; and 17 5's, the list of which I shall be very pleased to send to anyone interested.

On the whole, there have not been as many peals rung at the towers of this county as in most of those with a comparable number of rings. Thus only two have passed the 100 mark—Surfleet (12) and Spalding (8). The former has scored 131 and was a six-bell tower 30 years ago. Twenty peals were rung from its first in 1901 to 1912. In 1913 and 1914 came two more after the bells had been augmented to 10. After the war, 49 were rung up to 1932 and then came the adding of two more trebles and 32 peals were rung in the next six years. Since the war, 30 more have been rung, so this tower is still going strong. It will always be connected with the names of the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. Rupert Richardson and also the fact that it is the lightest 12-bell tower in the country (tenor only 12 cwt.).

At Spalding, 118 peals have been rung and these have been spread pretty consistently over the last 70 years with perhaps a slightly better average recently. Thus 36 peals came before 1914, 49 between the wars and 33 since 1944 (but it is a year since the last of these).

IN LINCOLN CITY

Unless we combine the totals of peals rung at Lincoln, St. Giles' (8), with those when the bells were at St. Peter-at-Arches, no tower is anywhere near the 100 mark. At the latter place, 66 peals were rung from 1891 to 1914 which made it the most popular tower in the county at that time. Seven more were rung from 1922 to 1924, making a total of 53. At St. Giles', the bells have been rung to 40 peals, one in 1940 and the remainder since. So the grand total is 93.

Apart from this, the two towers nearest the century are in the 70's. They are Lincoln Cathedral (12) and Barton-on-Humber, St. Peter's (8). At the former 72 peals have been rung—only nine between 1886 and 1923 when it was an eight-bell tower, and the remainder since 1929 (43 since 1946, which makes it the most popular tower at the moment). St. Peter's has 77 peals—six as a 6-bell tower from 1911 to 1920, no less than 60 from 1921 to 1939 and 11 in the past 10 years. And now to mention the towers according to the numbers of bells.

The two 12-bell towers have already been mentioned. There are three 10's, all of which are enjoying their greatest popularity at the moment. Ewerby has the most peals—40 (18 from 1896 to 1914, 13 from 1921 to 1937 and nine since 1947); Grantham has 29 (16 from 1889 to 1914, only three between the wars and ten since 1949) and Boston 28 (three from 1903 to 1913, 14 from 1933 to 1939 after augmentation and 11 since 1946). Thus there has never been a great deal of 10-bell ringing in the county.

I think there will be the space to mention all the 8-bell towers which have passed the 40 peal mark. There are nine of these (apart from the ones above). Burton-on-Stather leads the way with 66. Twenty-nine of these were rung between 1921 and 1937 when it was a 6-bell tower. Six were rung in 1938 and nine after the trebles had been added and there have been 29 since 1945. Pinchbeck comes next with 65. Like Edenham, which has 64 peals, it recorded its first peal at the turn of the century, and both had six bells then. Both were augmented at the beginning of the 1930's but whereas Pinchbeck had only 14 peals on the original six, Edenham had 28. They produced 19 and 20 peals on the 8's, respectively, before the last war, but since it ended, Pinchbeck has had twice the number of peals that Edenham has had—32 compared with 16. But their history is very similar.

Caythorpe also has 64, spread evenly over the period since 1890 but with a better average of late (27 since 1946). Scunthorpe has 61—only nine prior to 1914 and 17 since 1945 (none in 1954). Harmston's 57 means an average of about two a year from the first peal in 1920, but Gainsborough (54) has taken 67 years to reach that total. Heckington (48) started a few years after Gainsborough, so it has seen a similar pattern of about a peal a year. Grimsby, St. Andrew's (44), has not been heard since 1939 and previous to that there was a seven year gap. The first peal was in 1888 and it was consistent with its one a year until 1932 (except for the war years). Perhaps the bells go badly now.

MULTI-METHOD PEALS

One of the more outstanding achievements of the county has been several multi-method peals on six bells. Before the last war there was a friendly rivalry between Lincolnshire and Cheshire in this and I believe the final word went to Lincolnshire with a peal in 104 Spliced methods (and a 6,480 containing 125 methods). The 104 methods are, I believe, the greatest number of methods which have been spliced in a peal of ordinary length. These peals with ever increasing numbers of methods are echoed in the peal totals of some of the 6-bell towers, although the one with the highest number of peals has only had two peals in more than seven methods (16 methods, both of them). This is Silk Willoughby and all its 61 peals have come since the last war! Thus it is easily the most popular peal ringing tower in the county at the moment.

Deeping St. Nicholas, which comes next, has several peals in up to 14 methods in its total of 57. The first peal on the bells was in 1909 and it has been pretty consistent since with most in recent years (29 since 1945). The two next towers, Bigby and Frampton, both have 44 and here these multi-method peals are especially prominent—at the former before the last war, at the latter since. It was at Bigby that the peals in 104 and 125 methods were rung. Thirty-five of the peals came from 1923 to 1939. At Frampton, a peal in 38 Surprise methods was accomplished early this year. The first peal here was in 1913 and there have been 20 since 1945. Deeping St. James has 43—34 from 1923 to 1940 (up to 28 methods) and nine since 1946. Market Deeping has 39, the first quite early on in 1894 and the bulk from 1920 to 1939 (33) and only three since 1944. A false peal in 32 methods was rung here in 1932. West Deeping has 38 peals (how close together the Deepings are!), the first in 1905 and the bulk (30) between the wars again. Eighteen methods was the most accomplished here.

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Others in the 30's are Blankney (34—33 since the war); Bourne (33—spread out since 1907); Folkingham (33—27 between 1924 and 1938 in up to 32 methods); Branston (31—first in 1895 and the rest evenly from 1923). Forty-eight towers have reached double figures, but there is no space to mention more except that in Algarkirk's 17 are peals in 48, 57, 70 and 80 methods—another of the practice places for the 104 method peal!

Finally, a brief mention of 5-bell towers. Six is the greatest number of peals rung at any of these—at Dunston and Thurlby. All, except the first at Thurlby which was in 1939, have come since the war. Actually, half the towers where peals have been rung have been conquered since the war (11 out of 22). As far as silences go, Belton shares with an 8-bell tower (Hagworthingham) a silence of 44 years, for in both the only peal recorded was in 1911. Even this is beaten by a 6-bell tower—Uffington, which has not had a peal since 1903.

So now we turn to the Home Counties again and have a look at Middlesex. Figures in the above article include peals published up to April 1st.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

Arrangements for Whitsun

CIVIC RECEPTION

Members are being invited to a Civic Reception to be given by the Bristol Corporation after the Council meeting. Invitations will be sent out by the Lord Mayor's Secretary only to those who apply to: Mr. F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol, 5.

Application must be made by May 7th stating the number required.

RINGING TOURS

The following coach tours have been planned: Whit-Sunday, May 29th—A half-day tour arranged jointly by the Gloucester and Bristol and the Bath and Wells Associations, with ringing at Wells Cathedral (10), by permission of the Dean; All Saints, Weston, Bath (8); and Bath Abbey (10), by permission of the Archdeacon.

The coach will leave the Council's headquarters, The Royal Hotel, Bristol, at 1 p.m. Tea has been arranged at Bath. The coach will return in time for ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe after evening service.

The charge, including tea, will be 10s. 6d. per head.

Whit-Monday, May 30th—A full-day tour of Gloucestershire, leaving The Royal Hotel, Bristol, at 9.30 a.m.

The tour will include visits to St. Mary, Tetbury (8), St. Lawrence, Stroud (10), St. Mary, Painswick (12), and St. Mary, Cheltenham (12).

Lunch will be at the Imperial Hotel, Stroud, and tea at Cheltenham. The coach will return by approximately 8 p.m. for a social evening at headquarters.

The inclusive charge will be 26s. per head.

Applications for seats on the above tours should be made as soon as possible, accompanied by remittance, and in any case not later than May 7th, to: Mr. A. M. Tyler, 32, Hengrove Lane, Knowle, Bristol, 4.

AFFILIATION FEES

The affiliation fees of 13 Societies are still outstanding and should be forwarded without delay.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S 75th BIRTHDAY

Paid Membership Again Exceeds 1,000

HAPPIEST man at the Kent County Association's 75th anniversary meeting, held at Maidstone, on Easter Monday, was Mr. E. S. Ruck, a vice-president of the Association. He is the only surviving founder member of the Association and he remembers coming to the first meeting, which was also held at Maidstone. He was then a boy of 12.

There were many references during the day to this milestone in the history of the K.C.A. The service at the Parish Church, conducted by Canon F. L. M. Bennett, was essentially one of thanksgiving. Later in the year it is hoped to hold a 75th commemoration dinner. The meeting was largely attended; there were ample opportunities for ringing with 13 towers available.

THE LUNCHEON

Following the toast of 'the Queen,' Mr. John Willis, who presided, welcomed 'the guests.' These included the Mayor and Mayoress of Maidstone (Ald. and Mrs. Arthur H. Clark), Canon F. L. M. Bennett (Vicar of Maidstone), Mr. R. W. Percy (secretary of the Sussex County Association) and Mrs. Percy, and the editor of 'The Ringing World.'

The Mayor gave the Kent County Association a cordial welcome to Maidstone for its 75th annual meeting. By a curious coincidence it was that day, he said, exactly the same programme as 75 years ago. They had then their service in the Parish Church and their luncheon in the hotel. He believed that there was one of the original founder members with them in Mr. Buck (applause).

During the 75 years their bells had tolled out for the deaths of monarchs and pealed joyously for coronations. They were rung to celebrate the victory of the First World War and for the Second World War. There were years when the bells were silent, and how thankful they were that they were silent as if they rang out it would mean that Mr. Hitler was 'knocking at the door.' They all owed a lot to bell-ringers—they were typically English—almost as typical as a pint of beer.

Canon Bennett on behalf of the diocese of Canterbury said he would like to welcome them. They were particularly pleased to have with them friends from the Diocese of Rochester.

Mr. R. W. Percy congratulated the K.C.A. on behalf of all the Guilds and Associations on its 75th birthday. There were two Guilds from whom he would especially like to bring their good wishes—the Hawkhurst & District and the East Grinstead. These two Guilds welded the two counties of Sussex and Kent.

Mr. T. W. White reported on 'The Ringing World' and said that thanks to the donations of those who rang peals and quarter peals and many kind friends a satisfactory balance in hand was being carried forward. The effect of the increase in price meant a loss of circulation of 3 per cent. but they were now selling more 'Ringing Worlds' than 12 months ago.

ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. John Willis presided at the annual meeting supported by Dr. Hatcher (hon. secretary), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (hon. treasurer) and Mr. G. H. Spice and Mr. F. S. Macey (trustees).

A telegram was received from Mr. E. H. Lewis expressing 'best wishes for meeting,' Other apologies were from Messrs. J. A. Russell, B. J. Luck and S. G. Walters.

The annual report presented by Dr. Hatcher, after a tribute to Mr. G. H. Spice expressing sincere thanks for all he did 'so unobtrusively yet so well' as General Secretary, stated: 'We are a county association with territory extending over most of three dioceses. It is really fitting, therefore, that in the 75th birthday year our General Meeting should be in the County Town, the more so that history is repeating itself. The Foundation Meeting of the K.C.A. took place on May 18th, 1880, in the Chapter House of Canterbury Cathedral, but October 12th of the same year the first general meeting was held in Maidstone, with a service at All Saints' Church and a repast at the Star Hotel just as in 1955.

MEMBERSHIP

An increase in the numbers of practising members from 897 to 1,043 was a great recovery and reflected efficiency and keenness in all districts. This total included 146 junior members, clear evidence of a healthy supply of young recruits. New practising members numbered 203 compared with only 125 in 1953; Ashford district 12 adults 3 juniors; Canterbury 35 and 18; Lewisham 22 and 12; Maidstone 22 and 18; Rochester 25 and 6; Tonbridge 10 and 17.

Offsetting this great improvement was a further drop in the number of honorary members, only 60 subscriptions having been so far received.

DEATHS

With regret the following deaths were recorded: Mr. Frederick White, a vice-president and trustee; Mr. F. A. Slingsby, Cheriton; Sydney Finn, Brabourne; F. Hilton, St. Laurence, Ramsgate; W. Daynes, Eltham; A. Millard, Newington; F. J. Ring, Swanscombe; W. Collison, Tunbridge Wells; William Lilliard, Bromley Common; hon. members: Rev. H. G. Houseman, Selling; F. Huggett, Tunbridge Wells; life member: Rev. C. E. W. Best-Dalison, Boxley; non-resident life members: G. M. Kilby, Willesden; W. J. G. Brown, Ipswich; C. P. Chalk, formerly of Prittlewell; Daniel Cooper, Croydon, R. Philpott, Farnham; V. F. J. Bennett, Oxford; Eric Dench, Edmonton; D. Wright, Southgate.

Dealing with the work of the committee the report stated that the printing of the report was nearly the equivalent to 450 members' subscriptions. What was needed was for many more members to buy a copy and be prepared to give more for it. A sub-committee had been set up to revise the rules.

On the subject of bells in new churches, the Archdeacon of Tonbridge wrote: 'I believe if people got keen enough about bells they will want to have them when opportunity offers in the new churches, just as they will want to have good organs, otherwise.' 'Yes, all is not plain sailing and there is much that we as ringers shall have to do,' commented Dr. Hatcher.

ROUND THE DISTRICTS

An innovation in the Ashford District has been a series of fortnightly combined practices organised and run by Mr. S. G. Waters.

A new church is to be built at Little Chart and the bells from the old bombed church are to be installed, a new bell replacing the one stolen. A grant of £20 towards the cost of nearly £600 has been made from the Belfry Repair Fund. Merstham tower is to be 'braced' and it may be possible to use the bells before 1955 is out.

Major restoration of the bells of St. Alphege, Greenwich, has provided a superb example of how the Association can help. Mr. J. Dafters, one of the Lewisham District representatives, had been in the closest touch throughout, giving technical advice and training a band of ringers to man the bells. A grant of £20 had been made for the Belfry Repair Funds.

Five members of the Tonbridge District had been in the Association for over 50 years—Mr. G. Edwards, Penshurst; Mr. H. Goodwin, Shipbourne; Mr. H. Markwell, Tunbridge Wells; Mr. T. Saunders, East Peckham and Mr. W. Leigh, Senior, of Edenbridge. The bells of St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, have been put into good order and a grant of £20 made for the Belfry Fund towards the cost.

'The happenings of 1954 have left a stamp of optimism and enterprise on our affairs and there could be no better atmosphere in which to mark this 75th anniversary year.'

The chairman congratulated Dr. Hatcher on an excellent report. Mr. Knight moved the adoption and Mr. G. H. Spice seconded.

The accounts of the Association showed the following balances: General Account, £118 10s. 1d.; Benevolent Fund, £149 16s. 4d.; Belfry Repair Fund, £194 8s. 4d. Assets of the Association amounted to £1,142 18s. 1d. at value at December 31st.

Mr. Mitchell in presenting then said the Benevolent Committee made seven grants to old and aged members to the extent of £55.

Mr. E. Barnett proposed and Mr. F. S. Macey seconded the adoption of the accounts.

PEAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. M. S. Lancefield, peal secretary, reported that 146 peals had been rung during 1954, an increase of 16 on last year. The increase may be attributed to the very successful peal tour in the County and to the increased activity in the Ashford and Lewisham districts, where a goodly proportion of the peals in the more advanced methods were rung.

There were only 22 members who rang their first peal, viz.:—Reginald F. Adams, Nicholas Butcher (13), G. John Cavill, Alec F. Chandler, Pamela Cooling, Vesey A. Davoren, J. W. Dixon, Janet French, Eunice E. Grenham, B. P. Hargrove, Margaret Harris, C. T. Hillis, G. J. Hurrell, H. Jarvis, J. M. A. Kennett (15), A. Pluck, D. M. Randall, A. Sayer, W. Smith, D. Staples, Beverly A. Thompson, D. Mary Ward. To the 'first pealers' and the instructors the Association extended congratulations.

There were 48 conductors, six more than in the previous year. Leading conductors were: M. S. Lancefield 25, F. J. Cullum 13, G. J. Butcher 9, G. A. Naylor 7.

The peals rung included the first for the Association of Ashbourne College Bob Major, Southwell and Whitwick Surprise Major and Minor in 12 methods.

Mr. Tom Collingworth moved and Mr. E. S. Ruck seconded the adoption of the report. The meeting thanked Mr. Mark Lancefield for his work as peal secretary.

The officers of the Association were re-elected, but Mr. F. M. Mitchell said this would be his last year in office as hon. treasurer after 27 or 28 years. The chairman: 'We will cross that bridge when we come to it.'

A PRINCE AS A MEMBER

A new member, Prince Disnadda Diskul, of Bangkok, Siam, was elected. 'He handles his bell very well and he will be a credit to his country,' said his proposer, Mr. P. Carter.

The hon. secretary stated that the annual report had been produced for the annual meeting. It was on sale at 2s. a copy. Mr. F. S. Macey said he hoped that the next report would contain a list of those who had completed 50 years' service in the Association.

Certain members expressed their wish that a full list of members should appear in the next annual report.

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KENT ASSOCIATION'S 75th BIRTHDAY

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CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

The item Central Council meeting appeared on the agenda. Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Council, was invited for his observations and he said the Central Council did not claim to be a superior organisation but to assist ringers and ringing. Any proposals, with that object in view, would receive the consideration of the Council. The Council was indebted to a valuable suggestion from Mr. Garner, of Folkestone, in regards to reduced prices for 'The Ringing World' when sent to one address and this had been adopted.

The chairman said he had in mind the moving of a notice of motion in regard to the upkeep of 'The Ringing World.' He raised the matter with Mr. Joe Dyke and Mr. Smallwood at the College Youths' Dinner, but Mr. Dyke said it would mean an alteration of the Council's rules. He proposed to wait for another 12 months to see what the effect of raising the price would be. If the raising of price covered the cost there would be no need for him to come back to the Association, if not he was prepared to move that a contribution be made from each Association or Guild at so much per member.

Mr. Mitchell suggested that a 75th anniversary dinner be held and that the Archbishop of Canterbury be invited to give an address. It was decided to hold a commemoration dinner.

A welcome was given to the formation of a branch of the Ladies' Guild for Kent.

An omnibus vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. G. H. Spice to all who had helped towards the success of the meeting. He said in these days of wireless and television when people were apt to sit back it was important that they should be ever watchful to keep alive the Englisn art of bell-ringing.

Mr. B. Collinson proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

In spite of the strong wind over a score of ringers came to Great Wymondley on March 26th. Ringing started at 3.15 and continued until 4.45, when an excellent tea was ready at the Green Man.

At the business meeting Mr. B. Lake, of Pirton, was elected a member. The next meeting will be at Barley, and the special method will be Rossendale Surprise. The Ringing Festival at Benington may have to be cancelled as the bells may be away at the foundry. A collection was taken for the Benevolent Fund.

Ringers came from as far away as Sutton and St. Albans, and rang methods ranging from rounds to Norwich Surprise. J. S.

THE AILMENT OF A BELL-RINGER

(With apologies to Robert Burns)

By Jill and Rosemary, of Walsall

My heart's in the belfry, my heart is not here,
My heart's in the belfry, ringing Stedman I fear,
Doing the quick work, doing the slow,
My heart's in the belfry wherever I go.

Farewell to the belfry, farewell to the bells,
The birthplace of ringers where music excels.
Wherever I wander, wherever I rove,
The bells of Saint Matthew's for ever I love.

Farewell to Howard and Jimmy and all,
Farewell to the peal boards that cover the wall,
Farewell to the sallies, red, white and blue,
Farewell to the clock chimes and farewell to you.

My heart's in the belfry, my heart is not here,
My heart's in the belfry, ringing Cambridge I fear,
Making the places, perfecting each blow,
My heart's in the belfry wherever I go.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEAL RINGING IN LANCASHIRE

Dear Sir,—Correcting Mr. Felstead's interesting article, I would point out that at least three of the 'virgin towers' the bells are unringable. They are Hurst (steel bells), Rochdale (St. Alban's) and Thurnham R.C. Church.

The ring of six at Kearsley does not exist—this was an unfortunate mistake in 'Dove,' and it is a pity that due to printing difficulties the new book is not yet ready, as this would have prevented mistakes in previous articles and those which Mr. Felstead will no doubt make in later ones.

Accrington bells were increased to eight in 1953, while as regards Eccles the old eight were scrapped in 1929, when they were replaced by the tenor from St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, with seven recast bells. Whether the present bells are held to be Deansgate bells recast except for the tenor, or seven Eccles bells recast with the addition of the Deansgate tenor, is immaterial—the nett result is the same. Lancashire lost a ring of eight over the transaction.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

ST. NICHOLAS', LIVERPOOL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the statement in the article 'Peal Ringing in Lancashire' (page 202), 'At. St. Nicholas' the 100th (peal) has just been reached,' I must point out that the 100 was reached in 1935. The list is given below.

With regard to Newchurch at Warrington, the eight are still there and a very good eight they are. The interesting point about this church is that it has no dedication. Although I believe one was invented many years for the purpose of a peal record but in fact the church is simply Newchurch (or Culcheth) Church.—Yours faithfully,

R. W. CAVE.

Peals on St. Nicholas' bells were as follows: 1814, 3; 1815, 3; 1817, 1; 1818, 1; 1820, 1; 1821, 1; 1824, 1; 1826, 1; 1827, 1; 1828, 1; 1842, 2; 1859, 1; 1862, 1; 1863, 1; 1866, 1; 1867, 3; 1874, 1; 1875, 1; 1878, 1; 1881, 2. 1912, 3; 1913, 2; 1914, 1; 1919, 1; 1921, 2; 1922, 2; 1923, 3; 1924, 8; 1925, 5; 1926, 4; 1927, 3; 1928, 10; 1929, 6; 1930, 4; 1931, 5; 1932, 4; 1934, 3; 1935, 6; 1936, 3; 1937, 5; 1938, 5; 1939, 2. Total, 115.

'P., P.O. AND P.'

Dear Sir,—We can all appreciate a joke, but, I hope, deplore insidious perversion of the truth And no self-respecting observer would talk with his tongue in his cheek 'just to create a rumpus.' If 'Mister Bob' of the 'Extra Ordinary Meeting' recently noted on the front page, had looked with intelligence at only the title, even, of the article he lampoons, he would have realised that 'Public Opinion' is the operative phrase.

With the clamping-down and controlling that is spreading in this enlightened (?) day and age, 'Mister Bob' would look, and no doubt feel, a bit silly, if ultimate introduction of national legislation prohibited the continuance, in residential areas, of artificially-created open-space sounds intended for public hearing, for periods in excess of a brief maximum of, perhaps, half an hour. And especially if his bread and butter depended on his connection with the supply and reconditioning of rings of bells.

As the article pleaded **not** for 'easier peals' but for the increase of opportunities for long-period ringing, so we need to 'condition' public opinion, not to alienate it. This, at all events, is the view of many, including the one he calls

YORKSHIRE BLACKBERRY.

SYNTHETIC BELLS AND THE RECORDS

Dear Sir,—It would appear that despite the deliberations of Convocation and Central Council, deprecating the installation of synthetic and recorded bells, these things still go on. In a recent issue of the 'Church Times' the gift of an 'Electric Carillon' was reported—surely another use could have been found for the money thus used.

Also in the same paper of a previous week an advertisement appeared for gramophone records for churches possessing 'Bell-chiming installations,' and inviting applications for their price list. I sent for it and found that they offer a wide selection of 78 r.p.m. discs and some 33⅓ r.p.m. long-playing discs, including one of Cambridge Surprise Major, which has a playing time of 17½ minutes. The others included some of Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, St. Simon's Doubles, etc., etc., and the Angelus. One wonders how such recordings were obtained. The ringers must have been aware of it and co-operated with the engineers very closely. Why should they do that? Was it for some financial gain?—Yours sincerely,

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN.

Kettering.

'A CACOPHONOUS HOWL'

Dear Sir,—In a letter published in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago, I referred to 'men who can produce a cacophonous howl from **twelve** bells!'

In order to remove a misunderstanding that has arisen I would like to make the following points quite clear:—

(1). This is not a criticism of 12-bell ringers, as such, but is intended to include many ringers who through inadequate experience or lack of preparation 'take hold' for Cinques or Maximus when they are incapable of giving a suitable performance on lower numbers.

(2). Neither had I in mind, nor is the expression intended to be a criticism of any specific peal, performance or ringer.

Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Ryhill, Wakefield.

RECEPTION OF NATIONAL SERVICE MEN

Dear Sir,—From letters which appear in 'The Ringing World' men on National Service have been accorded a rather poor reception. I should like to quote my own experience whilst recently attached to R.A.F., Cosford. On my second evening I visited the Vicar of Albrighton who very kindly gave me the address of the captain of his tower. The very same evening I found myself ringing at Worfield, and subsequently thanks to his efforts during my eight free evenings at Claverly, West Bromwich, Wrockwardine, Wolverhampton, Albrighton, Coalbrookdale and Madeley. My thanks are also due to Mr. George Drewer, Mr. and Mrs. Bennet, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. F. Brotherton and all others whose names are unknown to me who turned an otherwise unbearable forced migration into a rather pleasant overture.

To those who may find themselves at R.A.F., Cosford, I suggest that they contact Mr. E. Binnersley, Mayfield Road, Albrighton, who not only gave me the opportunity of some good ringing but made me exceptionally welcome at his home. I can only hope that I was of some assistance to him and his band to whom any assistance would be very welcome in the field of change ringing to which they have recently turned.—Yours sincerely,

RONALD H. GARDINER.

Coxley, Nr. Wells, Somerset.

LETTERS—Continued

STANDARD PROCEDURE

Dear Sir,—A modern teaching technique is needed, one of few words for preference. Systems which work where a good band is in regular practice are just not good enough for standard procedure.

Stage 1.—Counting 'blue line' from a blackboard prevents development of that bad fault of looking for the tuft every handstroke. Handbells to teach rhythm is almost a 'must.'

Stage 2.—Call changes? **No, never.** Run into queens and back to rounds in half-pull changes, then plain hunting on six or eight. Learning the bells to follow just doesn't matter as long as the pupil counts the place he is in; in fact it helps him to know which bells follow on.

Stage 3.—On to Plain Bob now, and here it would be a tragedy if the Central Council proceed beyond the forbearing measure of their predecessors.

Stage 4.—Grandsire, before Plain Bob, is a dreadful mistake—a heartbreak for the poor learner every time. Much too much of a jump from treble to 'inside.' Thinking of Grandsire and the tower I was brought up in—my first meeting, November, 1921—the Ringing Master calling out 'Touch of Grandsire for the learners,' and in stand our band of regular ringers. We boys are speechless. At our next annual meeting there were no regulars to face the shame of it. Since that day I have made it a practice to stand in whenever the Ringing Master calls out 'Touch of Grandsire for the learners,' and when invited to 'call a touch' have called the simplest possible touch. I've still no answer for the 'looks as though the band wants strengthening.'

Stage 5.—What of the people the learner meets? Are we to be ever ready to provoke a bit of unpleasantness, over perhaps a slight slip or error? Should we not make use of peals to encourage and improve our Sunday service work? Is the peal really an end in itself, even to the extent of calling a tower 'silent' because no peal has been rung there—an unnecessary strain on the Queen's English? Would it not be possible, incidentally, to publish a list of towers with their peal totals as a matter of wider interest perhaps without comment, and in addition to the present excellent series of praise to the peal ringer, good man though he be. I do feel that perhaps a '20th or 25th peal in this tower' would be a not too lowly objective.

This, Sir, is not a 'topic for the month,' rather, the opening pair have made way for **the hope of the side.**—Yours very faithfully,

ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

SQUIRE LEONARD PROCTOR

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to note that I have a book entitled 'Curious Ringing Scraps,' which belonged to the late Sir A. P. Heywood, Bart., and was sent to me for preservation by his son, Sir Percival Heywood. On the first page is pasted a letter from Squire Proctor, and on the next is a photograph taken at Ashby-de-la-Zouch west door which shows: J. Howe, Leonard Proctor, G. Dawson, G. Hingley, A. P. Heywood, B. Sugden, W. Hickling and S. Johnson.

The letter reads:—

'Benington, Stevenage,
June 24th, 1890.

Dear Mr. Heywood,—I have not had the great pleasure of hearing from you since we met at that grand gathering of ringers in London. I think you will be amused with a little gossip as to our ringing doings in this, our little village. I am very pleased to say that we have some very pretty ringing here, on our village peal. On Saturday last, our County Ringing Association held its district meeting at Baldock where, upon its fine peal of eight, we had some very grand ringing indeed. I never in my humble experience heard any better ringing anywhere like it, and it really seemed to electrify the ears of many of the inhabitants as they came into the street to listen to the fine music of their grand peal of bells. Eight of our company came with myself, not a single breakdown all day. We were met by many friends from St. Albans, and others. We rang 2,128 changes, our own Company, Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge.

'Samuel Page, our conductor, really excelled his usual ability; having read in 'Bell News' your most interesting article on 'Multi Bob,' Sam Page was most pleased, and with myself and our Village Band, called a most musical touch of Stedman Triples containing 45 Bobs. We rang this touch in a most remarkable way, simply splendid striking. I should like to hear this ringing on your fine bells. What a treat it would be to again visit Youlgreave, where is the best peal of eight that I have ever heard: Of course I do not know whether this wish of mine could be realised, but, if it could, a very great treat would it be. I hope you and all with you are well, with kind regards, Yours very truly,

(Signed) LEONARD PROCTOR.

Our good friend Canon Wigram came over here lately, he rang with us 1,260 changes of Superlative **very well,** their company at Hertford is completey broken up Baker has given up ringing, and when we were at Hertford on Easter Monday, he cut all of us and never spoke a single word to any one meeting him in the street.'

On the next page, opposite the photograph, is a printed 'broadsheet' giving details of the peal of Superlative Surprise Royal rung at Wakefield on March 27th, 1826, with the figures of method and names of ringers. At the head of this is written in ink 'Mr. Proctor—Did you ever see this?—J. R. Haworth.'—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

St. Margaret's, Leicester.

INSTRUCTION—BY MANUAL OR COURSE

Dear Sir,—Every ringer with the future of the Exercise at heart will heartily endorse Mr. York-Bramble's plea for some practical step to ensure a regular supply of first-class instructors who will turn out first-class ringers unlikely to abandon their ringing colleagues and their church, either when ringing in their tower is at a low ebb and their presence would be an invaluable asset, or when some new and ephemeral interest steals their affections.

There are extant several excellent text books for the young ringer or would-be instructor, and I doubt whether yet another ringing manual (as A Y.-B. suggests) would contribute much to a solution of this ever-present problem. Bell-ringing, like so many other hobbies, could never be narrowed down to one stereotyped system. The methods controversy which recently raged in this journal is indicative of the unwillingness of ringers generally to be bound by any set of rules, and I am certain they could never be persuaded to recruit and teach beginners according to some Central Council official formula or system—nor would it be desirable in a voluntary society.

The author's concluding sentence is, to my mind, the only useful suggestion, viz., 'What about refresher courses for instructors?'

Whether one's hobby be art, sport, natural history, bee-keeping, archæology, the youth services, needlework, music or one of numerous other activities, there are opportunities every year for one-day conferences, week-ends, holiday courses, etc., when the enthusiasts can meet to study further their leisure pastimes, and pool their ideas and experiences for the common good.

Now this is where the Central Council could do something really practical and worthwhile. Instead of only meeting at great expense once every year to waste a whole day in talk, would it not be more fruitful to hold a series of one-day or week-end courses in various centres throughout the country for keen ringers, with special priority to tower captains?

No doubt the pessimists will raise their usual objections, these negative contributions can be ignored. Qualified lecturers are not lacking. Travelling to-day is no obstacle, nor is the provision of suitable centres, provided early enough application is made; and if Guilds and Associations really are interested in their own future and genuinely intend to implement their rule to support the Central Council, they would assist financially those of their members whom they recommend as suitable candidates and who are prepared to attend such a course.

I have long advocated the holding of ringing courses and believe in their practicability and desirability. It will not be easy to get a formal motion on these lines tabled for this year's Central Council meeting, but I should like to see this idea (perhaps in 'Other Business') given consideration. I am sure local education authorities (under their Further Education schemes) would lend their support to the encouragement of this truly British art, and perhaps the Church would, too, being the chief beneficiary.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough, Bucks.

'A RINGER AND HIS OBLIGATIONS'

Dear Sir,—May I join Mr. Long in his appreciation of Mr. Birmingham's article on 'A Ringer and his Obligations.' I would like to see this article framed and hung in every tower throughout the country.

In passing, I note that a composition rung at Burwash on March 12th, and at Hailsham on March 19th, was described as 'Lambert's Variation of Pritchard's.' Is not the person who sent in the details of these peals being a little presumptuous in supposing that this description of the composition will convey anything to the ringing fraternity at large. I, for one, would like to see the figures. — Yours sincerely,

R. O. FRY.

Bath.

A LEARNER'S LAMENT

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of March 18th prompts me to make a suggestion. I have not been ringing for long, but have moved round the country and had to do my practising in a variety of towers. While a few experienced ringers are good tutors and spend much of their ringing time helping others, the **many** show a reluctance to stand beside and help another. They seem to prefer to ring or to sit out.

The confidence instilled by someone standing beside another must be known to all. Why is there a reluctance to do so? If only more of it were done, learners would get much more practice, achieve more quicker, and the older hands would subsequently benefit, too, not to mention the Exercise at large. Most people thoroughly familiar with a method could stand by others rather than always be ringing that method themselves. What better satisfaction than seeing another succeed? And anyway there's nothing like teaching someone else for making one learn oneself!—Yours truly,

SEMI-ABLE.

Cirencester.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON BOB MAJOR

By H. CHANT

(Continued from page 221.)

Rather dubiously we turn to our second substitution, which is C in the 9th course. (The fact that the 2nd and 3rd are transposed in the tabulation obviously makes no difference.)

34256	B	M	H	C W	M	H
23564	—	—	—	34256		
				45362	35264	23564

2–3 here are displaced from 'Before' to 'Middle,' but on looking through the courses used in our extension we find that none have the 3rd in 4ths place and the 2nd in 6ths. Our substitution has therefore achieved the purpose of displacing the 4th–5th and 6th while the 2nd and 3rd were temporarily displaced. (Great stuff this!)

Here, then, is the 'composition' in full:—

6144

23456	W	B	M	H
52436	—			3
35426	—			3
34256	—			2
23564		—	—	—

5 times repeated, S.S. half-way and end.

Extension (ii.) and (iii.) prove to be far more adaptable to this kind of treatment than extension (i.), so let us have them written out in full with their full complement of calls placed in brackets. Extension (iii.) can be seen to have the same callings as extension (ii.) starting at the 6th course, although it manages to keep the 2nd out of 5ths.

(ii.)

23456	W	B	M	H
52364	[—	—]		—
36524	—			— }
53624				— }
65324				— }
32546	—	[—	—]	—
43265	[—	—]		—
26354	[—	—	—]	—
35264	—			—
23645		[—	—]	—

(iii.)

23456	W	B	M	H
52364	[—	—]		—
36245	[—	—	—]	—
24365	—			—
32654		[—	—]	—
53246	[—	—]		—
24536	—			— }
52436				— }
45236				— }
23564	—	[—	—]	—

Owing to the introduction of Bob 'Before,' which (the student may remember, and the professor certainly does) lengthens the course by one lead, the composition will now run over 5,000 with the bracketed 'Homes' omitted. Choosing (iii.) as the more musical, and judiciously introducing singles to keep the 2nd out of 5ths, this has already been done and appears as peal 21 in the C.C. Collection.

If the extra insertions are omitted from courses 5 or 4 the peal is further reduced (5,088), and these appear as peals 19 and 20 in the 'Collection.' Omissions of extras from courses other than 4 or 5 causes the bells to run round at the 7th course end.

Peals No. 36, 37 and 38 show the result of altering a single course. As there are 5 possible substitutions in our simple extension it should be clear that two are not published in the Collection: but there are many subsidiary variations depending whether you choose (ii.) or (iii.) above and which course you decide to alter.

All this sounds rather technical, dear student, and I have no doubt that if you started from scratch you will now be 'wallowing' somewhat. If it so happens that you have not got a copy of the 'Central Council Collection' you will now be hopelessly at sea. (Write for one to-morrow.)

If he cares to, the student may take other extensions as shown below, and try altering them by substitution. He will find that it is only necessary to place the fixed bells by the side of the appropriate course, showing the displacement caused by the substitution. (Compare tables A, B, C and D.)

23456	W	B	M	H	
52436	—				
35426	—				
42356	—			—	
54326	—				
32546	—	[—	—]	—	00302
53246	[—	—]		—	03020
25346	[—	—	—]	—	(00320 02003)
34256	—			—	
23456		[—	—]	—	00302

In this case it is possible to see at a glance that the substitution in the 7ths course is false with the 4th, but that either of the other three could be used.

It would also be possible to use more than one substitution in many cases, but if these merely extend the peal without increasing its value they are better left alone.

(Well spoken, sir!)

At this point I was going to insert a peal of my own with a more modern application and which has, literally, scores of variations, but being a modest sort of chap who disdains blowing his own trumpet, beyond saying that it is unsurpassed in neatness and elegance I have refrained from doing so.

Now let us turn to another useful device. Compare the two following touches:—

A (1) 23456	H
42356	—
34256	—
23456	—

A (2) 23456	W	B	M	H
35264		[—		
42356	—		—]	—
25463		[—		
34256	—		—]	—
45362		[—		
23456	—		—]	—

If we examine A (2) we shall see that every second course is the same as that in our block of 3 'Homes'—A (1)—and that there has been inserted between each H the following well-known round block. (Given here with figure proof.)

23456	W	B	M	W	M	H
35264		—		23456	35264	35264
23456	—		—	35264		
				63254	23456	23456

Notice that the Bob M in the second course returns us to our original course (23456) and that the only course not shown on our course ends (part of which—from W to M—has been used) is 63254 with the 6th in 2nds.

Now look at the following:—

B (1) 23456	W	H
45236	—	—
23456	—	—

B (2) 23456	W	B	M	H
23564	—	[—		
45236	—		—]	—
45362	—	[—		
23456	—		—]	—

and this:—

C (1) 23456	W
52436	—
35426	—
23456	—

C (2) 23456	W	B	M
23564	—	[—	
52436	—		—]
52364	—	[—	
35426	—		—]
35264	—	[—	
23456	—		—]

In B the same round block B W and M is sandwiched between W and H, and in C between two Wrongs. A moment's thought will show us that this device could be used on any W and H extension (i.e., with 6th in 6ths), and thereby give us in an 11-course extension the 6th alternately each way in 5–6, 22 courses in all. If this is doubled by a single we shall have a peal of 5,280 changes.

Here is an example:—

23456	W	B	M	H
23564	—	—		
45236	—		—	—
53462		—		
24536	—		—	—
24365	—	—		
53246	—		—	—
34562		—		
25346	—		—	—
54263		—		
32546	—		—	—
32465	—	—		
43526	—		—	
43265	—	—		
52436	—		—	—
52364	—	—		
35426	—		—	
35264	—	—		
43256	—		—	—
25463	(	—		) —
34256	(	—	—	) —
45362	{	—		)
32456	(	—	—	) S

Repeated.

5,280 changes with the 6th alternately each way throughout. Omit bracketed Bobs in 2nd half reduces to 5,024.

There are many variations depending on the original extension chosen, but as the peal is now long enough to withstand the omission of one insertion we can omit one accordingly.

Peals No. 140 and 141 show us two of the many variations with one insertion omitted. Notice that in both cases it is the first one. This is, of course, to ensure that the peal lives up to the requirements stated in the footnote, i.e., the 6th alternately each way in 5–6 throughout.

Perhaps the student would like to try his hand at a few variations.

(To be continued)

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

By ROGER BALDWIN

23456	B	M	W	H
45236			—	—
34256			—	
42356		A		
53624		—	—	
53246	x			—
23645		—	3	
46532		—	—	
63425	x			
26435			—	
63254	x			
32654		A		
32546	x			—
43526			—	
56234		—	—	2
63542	x			
24536		—	—	—
43652		—	2	
35426	x			
23456			—	

First rung at Westbourne, Sussex, on January 1st, conducted by the composer.

OBITUARY

MR. W. J. MEERS

Mr. William J. Meers, the Ringing Master at Erdington Parish Church, Birmingham, died on March 20th at the age of 79 years.

He had been a member of the local band since 1890 and Ringing Master for many years. Although he rang in a great number of peals his main interest was in service ringing. He was, in fact, ringing for evening service on the Sunday before his death, such was his loyalty to his church.

The funeral took place on Thursday, March 24th. During the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled by the following band: Sonia Llewellyn 1, Wendy Foulger 2, Joan Bradley 3, William J. V. Conduct (conductor) 4, Leonard W. Conduct 5, Alec Braggington 6, Harold Jenkins 7, William T. Shelton 8 (7, 6, 8 covering).

EVINGTON SURPRISE MAJOR

By WILLIAM THORNLEY

x.58.x.14.58.x.12.38.12.x.14.58.x.14.x.5.
2nds place L.H. 4ths place bob.
F.C.H. 24365 in 4th lead only.

5,024 (1)

23456	M	B	W	H
63254		—	—	3
25634			—	—
53624	—	—		
34625	—			2
42635	—	—		3
62534	—			
24536	—			2
32546			—	3
43526			—	3
52436			—	—
23456	—	—		3

The last 12 C.H.s with 6th at home.

5,024 (2)

23456	M	B	W	H
35426	—	—		3
52364		—		x
32465	—			x
26435	—	—		3
63254		—		3
34256	—			2
45236	—	—		3
53246	—	—		3
23456	—	—		—

x=H. MBWH. MBWH.

Contains all 64s, 65s and 54s, and 6th extent at home at C.H.s. 2.3 never in 6ths and 2 only in 5ths when 6 is at home.

These two peals will not go to Rutland.

8ths Place Variation to Evington Surprise Major, using 6ths place bobs.

5,056 by William Thornley.

23456	2	4	5	6
25346	2		—	
24536	2		—	
42635	2			2
52436	3			—
43526	—		—	
32546	3		—	
32654	—	—		
53624	3		2	
42356	3		—	—
23456	—			

F.C.H. 24365 in 6th lead only.

5,103 GRANDSIRE CINQUES

By RICHARD F. DEAL

234567890E	
6237458E90	1S.2S.4.
3625478E90	1S.2.3.4.
23654	1.2.3.4.
42356	1.2.3.4S.
34256	1.2.3.4.
23456	1.2.3.4.
62354	1.2.3.4S.
35264	2.3.4.5S.
23564	1.2.3.4.
42365	1.2.3.4S.
34265	1.2.3.4.
23465	1.2.3.4.
52364	1.2.3.4S.
53264	A calling 1st course 2.3.4.5
853627409E	1.2S.3
253648709E	2S.5
32564	1.2.3.4.
43265	1.2.3.4S.
24365	1.2.3.4.
32465	1.2.3.4.
53264	1.2.3.4S.
23465	11–10
52364	1.2.3.4S.
35264	1.2.3.4.
23564	1.2.3.4.
42365	1.2.3.4S.
(34265)	1.2.3.4.

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Rung at Lincoln Cathedral on December 11th, 1954.

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MISCELLANEOUS

GREAT ST. MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE. — There will be no further ringing on weekdays until Monday, June 13th. Sunday ringing as usual at 5.30 p.m.—J. W. Quinney, Sec. 6181

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual general meeting Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, on Saturday, April 16th. Bells (10) available 3. Service 4, followed by tea and business in Parish Hall. Visitors welcomed. — Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 6112

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Saturday, April 16th. Committee 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., Cathedral. Tea 5 p.m. General meeting 5.45 p.m., Diocesan House. Ringing arrangements: St. Andrew's (10) 2–4 p.m.; St. Peter's (8) 2.30–4.15 and 6.30–8; Cathedral (10) 3–4.30 and 6.30–8. — A. B. Cooper. 6084

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Annual at East Grinstead, April 16th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5 followed by business meeting. Small Parish Hall. Names, by April 14th, to Miss K. Shepherd, 32, Cantelupe Road.—C. A. Bassett. 6080

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Stansted Mountfitchet (8) on Saturday, April 16th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6081

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting at Great Staughton (6), Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6128

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Yorktown (8) on Saturday, April 16th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Hawley (8) also available after tea. —G. S. Joyce, Dis Sec. 6115

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Watford, Saturday, April 16th. St. Mary's (10) 3-8.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Parish Hall. Business includes Bob Triples peals and Mr. B. Barker's propositions. Ringing also at Abbots Langley 10-12; Langleybury; Rickmansworth 11.30-1; Aldenham 2-3.45; Bushey 2-4. Evening ringing as required. Names for tea, by 13th, to R. G. Bell, 131, Hampermill Lane, Watford. —H V. Frost, Hon. Gen. Sec. 6098

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting, Ash-by-Wrotham, April 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, 13th, to Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham. 6143

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—Next meeting, Brigg, Saturday, April 16th.—George L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 6147

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Ticknall (6), April 16th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. W. Cotton. 6118

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Bucklebury, April 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30 p.m. Yattendon (6) available after 6 p.m. 6137

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Whitechurch Canonicorum, April 16th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 6109

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD — Annual meeting to-morrow at Southwell Minster. Bells available 2.30. A warm welcome awaits you at this lovely Minster. Come and try your skill on the unique ring of eight.—J. W. Raithby. 6089

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Quarterly meeting at Weghaston (6), Saturday, April 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by 13th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 6125

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Practice meeting, Barcombe, April 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 6106

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover District.—Quarterly meeting. St. Marybourne, Saturday, April 16th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service in church at 4.30. Tea 5 in Parish Room. Names for tea to Mr. H. Cooper, 16, Stevens Green, St. Marybourne. 6151

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Combined practise at Redhill (8) on Thursday, April 21st, from 7-9 p.m. 6168

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Leigh-on-Mendip. April 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6158

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Meeting, West Pennard, Saturday, April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea, Tuesday, 19th.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 6175

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Etwall (6), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Names, by 21st, please, to Mr. F. Murfin, Holly Farm, Etwall.—M. Bailey. 6170

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Matlock (8), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—T. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 6162

DEVON GUILD.— N.E. Branch. — Meeting at Bampton, Saturday, April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Numbers for tea, by April 20th, to J. Waite, 2, High Street, Bampton.—W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec. 6082

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6163

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting at Toddington, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) available 6 p.m.—Mary Bliss. 6153

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Slimbridge (6), April 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea, by April 20th, to Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 6171

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Special meeting at Chippenham, Saturday, April 23rd. St. Andrew's bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in St. Andrew's Hall at 5.30 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—F. Skidmore, Hon. Sec. 6122

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting in Guildford, Saturday, April 23rd. Service at Cathedral Church 3.30. Tea and meeting in S. Nicolas' Hall 4.30. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available from 2.30. Numbers for tea, by April 19th, please, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford. —G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 6114

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting, Tunbridge Wells, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by April 25th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 6152

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Westbury, April 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas.—G. Randle. 6173

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barley, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method, Rossendale Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6154

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea, with the cash, please (2s. per head), not later than Tuesday, April 19th, to Mr. H. Ansell, 31, St. Leonards Road, Deal, Kent.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 6134

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District.—The North Eastern District of the Ladies' Guild will hold a meeting at Christ Church, North Shields, on Saturday, April 23rd, in conjunction with members of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Ringing will commence at 3 p.m. Tea will be at 4.30 p.m., followed by business meeting and Evensong at 6 p.m., after which ringing will be resumed until 9 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, April 21st, to Mr. R. M. Gray, 38, Alma Place, North Shields. All ringers cordially invited.—Nancy I. Lea, Hon. Sec. 6111

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District. — Woodhouse Eaves, April 23rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, Tudor Cafe. Names, by 20th, to C. W. Hall, Charnwood Heath, Coalville.—C. W. Hall. 6149

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting, April 23rd, South Wigston (8). Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names not later than 20th, to B. A. Endall, 90, Edward Avenue, Leicester.. 6172

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Great Glenn, April 23rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45, The Crown Hotel. Names for tea April 13th. L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn, Leicester. 6165

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch. — Meeting at Horncastle, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) at 2.30. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, April 18th, to W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6135

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grimsby District. — Meeting, Ulceby (6), April 23rd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by April 20th, to Mr. M. Walker, Front Street, Ulceby, Lincs. 6103

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.—The annual ringers' service will be held April 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. A. Prescott. Tel. Timsbury 287. 6169

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, High Wycombe, April 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by 19th.—Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 6133

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks and Oxford City Branches.—Combined meeting at Appleton, Saturday, April 23rd. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Important: Notify by 19th. — A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, Berks. 6110

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Spring meeting at Orlingbury (6), Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Tuesday, previous, to B. O. Butler, Orlingbury, Kettering.—D. Haynes, Hon. Sec. 6124

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Langham (6) on Saturday, April 23rd. Names for tea by Tuesday, 19th, to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, Rutland. 6105

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Guild.—Quarterly meeting, South Newton, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Wishford (5) also available after tea. Names by April 19th, please. — Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury (note change of address). 6113

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Redhill, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting and a talk 'How to learn methods.' Names for tea, by April 20th, to Miss Illman, 12, Garlands Road, Redhill. 6120

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Pevensey and Westham, **not** Wadhurst, on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells: Pevensey 2.30 p.m.; Westham 6 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by April 20th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 6164

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Rotherwick, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 6174

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Quarterly meeting at Kirk Ella on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) from 2 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by April 21st, to Mr. F. R. Pearson, 2, Palmer Avenue, Kingston Road, Willerby, Hull.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 6102

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Corporate Communion 8 a.m. April 24th, Long Ashton. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast for those notifying by April 22nd.—Mrs. H. Knight, Woolmers, Cleeve, near Bristol. 6167

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Churchill, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 6166

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Quarterly meeting, Cudham, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea (2s.), not later than Tuesday, 26th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 6156

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bolton, April 30th. Towers available: All Souls' (8) 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Deane (8) and The Saviour's (8) 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.; St. George's (8) 2.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.; The Parish Church (8) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and, after the meeting, Holy Trinity (8) and St. Bartholomew's (6). It would be desirable if local ringers could be in attendance to meet visitors. Service in Bolton Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Church Schools 5 p.m. (3s. 6d. per head). Names, together with remittance, by April 20th, to Mr. V. Martin, 413, Crompton Way, Bolton. Tel. No. Eagley 1536. Tower secretaries are asked to make block orders for their towers. Meeting in Parish Church Schools at approximately 6 p.m. 6157

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 30th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Ringers' Chapel. Evensong 4 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea 5 p.m., Eastgate Court Cafe, followed by business meeting in Chapter House. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 6159

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Nash, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting (Waterloo Hotel). Names for tea by 20th, please.—J. S. Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 6150

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. James', Underwood Road, Paisley, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells available from 2.30. Names for tea, by April 27th, to Mrs. Caldwell, 37, Main Road, Castlehead, Paisley.—Rognvald Wilson, Hon. Sec. 6161

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting at Bristol on Saturday, May 7th. St. Stephen's 11.50; St. Mary Redcliffe 2.40; St. Thomas' 4. Tea, at the Grosvenor Hotel, 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. M. Tyler, 32, Hengrove Road, Knowle, Bristol 4.—A. B. Peck. 6146

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at **St. Aidan's,** West Hartlepool, on Saturday, April 16th, at 3 p.m. —P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 6176

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch. — Practice meeting at Churchdown, April 23rd. Bells (6) 6 p.m. A. Lynall, Branch Sec. 6179

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at St. John's Church on Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 6180

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at St. Philip's, Hulme, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (8) available. Ringing tour (Oxford) starts on July 11th. Will anyone interested please notify secretary: Anne Muirhead, Langdale Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester 14. 6177

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — The annual meeting of the branch to be held at Benson has been **postponed** until Saturday, May 7th.

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OLD TOM

OLD Tom rang the 'ting-tang' bell at his village church for years and was also organ blower. His career and the incidents connected with his 'blowing' is too long a story to be related here, but, in any case, Tom 'did not hold' with any 'new-fangled' ideas, and when the new electric blower was installed Tom lost his job.

Another climax came one day when Tom found eight new bells in the churchyard ready for hoisting into a tower which never even boasted a ting-tang, and we wondered what Tom would say about a nice new octave when they were installed. How would Tom approach his new duties as steeplekeeper and bell-ringer in the light of changed circumstances? He could manage the 'ting-tang' very well, but how about eight bells hung in a frame? Tom kept his thoughts to himself, saw us ring the bells on dedication day and watched them being chimed on Sunday afternoons, but when the first practice night came he unlocked the door and said he would be back for locking up.

Time went on and it reached the Vicar's ears that Tom was not taking lessons with the result that he was told in no uncertain words that duty must be done. He came to practice and duly ignored one or two quiet 'digs' about starting, but would not take part. After locking up he asked the instructor to give him some lessons 'on his own' with a 'slashed' bell, so it was arranged for a bell to be lashed on a given evening. The instructor pulled the bell up and took Tom above to show him the various points that should be borne in mind, but Tom, after seeing a bell mouth upward for the first time, announced that he was 'flabbergasted' and would have nothing to do with it. The instructor returned to the ringing chamber rather sadly, for he clearly saw that Tom would not become a ringer in the English style, but he still had hopes that he might become a good chimer, yet here again his pupil failed and did not like the 'new-fangled thing' at all. The only course left was to make Tom a 'toller' and let him do his bit five minutes before service, a task which he managed fairly well providing the swing of the bell was not too high.

One evening the instructor heard a bell sounding forth from the tower prior to a special evening service and he concluded it was Tom managing by himself, so he hastened to see how he was progressing. Mounting the steps to the ringing chamber, he was surprised to find that Tom was missing yet the bell was sounding. Somewhat mystified, he ascended to the intermediate chamber, but Tom was not there, and after a further ascent to the top of the bell-frame he perceived Tom in the pit of one of the bells operating his own idea of bell-ringing. In his hand was a hammer and he counted from one to four, then brought the hammer smartly down on the sound-bow instead of calling five. Needless to say, Tom was immediately stopped and told quite candidly that ringing by rope is by far the best method, that the ringing chamber is the right place for ringing and his idea a dangerous undertaking.

So Tom went back to the rope and, much to his delight, became quite confident, even though his performance was always short. He was not the type that could be expected to learn ringing with a young band, but though he did not become a ringer he had good qualities such as thoroughness and punctuality, together with a sense of pride in all he did, so that ringers could enjoy ringing under clean conditions in the ringing chamber. He never touched a rope in any tower except his own, for he was thoroughly local, but he was proud of the ringers who rang at his tower and delighted in welcoming visitors. Many would smile at such a character and often 'pull his leg,' but Tom never became ruffled, for he could 'take it' all in good part, and before knowing him very long many ringers found him a loyal, lovable personality.

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LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Mar. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN A. ACRES	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	6
WILLIAM THORNLEY	3	*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	ROLAND BENISTON	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
MICHAEL E. BROWN	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

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

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5120 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR

MRS. KATHLEEN F. PARR	*Treble*	*SQUIRE CROFT	5
*MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	2	THOMAS E. DAVIES	6
WILFRID G. WILSON	3	ALAN F. THIRST	7
†ALAN P. CAVE	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Arranged by WILFRID G. WILSON. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.

* 50th peal together. † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Ashtead Surprise Major by all, and for the Association.

RAUNDS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 2, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 8 lb.

DAVID W. JAMES	*Treble*	ERNEST E. WHITMORE	5
JOHN KING	2	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	6
*LEONARD G. TOSELAND	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
BARRIE HENDRY	4	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.

* First peal on eight bells. Ernest E. Whitmore has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Toseland on the occasion of their 21st wedding anniversary.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

DENNIS KNOX	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
*JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	RONALD J. SHARP	6
†STEPHEN IVIN	3	†PHILIP MEHEW	7
JOHN W. SINFIELD	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

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

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MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in A.

*PATRICIA H. JONES	*Treble*	THOMAS YEOMAN	5
DONALD G. CLARKE	2	ROBERT E. COLES	6
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	3	†JOHN E. MORGAN	7
*CLIVE G. BRYANT	4	DAVID J. KING	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside.'
Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to John E. Morgan.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

*MARY WALSHAW	*Treble*	JOSEPH THORNLEY	5
BRIAN TOMLINSON	2	ALBERT GREENHALGH	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	PETER CROOK (SEN.)	7
NORMAN TOMPKINS	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SENR.
* 50th peal.
A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

SADDLEWORTH. YORKS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5088 MACCLESFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in G.

*HENRY O. BAKER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	6
*JOHN E. BIBBY	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
BASIL JONES	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.
First peal in the method on the bells and by the Association.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*RUSSELL R. H. PARKER	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	6
ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
*NORMAN J. SMITH	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal in the method. 75th peal by the ringer of the second.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	JAMES W. GROUNDS	5
*MILDRED JONES	2	ALBERT GREENHALGH	6
MARY WALSHAW	3	PETER CROOK	7
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	4	JOHN ASHCROFT	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate Mr. Peter Crook's 50 years of ringing.

BRANCEPETH, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRANDON,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 15 cwt.

STANLEY HEWETT	*Treble*	KENNETH ARTHUR	5
*CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	‡PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	6
†STEPHEN THOMPSON	3	*ERIC N. HARRISON	7
DENIS A. BAYLES	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Surprise.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Treble*	A. RYAN PRICE	5
HAROLD CASSEL	2	*TREVOR LEWIS	6
DILLYS HULBERT	3	THOMAS YEOMANS	7
ALBERT J. PITMAN	4	WILLIAM DARE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells since 1912.

DERBY.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

JOAN E. HOODLESS	*Treble*	CLEMENT GLENN	5
BENJAMIN BARKER	2	*J. DAVID CLARKE	6
ALLAN SIMPSON	3	WALTER STEEN	7
CHARLES W. TOWERS	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Major.

HAZELBECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Guilsborough Branch.)
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb.

*C. WILLIAM BROWN	*Treble*	*DEREK E. GRIFFIN	5
*DAWN V. ELSON	2	*ROBIN WILSON	6
MICHAEL F. AMOS	3	*JOHN KINCHIN	7
DONALD S. PAYNE	4	ERNEST G. ORLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.
* First peal of Major. First peal on eight bells by a branch band.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 4 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 46 cwt. 5 lb. in B flat.

CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Treble*	HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
*MICHAEL J. BEST	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Surprise Major. The first peal of London on the bells.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

E. ROGER MARTIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM LANCASTER	5
G. ALEC DIMMOCK	2	JAMES BLACKBURN	6
THOMAS BARKER	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
LAWRENCE WALMSLEY	4	ARTHUR HATCH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.
Arranged for W. Lancaster of Derby, who was formerly chief ringer at this tower.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*ROGER PAYNE	*Treble*	CHARLES TAYLOR	5
*ANN VINTER	2	†ALICE M. REED	6
NORMAN HAYES	3	REGINALD A. REED	7
†CEDRIC MURPHY	4	*L. WILLIAM STEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. The conductor's 150th peal.
Rung to the Glory of God and with the bells half muffled as a tribute to the work in the parish of Mrs. Goodier, wife of the Rector's warden, who died on April 11th.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WHITTLESFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Mar. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*JILL I. MARTIN .. .. .. *Treble*	*DAVID P. STUBBING .. 4
JANE THORPE 2	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN .. 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. *Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Mar. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*ROBERT E. TALLIS .. .. *Treble*	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. 4
MURIEL REAY 2	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY .. 3	PETER BORDER .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal with Treble Bob Hunt.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Mar. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

RICHARD G. MORRIS .. *Treble*	*ERIC E. WIMLETT 4
MURIEL REAY 2	PETER BORDER 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 3	MICHAEL G. MORTON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Minor.

MELBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Mar. 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Ely Delight and six of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN .. *Treble*	IVOR J. DICKIN 4
GILLIAN A. SMITH 2	JOHN G. GIPSON 5
*T. REGINALD DENNIS .. 3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* 50th peal together.
Rung as congratulations to Marion Grain and the Rev. Hugh Joseph on announcing their engagement.

SHOBROOKE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Mar. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Bob and one of College Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

H. W. BUTT .. .. .. *Treble*	HAROLD P. BURTON 4
FREDERICK WREFORD .. 2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL .. 5
SIDNEY SKINNER 3	JOHN QUICK .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Chesterfield District.)
On Tues., Apr. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, four of Oxford T.B., one of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER DAVIS .. .. .. *Treble*	WILFRED RILEY 4
SAM SCATTERGOOD 2	GEORGE E. HANCOCK .. 5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG 3	FRANK BRADLEY .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.
The conductor's 30th peal.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Good Friday, Apr. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN WARDLE .. .. .. *Treble*	G. FRED TERRY 4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 5
*JOHN J. TAYLOR 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.
* First peal in seven methods. Rung with the bells half muffled.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE *Treble*	KEVIN S. HOHL 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT .. 2	JOHN W. MEADE 5
STANLEY G. PONTING .. 3	*COLIN A. TESTER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. MEADE.
* First peal in three methods.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.' First peal as conductor.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ROBIN SHUTTLEWORTH .. *Treble*	JOHN BACKALL 4
JAMES E. BURLES 2	FRANK BIRKETT 5
ALAN CAPSTICK 3	NICHOLAS M. NEWBY .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NICHOLAS M. NEWBY.
Rung as a farewell to the Bishop of Penrith, Right Rev. H. V. Turner, at the close of his ministry as Vicar of Hawkshead Parish Church.

CARLTON-JUXTA-SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of St. Clement's Bob, and two different extents each of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

SUSAN HARROP .. .. *Treble*	EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 4
D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 2	ALAN SHEPPARD 5
G. FRED TERRY 3	LESLIE M. WOODHEAD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE M. WOODHEAD.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*LEONARD W. KING .. .. *Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. 4
DAVID VOKES 2	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. 5
*DR. PAUL H. A. JONASON 3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.
* First peal in more than one method.
Rung for the festival of Easter.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. in G sharp.

*JACK HANFORD .. .. .. *Treble*	GEOFFREY J. LOWE 4
†B. STEDMAN PAYNE 2	*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN .. 5
†ROYSTON WILMORE 3	F. KEVIN THOMPSON .. *Tenor*

Conducted by F. KEVIN THOMPSON.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. Conductor's 50th peal and first of Minor as conductor.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Major and Mrs. C. F. Thompson.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents in seven methods: Hereward Bob, Single Court, Single Oxford, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE W. WATERMAN ..	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT ..	4
ROSEMARY SEABROOK ..	2	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two extents each of New Bob, Reverse New Bob, Stedman, Place Bob, Fortune, Kennington, Northrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Eynsham, Old, All Saints', Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

ROY COLLINS	*Treble*	SHELAGH R. COLLINS ..	4
ROLAND W. MORANT	2	ANN M. COX	5
E. JOHN WELLS	3	*JAMES F. DODSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal of Doubles. First peal in 21 doubles methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.
Rung for Easter.

ROADE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of two extents each of Stedman and four extents each of Norfolk, April Day, Kennington, Old Bob, Plain Bob, All Saints', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Cliffords Pleasure and St. Columb.
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F.

HARRY E. CURTIS	*Treble*	ANTHONY J. BAKER	3
ANTHONY G. OSBORNE ..	2	GEORGE F. ROOME	4
ALAN C. COZENS ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALAN C. COZENS.
First peal in eleven methods for all the band.
Rung for the festival of Easter.

SHELFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 240 by Pitman and 40 extents (10 callings).
Tenor 12 cwt.

MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	SIMON J. BARLEY	3
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ..	2	FREDERICK G. HOOPER ..	4
*WILLIAM L. EXTON ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by SIMON L. BARLEY.
* 25th peal.
Rung for the festival of Easter.

HANDBELL PEALS

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents.

JOHN S. HARRISON	1-2	MAURICE BAILEY	3-4
DAVID J. MARSHALL ..	5-6		

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., Apr. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT 'STEDMAN,' SKETCHLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in C.

JOHN A. SMITH	1-2	ALFRED BALLARD	3-4
C. ROGER HAYWARD	5-6	*MICHAEL VERNON	7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal of Plain Bob.
First peal of Major 'in hand' by all except the conductor.



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CROYDON



ALFORD, LINCS.—On Mar. 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Pike 1, J. I. Smith 2, Mrs. K. Ketteringham 3, S. H. Sutton 4, K. Ketteringham 5, J. R. Ketteringham (cond.) 6. A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. K. Ketteringham.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Paul, on Mar. 27th, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: D. Thompson 1, S. Foskett 2, R. A. Lennard 3, P. J. Shipton 4, G. Amor 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung on the front six before the Bedford Modern School end-of-term service. Also for Evensong on the same day, 1,344 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss V. M. Look 1, P. J. Shipton 2, R. A. Lennard 3, G. Amor 4, J. R. Taylor 5, S. Foskett 6, C. E. Jeffries (arranged and conducted) 7, D. Thompson 8. First quarter peal in the method by all the band (the St. Paul's Company), in the county and for the Bedfordshire Association.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On April 1st, 1,560 Plain Bob Doubles: T. T. Lewis 1, Mrs. A. R. Price 2, Jean Powell 3, A. R. Price 4, A. K. G. Jones (first as cond.) 5, G. Williams 6. Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. M. Williams, of Porthkerry, Glam. Also on April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Margaret Boyt (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. R. Price 2, Jean Powell 3, B. Thomas 4, A. R. Price (cond.) 5, G. Williams 6. Rung for evening service.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Dunsden 1, J. Blond 2, A. Greenough 3, H. Wells 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BRAMPTON ASH, NORTHANTS—On Palm Sunday, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's and 720 Double Oxford Bob): R. J. Coles (first of Minor) 1, L. G. Toseland 2, B. Hendry 3, P. I. Chapman 4, B. S. Cope 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. R. J. Norton on being instituted Rural Dean of Weldon I.

BRANSTON, LINCS.—On April 11th, 1,260 Double Oxford Bob Minor: C. Speed 1, J. Pearson 2, A. Ingall 3, R. Applewhite 4, L. Willders 5, J. Musson (cond.) 6. Rung for the 65th birthday of the ringer of the 3rd; also for the return from hospital of the Rector's wife (Mrs. W. R. Dewey).

BOROUGH, S.E.—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender (cond.) 2, C. W. Ottley 3, F. Ranson 4, J. Hales 5, F. P. Mead 6, W. D. Grainger 7, C. F. Victor Neil 8. Rung for Evensong.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On April 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. D. Mills 1, R. H. Davies 2, S. T. Hume 3, D. L. Mills 4, J. M. Spurgin 5, Mrs. L. Mills 6, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 7, E. C. Hynard 8. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Bridget Cox 1, Ann Carpenter 2, J. Pannell 3, V. Webster 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, J. Carpenter 6. Rung for Evensong, and for the christening of John Gordon Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Moore.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss M. Crosier, (aged 12, first quarter) 1, R. Stretton 2, L. G. Berridge (cond., aged 12, first quarter) 3, C. Everett 4, D. W. James (first quarter) 5. Rung half-muffled on Good Friday to the Glory of God.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Oxford Treble Bob: Mrs. K. Snelling 1, G. Apps 2, H. C. Lilley 3, K. Snelling 4, J. W. Jeffery 5, J. H. Lilley 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, E. J. Brett 8. Rung for Easter service, and also as a birthday compliment to E. J. Brett.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On Mar. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, all different callings: D. Edmunds 1, E. Geeves (first quarter) 2, R. Daniels 3, R. Line 4, E. Smart (cond.) 5.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean E. Howells 1, Ann Howells 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, D. J. Oakshott 4, W. G. Newberry 5, D. Astridge 6, Cheric Payne 7, D. J. Evans 8.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine R. Dainty (first quarter) 1, E. N. Harrison (cond.) 2, P. Wishart 3, K. Arthur 4, T. Sewell 5, J. Hedley 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, G. P. Cairns 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Northrepps Doubles: Ann Tanner 1, Laura M. Beeney (first in method inside ') 2, Kathleen Yeo 3, B. Stepney (first in method) 4, G. Beeney (first in method as cond.) 5, F. Beeney 6. Rung for Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLX.—On Palm Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Pitcher 1, 3, J. M. G. Anthony 2, R. E. Waters 3, J. Schofield 4 C. E. Slade (cond.) 5, J. C. Pitcher 6. Also on Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Pitcher 1, J. M. G. Anthony 2, J. Schofield (cond.) 3, R. E. Waters 4, C. E. Slade 5, J. C. Pitcher 6.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On April 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Adams (cond.) 1, Miss C. Hall 2, Miss V. Naylor (first quarter) 3, C. Bennet 4, H. Mair 5, D. Woodley 6. Rung for Evensong.

LELANT, CORNWALL.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Richards 1, Ann Clifton (first ' inside ') 2, H. Miles (cond.) 3, Marion L. Lidgey 4, P. A. Clifton 5, L. B. P. Whatty (first quarter) 6. Rung for Evensong.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Marjorie Legg (cond.) 1, Rosemary Hutchings 2, Denis Cox 3, June Legg 4, S. White 5, F Millier 6.

LLANSTEPHAN, CARMS.—On Mar. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Hullock 1, G. W. Morris 2, T. Owen 3, W. L. Williams 4, E. J. Morris (cond.) 5, W. Taylor (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam G. Morris, ringer and captain for many years at this church.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. D. Bartlett 1, T. J. Lock (cond.) 2, Mrs. T. J. Lock 3, Mary F. Lawrence 4, J. R. Lofty 5, P. L. Baycock 6, P. J. Coles 7, A. J. Skull 8. For Evensong

NORTON, HERTS.—On Maunday Thursday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Sanderson 1, H. Werrett 2, Miss I. Werrett 3, Miss P. Hutton 4, J. Dear 5, W. Hitch (cond.) 6, E. Buck 7, Miss J. Merrell 8. Rung half-muffled, and at the special request of the Vicar.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On April 10th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Kent, 720 Oxford): A. Walpole 1, W. Warner 2, J. Forder 3, G. G. Walpole 4, E. Long 5, D. Long (cond.) 6. Rung for evening service.

PRESTON, LANCS.—At the Parish Church of St. John, on April 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Gorton (first quarter) 1, E. Cowperthwaite 2, E. R. Martin 3, R. J. Nash 4, G. A. Dimmock (cond.) 5, J. Blackburn 6, W. K. Martin 7, C. Crossthwaite 8. Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. the Queen and H. R. H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

POWICK, WORCS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Trumper 1, H. Cole 2, D. Trumper (first quarter as cond.) 3, G. J. Lewis 4, D. Bricknell (first quarter) 5, F. Hyde 6.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Stedman, St. Simon's and April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 180 Grandsire): A. Jones 1, R. Thatcher 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, E. Brown 4, F. Carter 5, D. Yelling 6. Rung for Holy Communion service.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 10th, 1,440 Doubles (240 each of St. Martin, Winchendon, St. Nicholas, St. Simon, Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. Warner 1, G. G. Walpole 2, J. W. Forder 3, E. Long (cond.) 4, D. Long 5.

REDBOURN, HERTS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Taylor 1, W. Ranscombe 2, G. Reading 3, R. Woods 4, J. Hobbs (cond.) 5, H. Walker 6. First quarter for 3 and 4. Rung for Easter, and as a farewell to the ringer of the 3rd on joining H.M. Forces.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On April 12th, 1,264 Bob Major: Miss B. Saggers 1, F. B. Jeal 2, C. S. Hoad 3, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 4, F. T. Hoad 5, W. H. Inwood (first ' inside ') 6, G. Oliver 7, A. T. Shelton 8.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At the Cathedral, on April 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Penney (aged 15, first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. Dodds 2, G. Dodds 3, B. A. Cornell 4, G. Blake 5, W. J. Arnold 6, R. F. Ewer (cond.) 7, J. Ewer 8.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Easter Day, 1,272 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: J. E. Wightman 1, W. J. Paice 2, Miss S. Revell 3, W. Collins 4, L. W. Paice 5, W. J. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Rosemary Stratford 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, Christine Stratford 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. Rung for evening service.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: O. Cripps 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, Wm. Simpson 3, P. Parry 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, H. Makins 6, C. Geary 7, R. Newsum 8.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Cobb 1, E. H. Smith 2, Miss L. Roberts 3, E. Baughan 4, R. Russ 5, F. G. Henbest 6 A. K. Street (cond.) 7, J. Smith 8. First of Triples for 1 and 5.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): C. Gratton 1, D. Sweet 2, F. J. White 3, Mrs. L. Crocker (first in 4 methods) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A Bown 6. Rung prior to Holy Communion.

SYSTON, LEICS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. D. Sayer 1, Miss J. Kirkman 2, Miss M. C. Payne 3, A. D. Sayer 4, H. Matthewman 5, H. Humphreys 6, E. F. Payne (cond.) 7, C. Sanders 8. Rung for Easter Evensong.

TALGARTH, BRECON.—On April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Chick (first quarter) 1, W. G. Smith 2, G. P. Davies 3, S. V. Edwards 4, D. H. Bennett (cond.) 5, J. Parry 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam J. A. Smith, captain of this tower, who was interred on April 1st.

TRURO, CORNWALL.—At the Cathedral, on April 12th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Miles 1, T. G. Myers (cond.) 2, H. Eplett 3, J. Waters 4, D. Burnett 5, C. Jose 6, J. Phillips 7, C. Sangwin 8. R. Southwood 9, J .E. Chilcott 10. Rung for the Easter festival.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET. — On Mar. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, Miss E. Grimes 3, Miss A. Stephens 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, A. F. Lee 6, C. J. A. Brown 7, T. J. Milsom 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam A. E. Baverstock.

TWICKENHAM, MIDDLX.—At All Hallow's Church, on Mar. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gillian Neal Smith (14), 1, Dr. F. Stedman Poole 2, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 3, D. Hill Brown 4, R. G. Lay 5, Dr. D. Gullick (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of a preliminary meeting held to discuss the formation of a Medical Change Ringing Society (three doctors taking part). The first quarter of Minor on the bells since their removal to Twickenham.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on April 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss N. Hales 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 3, Miss M. A. Prockson 4, W. F. Jarvis 5, W. D. Prockson 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, C. F. Neal 8. A welcome to Joyce, ringer of the 3rd, on her return to ringing.

WALMER, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Woodcock 1, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 2, Miss A. Vine 3, A. C. Rye 4, F. A. Rye 5, P. J. Rye 6, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 7, D. Ladd 8. Rung for Easter; also to mark the 75th anniversary of the Kent County Association.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—On Palm Sunday, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1,260 Stedman Triples: James Phillips 1, J. Stephenson 2, H. Ellis 3, R. F. Deal 4, B. K. Lunn 5, W. Rawlings 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WESTON, SOMERSET.—On Mar. 20th, 1,344 Little Bob Maior: Miss E. Emm 1, Miss S. Drake 2, H. L. Parfrey 3, T. Harris 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, R. J. Cousins 6, T. J. Hayward 7, S. S. Woodburn 8. First quarter in the method by all the band except the conductor.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, 1,320 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich and 600 Cambridge): A. S. D. Graham (first of Treble Bob) 1, Barbara Mitchell 2, A. S. Richards 3, Mary Fuller 4, R. Bird 5, J. E. Cannell (cond.) 6.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On April 10th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonas 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, F. Elsom 2, K. Bonas 3, D. Peacock 4, M. Ginn 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6.

SOMERSET CAPTAIN'S WEDDING

The captain of Wellington (Somerset) Parish Church ringers, Mr. D. T. North, was married at Ashbrittle Church on Easter Monday to Miss E. A. Garde, of Ashbrittle, a member of the local band of ringers.

The Vicar (Preb. J. H. D. Grinter) officiated, assisted by the Rector of Ashbrittle (the Rev. M. P. Ralph Bowman).

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr. R. Garde, was attended by five bridesmaids. The brother of the bridegroom, Mr. A. North, was best man.

After the service the following band rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles in honour of the event: Miss M. Alderman 1, S. N. Bristow 2, H. Bristow 3, Miss P. Norman 4, Miss F. Norman 5, J. Smith 6.

Later in the evening the ringers of Wellington Parish Church added their compliment by ringing a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, the band being: G. Salter 1, W. Slocombe 2, Mrs. P. Moore 3, G. Walford (conductor) 4, N. Alderman 5, S. N. Bristow 6, D. Lentall 7, P. Rowland 8.

Another local Parish Church ringer, Mr. J. Hughes, was married to Miss V. Kerslake at All Saints', Rockwell Green, the same day, and the Parish Church ringers also associated this quarter as a compliment to them.

With the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Maulden on April 9th Mr. Dennis Knox and Mr. Derek P. Jones have 'completed the circle' of this tower.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting of the Society was held at Conisbrough on April 2nd. About 30 ringers representing ten towers and including the local company attended. A variety of methods including Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Cambridge and Stedman were rung, with rounds for the less advanced.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall, at very moderate cost, by the local company. The Association fixture cards, for the next two years, were distributed, and it was announced that the next meeting will be held at Bolsover on May 7th. D. J. S.

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IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On April 10th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): W. Shorter 1, R. Hollocks 2, F. Hunt 3, R. Chambers 4, L. Sharpe 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6. Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Sharpe 1, L. Pierce 2, H. King 3, K. S. Brown (cond.) 4, E. Bishop 5.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

E. G. C. writes questioning a paragraph that appeared in the 'Church of England Newspaper' that the ten bells hanging in the belfry of the disused Christ Church, Weymouth, have been removed and are to be placed in the tower of St. Andrew's, Lincoln. He asks has there ever been a ring of bells at Weymouth.

In conjunction with the quarterly meeting of the Surrey Association (Southern District) at Redhill to-morrow, a short talk, followed by questions, is to be given by the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Pat Cannon) on 'How to learn methods.' This is to help those who can already handle a bell and ring rounds but are finding difficulty in tackling change ringing. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

A good example of Easter Day ringing comes from Branston, Lincs. A 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung for early Communion, 720 Norwich Surprise for Matins and 720 Single Oxford for Evensong. The band afterwards rounded off the day by ringing a quarter peal in the following methods:—London Scholar's Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge and Bourne Surprise.

The time taken in the peal of Doubles at Renhold, Beds (see page 213) should read 2 hrs. 39 mins. 40 secs. and not 2 hrs. 45 mins. Despite the fact that the bells have not been 'pealed' for 35 years they are fairly ringable, but very 'lumpy.' The tuning and scale of the notes of the bells has to be heard to be believed, writes our correspondent. They are the original bells, being hung in a frame with a carved-in date of 1657. The peal was rung by present members of the Bedford and Bedford Modern Schools (average age 16½ years).

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Local ringers think there was a jinx on the bells of St. John-the-Baptist's, Cardiff, as far as peals of Major are concerned. It is 1912 since the last peal of Major was rung despite numerous attempts. In the successful performance on Easter Monday all the ringers had their hearts in their mouths as the tenor rope began to unstrand just below the sally. Tersely they rang on with strands of hemp floating in the air until finally the rope snapped —one complete whole pull just after 'That is all.' The jinx was beaten, but only just.

Representatives of five five-bell towers took part in a peal of Plain Bob Major at Hazelbech, Northants, on Easter Monday.

Congratulations to Mr. Peter Crook, the well-known Bolton ringer, on completing 50 years as a ringer. He took part in the congratulatory peal on Easter Monday at Holy Trinity, Bolton.

The peal at Hemingbrough, Yorks, on Good Friday was rung at the express wish of the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Amcotts). The bells were rung half-muffled.

Who is the oldest tower-keeper in the country? Bathford, Somerset, have Mr. F. W. Cannings, who has just celebrated his 90th birthday. A congratulatory quarter was rung on March 27th.

Alderman Paddon Smith had a special interest in the dedication of the recast eight at Handsworth on April 2nd, as it was on February 6th, 1897, that he rang his first peal on the treble at this church—Grandsire Triples. It was Holt's Original, called by Samuel Reeves. The band consisted of A. Paddon Smith 1, Thomas Verry 2, Samuel Reeves 3, Thomas Horton 4, William H. Godden 5, Reuben Hall 6, William Verry 7, Sidney P. Smith tenor. The new bell is the alderman's gift.

The peal at North Stoneham, recorded this week, is believed to be the first by a local band for well over 25 years, and certainly since the death of Mr. George Williams. The band have been trained by Mr. Reginald Reed, who has worked hard to re-form the band since the last war. It was the 249th peal on the bells, the conductor's 150th and his 49th in the tower.

Mr. J. Nelhams who has been captain of SS. Peter and Paul's, Harlington, for 12 years has resigned on account of leaving the village. His successor is Mr. L. Grice. These bells were rung for four services on Easter Day.

An amazing coincidence has occurred to two members of the Wiversfield, Sussex, band. On March 20th a quarter peal was rung for the birth of a son to Mrs. Hancock, and on March 27th a quarter to the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Freda Hammond. Both mothers are members of the local band.

Some very valuable work was done at St. Peter's Church, Ash, on April 3rd, when the Farnham District held a combined practice for Surprise methods. All who attended enjoyed themselves and hopes were expressed that another practice of a similar character will be held in the near future.

In reply to Mr. George Gilbert's note re Miss Valerie Crouch's handbell peal, Mr. D. T. Matkin writes: 'My apologies to George Gilbert about the footnote to handbell peal in which Valerie Crouch rang 5-6. I was, however, informed by the lady concerned that it was her first attempt and even now she says she cannot remember ringing the peal at Hitcham. She does, however, not doubt she did ring one.'

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PEAL RINGING IN MIDDLESEX

MIDDLESEX suffered more than any other county in the destruction of bells during the last war. Twelve rings were lost—nearly one-third of the total over the whole country. These included three 12's (St. Bride's, Fleet Street, St. Giles', Cripplegate, and Bow); one 10 (St. Clement Danes'); seven 8's and one 6. Of course, this is largely explained by the fact that the City of London is in this county and actually 10 of the above 12 towers are in the City. Thus ringing in Middlesex will mean talking about some of the towers in London whose names are household words from the old nursery rhyme, apart from many of them being the places where so many of the earliest peals ever rung were recorded. In several, we shall find that peals have not been rung for a long time, although they were popular in the past and, of course, with the movement of population away from the centre of the City, it means that fewer peals are rung these days in its many towers than 50 years ago, although there are one or two exceptions. Another point to remember here (and more so than in any other county, I expect) is that peal totals do not nearly represent all the peals rung at a particular tower since nearly all have been heard of for more than 200 years now. But now for some facts.

Willesden (8) is easily the tower with the most peals in the county—312 is its total. This would appear to be its real total, too, for it was a 6-bell tower at the beginning of the period under review, and the first peal recorded on August 1st, 1892, is claimed as the first on the bells. Only 12 had been rung by 1914, but after the war (the bells had then been augmented) no less than 172 came before 1940, and the rate has been even higher since the second war ended, for there have been 128 in the last ten years. Actually, only ten other towers in the country have passed the 300 mark in the past 75 years, so it can be seen how high in the list is Willesden.

ST. BOTOLPH'S

The second tower is far behind this total. It is St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate (8) with 202. The heyday here was between the wars when 178 peals were rung, including 40 in 1934 (after which there was a rather sudden drop to four or five a year). Peals were rung here before 1881, but 21 came from then to 1914. Only nine were rung from 1918 to 1925, but then came the sudden onslaught which produced 149 in the next ten years! Since the war there have only been three peals.

The third tower on the list has been one of the 'steadiest' in the county. It is Edmonton (8)—99 peals came in the 30-odd years from 1882 to 1914; there were 43 between the wars and there have been 51 since, making a total of 193. On the other hand, the next tower, Southgate (10), has only been heard twice in the last 25 years. Before the 1914 war it was one of the most popular 8-bell towers in the county and 169 peals were rung out of its total of 189 from 1881 to 1913. Two more were rung just after the war before augmentation, but there have only been 18 since then—16 from 1920 to 1930 and odd ones in 1939 and 1950.

Isleworth (10—175 peals) was also an 8-bell tower at the beginning of the period and the first peal recorded there was in 1889 (but there were previous ones to this). It has been very consistent since then, for 65 peals came from 1889 to 1914, and 28 from 1917 to 1928. When the bells were augmented, 36 peals were rung from 1931 to 1939, and there have been 46 since 1945. Fulham (10—171 peals) had its best time early on, for no less than 145 of its total were rung between 1882 and 1913; 18 more came from 1919 to 1933, after which there was silence until 1945 with eight peals since then.

Another of the many 10-bell towers, now unhappily destroyed, comes next—St. Clement Danes'. Its 162 peals were rung consistently from 1881 to 1939 with the usual gap for the war at an average of about three a year. Only in 1891, 1933 and 1938 did it fail to register a peal, and not many towers can say that with a total as small as this (compared with some, that is). Three other towers have passed the 100 mark—Westminster, St. Margaret's (10), Stepney (10) and St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8). One hundred and thirty-seven peals have come from the first, mostly in the early part of the period (113 to 1913—nine since 1945); 125 from the second (74 before 1914 and seven since 1944), and 114 from St. Giles' (a similar history again—64 pre-1914 and 12 post second war).

ONE OFF THE CENTURY

Hillingdon, St. Andrew's (8) will also reach the century with its next peal. Fifty-seven were rung from 1885 to 1914, 35 between the wars (31 from 1929 to 1939) and seven from 1945 to 1950. There are three others in the 90's. They are St. Magnus Martyr (10)—43 from 1895 to 1906 and 54 from 1921 to 1940; none since the war, total 97; Acton (8)—total 96 (45 pre-1914 war, 24 since 1944, but none last year); and Bethnal Green (8)—total 94 (58 from 1881 to 1898, 26 from 1903 to 1914 and ten from 1920 to 1939, with again none since the last war).

THE TWELVE-BELL TOWERS

None of the seven 12-bell towers has yet been mentioned for their totals are not very high. All the remaining ones have been heard since the war especially St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, where 14 of its total of 44 have come since 1945—the average is less than one a year over the remainder of the period. Shoreditch has the most with 68 peals, 50 of them between the wars and two (in 1953) since. Cornhill's 63 is spread fairly evenly over the years, but there have been only three since the war, in the years 1950 to 1954. Bow had just reached the 50 mark in the time when it was destroyed—39 of these came between 1919 and 1939.

St. Giles', Cripplegate, had 30 peals from 1886 to 1913, and the remaining six of its total of 36 between 1922 and 1939 before its destruction. Peals have been few at St. Paul's Cathedral, as most people know. Only 16 have been rung in the 75 years concerned—seven from 1881 to 1909, seven from 1918 to 1938, and two in 1948 and 1953. Even this beats the last of the 12-bell towers—St. Bride's, Fleet Street, where the bells had been silent for nearly 40 years when it was blitzed. The 13 peals there came between 1882 and 1903.

Although seven 10-bell towers have already been mentioned, there are still nine more in the county, for Middlesex has more of these towers than any other county. Six of the nine have not had peals rung on them for many years. St. Barnabas', Pimlico, holds the record—the last of its six peals was rung in 1902, while Hampstead isn't much better, for all its 20 peals came from 1882 to 1905. Chelsea has a 30 years' silence. Thirty-two of the 37 peals were rung before 1914 and there were five in 1920 to 1922. St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, has the most peals of the nine, but has not been heard for more than 20 years. Forty-eight of the 57 peals are pre-1914, and there were nine after the war up to 1933. Kensington, St. Mary Abbot's, has 35 peals—26 from 1882 to 1914, and nine from 1922 to 1937.

The Imperial Institute, Kensington, has fewest peals of all—four. Three were rung soon after the bells were installed between 1902 and 1904 and the only other one was rung in 1924. Of the three rings which have been heard since 1945, Hillingdon has the most—38. These are spread evenly over the years—17 from 1892 to 1916, 14 from 1918 to 1934, and seven from 1949 to 1955. Poplar has 34, mostly before 1914 (24), but there have been three from 1946 to 1951. The final 10 is now at All Hallows', Twickenham. These bells have had an interesting history for they have been moved twice. Seventy-five years ago they were at the Church of St. Dionis, Fenchurch Street (no peals in the period there), then they were moved to All Hallows', Lombard Street, where four peals were rung in 1897 (two), 1928 and 1930. Since being placed at Twickenham, five years ago, four more peals have been rung.

LONG SILENCES

The most prominent 8-bell towers have already been mentioned. St. Stephen's, Westminster, has the most peals of the remaining towers, but is not heard of much these days. Eighty-four of its 89 peals were rung from 1881 to 1905. There were none between the wars but two since. Christ Church, Poplar, has 77—half came from 1907 to 1914, and 26 from 1919 to 1925, but there was a 20-year silence then until 16 peals were rung from 1945 to 1949 (none since). Fifty-three of Tottenham's 69 were rung before 1906 and the tower has only been heard occasionally since, but there have been three since the war. Several towers have long silences. St. Botolph's, Aldgate, and St. Dunstan's-in-the-West have not been heard at all in the period, although there were early peals at both. St. Lawrence Jewry's only peal was in 1887, and a similar lone peal at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico, was in 1902. Shadwell had 31 from 1892 to 1900 and none since. Paddington's three were in 1903, 1905 and 1913. The peal at Harrow last year was the first since 1899. Others have silences of more than 25 years.

As for 6-bell towers, there are not a large number of them, and 6-bell ringing has never been very popular in the county. Cranford has the most—30, and all since the last war. Stanwell has 22, all but the first since the war, and including peals in record numbers of Doubles methods recently. Stoke Newington's only peal was in 1891. South Mymms has not been heard this century either. No peals have been recorded at West Drayton; Hayes; St. Andrew's Undershaft; St. Catherine's Cree; St. Luke's, Nutford Place; and St. Vedast's, Foster Lane (now destroyed). Two of the three 5-bell towers in the county have had a single peal—St. Bartholomew's, Smithfield, in 1923, and Shepperton in 1947. The remaining one is at Bethnal Green (St. Thomas'), which still has to be conquered.

Peal totals include all published to April 8th, 1955.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR BELLRINGERS

Many teams of bellringers are insured under the special policies issued by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, Ltd., 11, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C.2. Particuuars will be supplied on application. Those with old policies are recommended to consider increasing the scale of benefits provided.

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DEDICATION

HANDSWORTH PARISH CHURCH

The bells of Handsworth Parish Church, Birmingham, were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham on April 2nd following their recasting by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

After the service an excellent touch of 408 Stedman Triples was rung by the following members of St. Martin's Guild:—Alderman Paddon Smith 1, Henry H. Fearn 2, Albert Walker (conductor) 3, George E. Fearn 4, Edgar C. Shepherd 5, John Pinfold 6, Frank E. Haynes 7, Ralph G. Edwards 8.

It is interesting to note that Alderman Paddon Smith rang the bell upon which he rang his first peal, at the age of 15. Three of the bells were each given by ex-Lord Mayors of Birmingham.

A commemoration plaque in wrought bronze reads:—

'In thanksgiving to Almighty God for the wise and inspiring ministry of James Henry Linton, Bishop. Ordained Priest in 1904. Consecrated Bishop 1919. Bishop in Persia 1919-1935. Assistant Bishop of Birmingham 1937-1954. Rector of Handsworth 1935-1954.

'The eight bells in this tower were recast and rehung in a new frame by the gift of the parishioners and friends of this church and were dedicated by Leonard, Lord Bishop of Birmingham, 2nd April, 1955.

'K. B. Wood, Rector's Warden. D. G. Vaughton, People's Warden.'

THE INSCRIPTIONS

The recast bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—'In thankfulness to Almighty God this treble bell was recast by means of a gift from Alderman A. Paddon Smith, J.P., Lord Mayor of Birmingham 1950-51. In loving memory of his wife, Nancy Earland.'

Second.—'In thankfulness to Almighty God this bell was recast by means of a gift from Councillor William Semple and Mrs. Amy C. Semple. In memory of their son, Sgt. William J. R. Semple, R.A.F., 1924-1945, who did not return.'

Third.—'In thankfulness to Almighty God this bell was recast by means of a gift from Horace H. Lowe, Esq., and Mrs. Ada E. Lowe. In memory of their son, Donald Roderic, R.N., age 21, lost at sea 9th August, 1942.'

Fourth.—'In thankfulness to Almighty God this bell was recast on behalf of the Bells Restoration Committee in appreciation of the generous support given to their appeal by the parishioners and friends of this church. George Griffith, Leon Hudson, Harry Mason, Dorothy Thomas, Harold Thompson, Ian Thompson, Albert Tims, Denis Vaughton, Kenneth Wood, Wardens. 1955.'

Fifth.—'In thankfulness to Almighty God this bell was recast through the generosity of Councillor F. T. D. Hall and Mrs. Irene Hall, J.P. In memory of their respective fathers.'

Sixth.—'In thankfulness to Almighty God this bell was recast by means of a gift from Alderman G. H. W. Griffith, J.P., Lord Mayor of Birmingham 1953-54. In loving memory of his wife, Gladys Winifred, Lady Mayoress of Birmingham, who died 31st January, 1954.'

Seventh.—'In thankfulness to Almighty God this bell was recast through the generosity of Alderman Percy W. Cox, J.P. In loving memory of his parents, Harry Cox and Fanny Elizabeth Cox.'

Tenor.—'In thankfulness to Almighty God this tenor bell was recast by means of a gift from Sir Ernest R. Canning, D.L., J.P., Lord Mayor of Birmingham, 1937-38. In memory of his mother.'

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Visit to North Ockendon After 27 Years

On Saturday, April 2nd, the South Western District held a quarterly meeting at St. Mary Magdalene's, North Ockendon, for the first time since 1928. About 40 ringers were present, and for many this was their first pull on this rather tricky, anti-clockwise six.

After service, conducted by the new Rector (the Rev. Mr. Hall), the company adjourned for tea followed by a business meeting in the School Room. Mr. Heazell, Master of the Essex Association, and Mrs. Heazell and 'Rook' were welcome visitors. Silent tribute was paid to the memory of Mr. H. H. Warne, a non-ringing member from Dagenham, and Mr. Scase, senior, ringing member from Loughton.

After the election of six new ringing members, the meeting went on to discuss the possible revision of the boundaries of the South-Western District, which many agreed was of an unwieldy size. Mr. Wilmington drew attention to the fact that the date of the May meeting at Chigwell was now May 14th and not May 7th, as printed on the 'fixture' cards, and appealed for all present to make an effort to get to Chigwell, as a meeting had not been held there for many years.

Mr. Heazell called attention to the special ringing in connection with the Cathedral Festival at Chelmsford. This is taking place from June 4th to 11th, and the tower will be open for ringing from 6.15 p.m. until 7.15 p.m. on every night during that week except Tuesday and Thursday. On Tuesday there is a peal attempt scheduled, and good wishes for success were extended to the band, as peals at Chelmsford Cathedral (especially Maximus) are something of a rarity.

The Master also reminded the meeting of a ringing week-end to be held at Clarence House, Thaxted (under the auspices of the Essex Education Committee) on June 10th-12th. The first venture of this kind, last year, had been well attended and proved very popular, and Mr. Heazell asked for early bookings as the capacity of Clarence House was limited.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector and organist, and also to Mrs. Woodgate and her helpers for an enjoyable tea. Ringing was continued until eight o'clock, and ranged from London Surprise to rounds and call changes. J. E. M. H.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

Despite the downpour of rain and the floods, a successful meeting of the Midland District was held at Burton-on-Trent on March 26th, when ringing on the ten bells of St. Paul's was enjoyed during the afternoon and evening.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, who said that as it was Passiontide, he would not speak about bells but that he would speak on the Passion of our Lord, taking as his text, 'Behold the Man.' The service concluded with the hymn, 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.'

An excellent tea was served to approximately 35 ringers and friends by the local ladies. The vice-president, Miss Thompson, expressed thanks to all concerned, especially to Mr. B. G. Key, for making the local arrangements.

At the business meeting four new members were elected. The vice-president asked the secretary to write to Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Smith, now living in the Norwich area, sending the members' best wishes and congratulations to them on the birth of their son, Stephen Thomas.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting jointly with the West Midland District at Tamworth on June 4th.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Aston Parish Church on March 26th. The Master (Mr. Albert Walker) referred to the passing of William J. Meers, of Erdington Parish Church, and the members stood in silence in respect to his memory.

The following were made full ringing members:—Miss Shirley B. Jones, Mr. Terry Hayward and Mr. Richard Cann, all of Solihull. The tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified:—Mr. David A. Carpenter, of Coventry, Miss Gwen I. Rusby, of Grimsby, and Mr. Howard Scott, of Doncaster.

Notice of motion having been given at the previous meeting of a proposed redrafting of the rules, Mr. Edgar C. Shepherd formally proposed that the new rules be adopted. After discussion it was decided by a majority that any alteration of the rules should be made at the annual meeting, and the matter was therefore postponed until January.

For the place of the next meeting it was unanimously decided to accept an invitation kindly extended by the Tanworth-in-Arden ringers to visit their village on July 2nd.

The chairman referred to the very fine oil painting of the late Joshua Short which has been presented to the Guild by Mr. Butcher, of Bromsgrove, who is a great-great-great-grandson of Joshua Short. Joshua Short was an Aston ringer who helped to make ringing history by taking part in several long lengths on Aston bells, and it is very appropriate that his portrait hangs side by side with that of Henry Johnson in Ashton Parish Church belfry.

Mr. Walker informed the meeting that the £100,000 appeal for the restoration of St. Martin's Church was within £500 of its completion. When this object is achieved the members will have the use of the new flat sixth bell, which will be found very useful for the Tuesday practices.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The Bedford District met at the Abbey Church of SS. Mary and Helena, Elstow, on April 2nd. Ringing before tea was mainly for beginners, who received plenty of help and advice, and many achieved great things. The proceedings before tea were rounded off with an excellent course of Woodbine. Tea, served by the local band, was taken in the Church Hall.

At the business meeting the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Hartley) was elected an honorary member, with Mr. L. A. Clare, of Pavenham, as a performing member. The usual round of thanks for the bells and tea, etc., were voiced by Mr. J. B. Long.

After tea many members had the interesting and unique experience of ringing the historic fifth bell—the same one that John Bunyan rang before his conversion. It has not been recast. Ringing was of a good quality, including touches of Cambridge and London.

One touch of Cambridge was dogged by two ropes breaking successively! The bells were well lowered in Queens—for a change— at 8.30.

ALDRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Tipler's D 56-1)

58, 16, 56, 36, 14, 1458, 16, 7

Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, March 23rd, 1955.

UMBERSLADE SURPRISE MAJOR

(Tipler's B 27-3)

38, 16, 56, 16, 14, 38, 16, 1

Rung at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, March 28th, 1955.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S RULES

Dear Sir,—On behalf of Mr. C. K. Lewis and myself, may I thank Mr. Alan Pink for his kind remarks about our efforts. (He may have noticed the slight error of identity in his letter.)

The decision to which he refers was incorporated in the Council's Rules when these were revised in 1950, and now forms part of Rule 3 (i), which reads as follows: —

'Any Society, Association or Guild of Church Bell Ringers . . . . numbering not fewer than seventy-five members, shall upon application and subject to election by a majority of two-thirds of the members present and voting be affiliated to the Council and shall subscribe to an undertaking loyally to abide by the Rules and Decisions of the Council.'

The original resolution was passed in 1930, and asked affiliated Societies to incorporate in their rules:—

'That this Society be affiliated to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and loyally abide by the Rules and Decisions thereof.'

We could, perhaps, have republished the Rules in our review, but they will of course be included in the Handbook, and they may be found in 'The Ringing World' of June 9th, 1950.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary,
Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—It is terrible to note that very few ringers call this peal at present. Are budding conductors unable to memorise it or is it because there are other simple peals of Grandsire Triples?

I remember, 60 years ago, the funny remarks being made of Taylor's Bob and 'Swindle' peal. Holt's Original was the first peal I called at St. Margaret's, Barking, on February 5th, 1898, with Faulkner, Ferris, etc. I have rung it 26 times on tower bells and five on handbells, conducting 23 and one 'silent' at St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, on June 4th, 1898.—Yours truly,

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

MANUAL

Dear Sir,—The need is urgent and the best ideas should be published in 'The Ringing World' as they are received. The Manual would obviously take some time to produce.

Musical appreciation classes are common to-day, and very successful. I would suggest that our first and most important chapter should be on the musical appreciation of church bells. Give details of how to listen, what to listen for, and what to look for in selecting touches or new methods to ring. Try to shift the emphasis from intricate methods and endurance tests on to producing good, well-struck music. Continually refer to this chapter throughout the book, linking it with every aspect of ringing.

Classes for instructors would be very helpful and welcome.—Yours, etc.,

E. FOSBERRY.

Horsham.

Dear Sir,—Authoritative advice and instruction in printed form is a much-needed want. A standard text book of this description would make for uniformity throughout the ringing world. Many would-be ringers who are now lost would stay the course with more comprehensive instruction. We are all in favour and await the Manual with impatience.

J. S.

St. Mary Cray.

MR. BLAGROVE ANSWERS CRITICS

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. Martin's letter, I did not say that double changes in Major are bad. I said 'IF double changes . . . .' I do not agree that they are bad in Triples or Major. To ban a thing because it is unnecessary is just silly. Four-blow singles in Grandsire, four-blow bobs in Kent, non-c.p.s. Treble Bob and many other things are unnecessary, but perhaps he would also ban these. I challenge his remark, 'We tolerate Cambridge.' One person condemns Cambridge in his book on Surprise. So what? Cambridge Major is a method enjoyed by learner and expert alike.

With reference to M. R. P., Plain Bob on odd numbers is a most excellent method for teaching beginners, far better than Grandsire or Stedman, and if a method is useful for teaching beginners, then that is a necessary and sufficient reason for retaining it. Grandsire Triples is not the extension of Plain Bob Minor, Plain Bob Triples and Grandsire Triples are both extensions, but whereas Plain Bob Triples leads on to Plain Bob Major, Grandsire Triples leads on to a triple-hunt Major method, Grandsire Major (No. 2 version), which is, incidentally, regular.

He also says that you stagnate if you don't progress. Perhaps he could tell us how those who have rung 105 Minor methods con progress (in the field of Minor)? As Mr. H. Chant has so excellently pointed out, the only way in which they can progress is to release the Plain Bob lead-end rule. It is not illogical to say that if Plain Bob is the foundation of all our methods, we should keep its lead heads. You might just as well say 'Plain Bob is a plain method with only right places, therefore we will onlyr ing plain methods with right places.'

As Mr. Bond says, the whole thing is a matter of principle. Whereas the Central Council will accept a rough peal rung at a secular tower than for no other purpose than to enable someone to ring more than 40 peals in a year, it would reject a peal of Plain Bob Triples rung by a Sunday service band to the glory of God and to commemorate, say, the Coronation of H.M. the Queen. Have we got a Central Council of Church Bell Ringers or a Central Council for the Amassment of Peals.

Finally, with regard to Mr. Frith connecting the banning of Doubles variations with the silencing of cats, I must point out that the best-loved cats are those of uncertain parentage.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Sanwell, near Staines.

A MERCHANT NAVY RINGER GETS PRACTICE AT CAPE TOWN

Dear Sir,—My occupation in the Merchant Navy brings me to Cape Town, South Africa, regularly every two months. My ringing activities are somewhat limited owing to the profession, but due to the kindness and hospitality of the band at St. Mary's, Woodstock, I am able to take part in the ringing on their practice evening whilst the ship is in port.

My thanks go especially to Mr. Woods, the captain, also to Mr. A. V. Sheppard, who always ensures that I enjoy the greatest of pleasure and amusement during my stay in Cape Town.

I feel sure that any wandering Merchant Navy ringer will receive a great welcome by the band and be assured of some very happy ringing on a good ring of eight. Any such person should apply to Mr. A. V. Sheppard, Box 1703, Cape Town, South Africa.—Yours sincerely,

A. L. SPENCER.

Southampton.

OUR 'RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—'F. S.'s' defence of a sixpenny 'Ringing World' is impressive were it a true picture. I have taken the 'Bell News' and later 'The Ringing World' without a break since 1907. I could hazard a guess that there is today a hard core of similar old subscribers without whom 'Our Paper' would have long ago been insolvent. Few if any of these older men partake of the increased wealth of the country enumerated by 'F. S.' although they are compelled to subscribe heavily to the well-being of their younger brethren.

My income to-day is but two-thirds of my 1937 retiring salary and as that two-thirds has since depreciated in value by 13s. 4d. in the £1, each £1 is now only worth 4s. 5½d. The price of three cigarettes is the outworn theme of parsons and politicians when cadging or cajoling, but when £1 will only buy 4s. 5½d. worth of cigarettes one has to look carefully at each three cigarettes before giving them away! Besides one cannot eat cigarettes, neither will they keep out the rain and snow. (I am not pleading poverty, merely trying to create a true perspective.)

In my experience the not so young are the ones most regular and punctual for service ringing! They, not peal ringers, are the backbone of the Exercise. They do not ring many peals—often because the cost of travel is for them prohibitive. A sixpenny 'Ringing World' is to them a real sacrifice. To me, and no doubt to many similar, 'Our Paper' is not really worth 6d, although we continue to take it simply as a link with old friends. Our names seldom now appear in print; we are largely forgotten or have been thrown overboard; youth, even Christian youth, is so intolerant.

In this issue, April 1st, 291 names appear, occupying three and a half pages, as having rung peals. At 3d. each name, a voluntary contribution would produce £3 12s. 9d.. The total received this week is 8s. 6d. A further 315 names appear as having rung quarter peals, occupying one page. At 3d. each, this would produce £3 18s. 9d. The total received is £2 9s.

It is quite obvious that our most prolific peal ringers for whom 'Our Paper' caters first and foremost and who are largely the younger folk who benefit most from the wealth of the country and can afford it, do not contribute their fair share. It is to them 'F. S.' should direct the moral, 'Pay for your sport—or pleasure, or leave it alone.' Can they not be made to pay?

W. BOTTRILL.

P.S.—Why hide behind initials —W. B.

THE REV. F. E. ROBINSON

Dear Sir,—Glancing through my old records for a friend, I found that the late Rev. F. E. Robinson rang his peal at Cranleigh on January 8th, 1910, just one week previous to his last at Hillingdon on the 15th. It brought back to memory our great surprise at his sudden death, as it was said at Cranleigh that the reverend gentleman looked good for years. He was buried on February 19th, 1910, not 1911 as stated in your April 1st issue.—Yours, etc.,

A. H. PULLING.

Guildford.

SEEN BEFORE

Dear Sir,—The 1,280 of Plain Bob Major under the name of Raymond Overy (page 224) is one that was composed many years ago. I do not know when it was first rung but I called it during the year 1909.—Yours sincerely,

W. SHEPHERD.

Addlestone.

THE AMBLING RINGER

Ye Attleborough ringers, come listen to me,
Hear what I say now and I think you will agree
About your new tenor I don't say a word,
But to make them complete you must have a new third.

For she is short-winded, which is oft-times the case;
I think a new one would be best in her place;
She is near the half-tone, and tell the right tale,
But she always will be a disgrace to your peal.

Then I went to Harling, where the bells hang across,
They said, 'Sir, you are a stranger, so mind you're not lost:'
But I, on the second, thought there was no need
When they called for Plain Bob, I knew I must lead.

Then I went to Northwold, when the tenor was 'G';
They all took their place and left her to me;
She weighed thirteen hundred by what I could feel,
And two or three times the rope missed the wheel.

Then I went to Methwold on the very same day,
The rain fast descending all the whole way;
When I got there I was wet to my skin,
And who should I meet with but great Harry King.

Then I went to Garboldisham—the weather being hot
Not a company of ringers was there to be got;
They were all very busy being Saturday Eve—
All cobblers and tailors I firmly believe.

Then I went to Hopton—I will tell you no lies—
And there rang the treble to 'Cambridge Surprise,'
There was Joe Booty as plain as could be,
Besides other ringers that I never did see.

Then I went to Blo' Norton, and there rang on five
With some as good old ringers as any alive;
They were lovers of ringing as well as strong beer,
And to practise their science they went far and near.

Then I went to Lopham and happened of Tom
In a cobbler's shop, close by his own home;
His eyes were covered all with his long hair,
And his beard on his face made him look like a bear.

Then I went to Burgate and happened of Bean—
All he knew about ringing he soon did explain;
I ask'd him one question—his mouth for to stop;
How the eight bells should lay when the tittums come up?

Then I went to Tibenham, all on the road straight;
There's a grand peal of six, which ought to be eight:
And what an addition these two bells would be,
For according to my ear, the tenor is 'E.'

Then I went to Diss in the morning betimes,
Saluted I was with the beautiful chimes;
At the sign of the Cherry Tree, there I did stop,
And I sent for Old Harry to his blacksmith's shop.

Then I set off again that very same day.
Round by Brome Swan and so down to Eye;
There's a grand peal of eight as I understand,
But not ringers enow* to lend me a hand.

Then I went to Redenhall, they were all strangers to me,
But some very good ringers I judged them to be;
There's a length of eight thousand nailed up on a board
Of that intricate peal, called 'Oxford Treble Bob.'

Then I went to Bungay to hear the new peal,
I always will say they do not tell the right tale,
For when I heard them I said very soon,
There is a deficiency in the half-tone.

Then I went to Norwich where the dons do dwell,
Some of the ringers I knew very well;
There was Harry, he railed against Thurston and Payne,
And swore he never would ring with them again.

Then I went to Forncett, being late in the night,
When I got there, I found all was not right;
There's a good peal of five as I have heard tell,
They were made into six by an old stolen bell.

Then I went to Buckenham, where they were all know,
So that I was not able to put in a blow;
There was young crafty Aldis, he was full of his lies,
For he talked of ringing 'London Surprise.'

Then I went to Harwich, one fine summer's day,
Went ringing of handbells all the whole way;
I never did meet with my master before,
Till I met with John Ringer on the sea shore.

Now to conclude and finish my song,
I have rambled about till it's time to go home;
I never went to Gislingham, where I ought to have gone,
To see the grand company fed with a tea-spoon.
* Enough.

A copy of a printed pamphlet in the possession of W. E. 'Rowley' Musk, an old Norfolk ringer now living in Eye, Suffolk.

ICKNIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

12345678	38724615
21436587	83726451
12435678	38274615
21346587	83724165
23164578	38271456
32615487	32874165
32165847	23781456
23618574	32718465
32681547	23174856
23865174	23714586
28361547	32175468
82635174	31257486
28365714	13524768
82637541	31527486
28635714	13254768
82367541	13527486
83276451	

Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, Jan. 20th, 1955.

YARDLEY SURPRISE MAJOR

12345678	64738215
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12463857	64872315
21648375	46782135
26143857	64871253
62418375	64782135
26148357	46871253
62413875	48617235
64231857	84162753
46328175	48612735
46231857	84167253
64328175	81462735
46238715	18647253
64327851	81674523
46372815	18765432
64738251	18674523
46372851	

Rung at Yardley, Birmingham, Jan. 15th, 1955.

OUTINGS

ST. MARY'S, TWYFORD, BERKS

Twyford ringers, together with friends from several adjacent towers held their first annual outing on Easter Monday visiting Central and West Wilts.

After a delightful ride through West Berkshire, Pewsey was reached ahead of schedule. The church was beautifully decorated and the Easter Garden was especially admired. The six bells were soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor and rounds.

Devizes was the next objective. Unfortunately ringing at St. John's was interrupted for 20 minutes by a baptism, but this time was used to ring handbells on the flat roof of the Lady Chapel. St. James', Southbroom, bells were sampled before leaving Devizes.

The Vicar of Rowde, who is a ringer, welcomed the company to his tower . A pleasant half-hour was spent here, and then on to Seend, where the delightful situation of the church and the wonderful Easter decorations were admired by all. The ropes were in poor condition but the 'go' was quite good.

The party arrived at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, at the appointed hour, but one or two difficulties, mainly a loose clock hammer and a very 'temporary' stay delayed proceedings slightly. Tea was served in Holy Trinity Church House and was much appreciated.

The last tower of the day was Melksham, where, in spite of the long draught, some reasonably good ringing was enjoyed. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

EASTER MONDAY IN SOUTH DEVON

A number of Devon Guild ringers, mainly drawn from Teignmouth, spent a very enjoyable day in the South Hams area on Easter Monday in perfect weather conditions.

The good-going six at East Allington was first visited, followed by a pleasant hour at Dodbrook. A picnic lunch followed, a spot by the roadside on a hill being chosen for this, where the party were able to get a good view of the scenery.

The six bells at South Pool were in good going order and the company marvelled at the very large number of primroses which had been gathered to decorate the church. From here the party moved on to East Portlemouth on one side of the Salcombe estuary, where the ringing was thoroughly enjoyed on what proved to be the best six for the day.

Tea, with real Devonshire cream, was served at a farmhouse at the charming village of East Prawle on the extreme south coast of Devon. From here a move was made for Chivelstone, another good six, this being the last tower for the day. All were new towers for most of the party, who expressed their thanks to the organiser for the excellent programme. Methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles.

NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT

On Easter Monday, in beautiful spring weather, some 28 ringers and friends from Bozeat, Roade and St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, much enjoyed an outing organised by Mr. G. F. Roome.

Ringing during the day took place at Whilton (6), Daventry (8), Staverton (6), Southam (8), Bishop's Itchington (5), Dunchurch (6), Rugby (5), Willoughby (6) and Braunston (6).

Methods rung included Plain Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Cambridge, Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob Minor and a variety of Doubles methods.

Thanks are due to the incumbents for the use of their bells, and to tower captains and others who met the party.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON BOB MAJOR

By H. CHANT

Finally, let us have a look at another 'wangle' that comes in useful sometimes.

Examine the following extension:—

23456	W	H
42356		—
54326	—	
32546	—	—
43526	—	
52436	—	—
45236		—
24536		—
53246	—	—
25346		—
34256	—	—
23456		—

Now the only course-end missing in order to have the 6th the extent in 6 is 35426.

If we examine the following touch of three courses we shall find that it contains this desirable course-end, and moreover, returns us into the plain course.

23456	W	B	M	H	W	M	H
52364	—	—		—	52436		
					23564	23564	52364
35426	—		—		65324	35426	35426
23456	—				23456	23456	23456

If we started our extension with this round block, falseness would occur as the Bob W brings us into the course 52436, which occurs as the 6th course of our original extension.

But we are undaunted. In the 3 course round block just given, the course 52436 is used from the W to the B positions, i.e., the 2nd, 3rd and 4th leads. There still remains the 1st, 5th, 6th and 7th leads.

Is it possible to utilise these in order to avoid falseness. Puzzle no longer, dear student, it is!

Here is a round block which, for want of a better term, I call the 'reciprocal' of the above, because it removes the falseness created by it.

23456	W	B	M	H
52364	—	—		—
35264				—
23456	—		—	

By inserting these into our original extension we get the following:—

23456	W	B	M	H	W	M	H
52364	—	—		—	52436		
					23564	23564	52364
35426	—		—		65324	35426	35426
42356	—			—	23456		
54326	—						
32546	—			—			
43526	—						
52436	—			—			
35264				—	35426		
	—	—		—	52364	52364	35264
23564				—	35264	35264	23564
45236	—		—	—	62534	52436	
24536				—			
53246	—			—			
25346				—			
34256	—			—			
23456				—			

If the reader (I'm fed up, like you, with the word student), cares to write out the complete proof he will find it correct, but the professor and I can tell by comparing the written proofs above with each other and the course-ends of the extension.

By combining our 'reciprocals' and the insertion B, W and M and then **further extending** the 6th in 5th it is possible to get some interesting peals.

Here is one:—

5,024

23456	W	B	M	H
52364	—	—		—
35426	—		—	
42356	—			—
54326	—			
32546	—			—
43526	—			
24365	—	—		—
34562			—	
25463			—	—
42563				—
54263				—
32465			—	—
43265				—
52436	—		—	—
35264	—	—		—
23564				—
45236	—		—	—
24536				—
53246	—			—
25346				—
34256	—			—
32456				S

Repeated.

6th extent right and always in 5–6. By adding 3 H at the 8th course we have the extent each way.

This peal, then, is built up from our previous touch. If the 3 bracketted extensions are removed it will be seen that the insertion is (as I have said) B, W and M with which we are already familiar. There appears to be little resemblance between this peal and our simple extension but scores of such peals may be built up in a similar manner.

Although I have given only one pair of 'reciprocals' there are others which the student may like to discover for himself.

As I finally 'wrap up' I am aware that these random thoughts of mine are full of shortcomings. Certain things could have been said better—other, perhaps, better left unsaid. I am cognisant that I have done those things that I ought not to have done and left undone those things that I ought to have done. (The latter always makes me feel more uneasy than the former.)

But perhaps someone, somewhere, has learnt a little knack or trick, or perhaps some trifle is slightly less obscure; meanwhile the professor has been kept amused.

I know but little, but that little I know is always at anyone's disposal—so don't be afraid to ask—my Bach is worse than my Beethoven.

(Concluded)

Calthorpe Surprise Major

12345678	84725613
21436587	87452631
12346857	78546213
21438675	87456123
24136857	78541632
42318675	78456123
42136857	87541632
24318675	78514623
42381657	87156432
24836175	87514623
24381657	78156432
42836175	71854623
24386715	17586432
42837651	71856342
48273615	17583624
84726351	17856342
48276531	

Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, January 27th, 1955.

IN SOUTH NORFOLK

That the best way to reach almost inaccessible towers is to travel by car was proved on April 2nd, when some young Norfolk ringers visited South Norfolk. We called first at Banham, a six-bell tower. The second is by Newman, of Norwich, in 1741, and is inscribed:—

'We trebles came by small consent,
Our birth I hope will give content;
Twins from old tenor, our lost old dad,
Some we make merry and some are sad.'

Our duty was to make merry, for a wedding had been arranged at short notice; we were astonished when John Barnes said the bridegroom was his cousin! So much for the planned quiet ceremony.

Next to Garboldisham, where Mr. Garnham helped us make good use of the six. We were shown the crown of a bell in the porch, and a note described it as the only remaining piece of work of William Schep, who is believed to have been a 13th century founder. We called at Dickleburgh (5) before rushing to Attleborough to pick up the undertaker of the band, who had been delayed. Thus a planned quiet hour for lunch became 15 minutes of fish and chips.

Minor repairs to the slider of the second had to be carried out at Shelfanger (5), where the tenor was cast by Thomas Draper in 1582, and the remaining four by Pack and Chapman in 1772. We felt the music here would have pleased Arnold Schönberg. The six at Winfarthing were then rung, and we hope Mr. Walter Elsey will soon be well again.

At Tharston and Tasburgh (both five-bell towers) we were joined by Mr. Harry Duffield, of the well-known Norfolk ringing family, the Rector (of both parishes) and his dog, Bobby. Amusement was caused at Tasburgh, for when first the conductor called 'bob,' the dog bounded in. Bridget Mutimer's mother did very well to give a good tea to six hungry ringers, after which we called finally at Shotesham (5), where promising young members of the local band met us. The bells and the appearance of the ringing room leave nothing to be desired—a most encouraging end to the day.

Methods rung ranged from rounds on five to Spliced Little and Plain Bob Minor and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

Thanks are expressed to David Heighton for driving, Mrs. Mutimer for the wonderful tea, and John Barnes for making arrangementscmb and John Barnes for arrangements. J. S. B.

5,056 Bristol Surprise Major

By ERNEST BENNETT

23456	M	B	W	H
42356				1
56234	1		2	2
32465	2	—	2	
35264	2			1
36452	2		1	1
63254	2			2
54326	1		2	2
32546	1	—	2	1

Repeated.

This composition contains.—
the 120 — 678's
the 24 — 6578's
the 24 — 6478's

and all the lead heads with the following bells behind in the positions stated thus:—

7286	5478
7386	6827
7486	6837
7586	6847
7685	6857
7684	2867
7584	3867
7485	4867
4578	5867

First rung at Brenchley, Kent, on August 16th, 1954, conducted by John Worth.

OBITUARY

MR. J. W. L. SLACK

We regret to record the death on March 6th, 1955, of Mr. John William Longdon Slack, a ringer at St. James', Sutton, in the Macclesfield Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild for 57 years. Mr. Slack was a founder member of this Branch to which Sunday by Sunday in his own church and quarter by quarter in the wider sphere he gave most faithful service.

In 1944 he became tower leader and worked with such diligence and skill that the bells were always fully manned throughout this most difficult period for the Exercise in general.

A competent ringer of many Plain and Treble Bob methods his peals ranged from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Minor, and numbered 40. Those he taught to ring will, however, remember him better for his insistence upon good striking, punctuality and faithful service.

He was laid to rest in the Churchyard at St. James', Sutton, on March 12th in the presence of a very large number of representatives of the Chester Guild and other local bodies in the life of which Mr. Slack had taken such an active part. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells at the graveside by Mrs. C. W. Lawton, Messrs. J. Worth, C. W. Lawton and J. W. Whittaker.

There were wreaths from the Chester Diocesan Guild (Macclesfield Branch), the ringers of St. Peter's, Macclesfield, and from the ringers of St. James', Sutton, the last of which bore the following words:—

At rest you lie
Beneath the bells
You rang so long and true;
Your course is done,
Your bell is 'Home,'
And honour is your due.
The bells each week
As they ring out
Their message ever new,
Will also keep alive and warm
Our memories, Jack, of you.

After the funeral a peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung fully muffled.

MR. JAMES AMORY SMITH

With regret we record the death of Mr. J. A. Smith, known to a wide circle of ringers as 'Pop.' He was the popular captain of the Talgarth, Breconshire, ringers for many years and was also District Master of the Swansea and Brecon Guild.

Mr. Smith started his ringing at Congresbury, Somerset, at the time when the late Major J. H. Hesse was living at Wrington. His two hobbies were ringing and fishing. He was brought up opposite Congresbury Church, his father then being the village schoolmaster.

Mr. Smith only rang two peals, he was at home on the tenor and was always keen on good striking. He came to Talgarth from Aberdare some years before the war to follow his profession as a dentist.

At the funeral, which took place at Talgarth on April 1st, the following members of the local band acted as bearers: Messrs. W. Chick, D. Griffith, J. Parry, M. James, R. Rees, D. Bennett. One of Mr. Smith's sons is a member of the local band.

It was his wish that the ringers should act as bearers and should ring after the funeral.

D. H. B.

MR. FRANK WARRINGTON

It is reported with deep regret that the death of Mr. Frank Warrington took place at his home at St. Ives on Sunday, April 17th, after a long illness. A full report will appear next week.

MR. A. E. BAVERSTOCK

One of the oldest members of the Bath Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, Mr. A. E. Baverstock, passed away on March 15th in his 83rd year. He started to take an interest in ringing at the age of eleven years, and continued as an active ringer until twelve months ago, when failing health prevented him from further participation. In recent years, since the war, he arranged an annual outing, usually in September, outings which will long be remembered by those who took part.

The interment took place at Locksbrook Cemetery, Bath, on March 21st, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by W. J. Prescott (Bath Abbey), G. J. Hawkins (St. Michael with St. Paul's), R. O. Fry (St. Michael's, Twerton), W. Cope (St. Mary's, Bathwick). The Abbey bells were rung half-muffled in the evening of the funeral, and a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Michael's, Twerton.

MR. WILLIAM APPLEBY

Many ringers in the Oxford Guild, and ringing bands who visited Henley over many years, will be sorry to hear that Mr. William Appleby has passed over, aged 76. He had to give up ringing about six years ago owing to ill-health.

NOTICES

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COMING-OF-AGE GREETING

Ringing friends in Suffolk extend hearty congratulations and best wishes to Alan Fever, now serving in Germany, on his 21st birthday and hope to be ringing again with him soon. 6220

ENGAGEMENT

PEAKMAN—HEMMING. — The engagement is announced between Reginald Arthur only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Peakman, of 47, High Street, Kingswinford, and Patricia, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Hemming, 15, Hawbush Road, Brierley Hill. 6215

MARRIAGE

GAY—LUTON.—On April 12th, 1955, at the Church of St. Cadoc, Trevethin, Monmouthshire, David John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Gay, to Jean, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Luton, Kincora, Wainfelin Road, Pontypool. Future residence: Oaklands, Sticklepath, Barnstaple, Devon.. 6210

MISCELLANEOUS

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—After April 24th, 1955, and until further notice, ringing is suspended owing to work of restoration.—E. Nobles. 6196

Correspondence in respect of SS. Peter and Paul's, Harlington, bells should now be addressed to Mr. L. Grice, 15, Burnham Gardens, Harlington, Middlesex. Practice night, Friday, 8 p.m. Visitors welcome. 6185

GUILDFORD GUILD Library requires Vol. 1887, 1890 and 1891 of 'Bell News.' also 'Ringing World' 1914 to 1927. Bound volumes or loose copies would be acceptable. Some exchanges available. Please write: A. C. Hazelden, 109, Grange Road, Guildford. 6186

ST. MICHAEL'S, BRAY, BERKS. — The bells must remain silent. We need £2,000 to restore the tower. Please help us. Donations gratefully acknowledged.—The Vicarage, Bray, Berks. 6221

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Leigh-on-Mendip, April 23rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6158

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Meeting, West Pennard, Saturday, April 23rd. Usual arrangements. 6175

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Matlock (8), Saturday, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—T. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 6162

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Elm, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6163

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual general meeting in Guildford, Saturday, April 23rd. Service at Cathedral Church 3.30. Tea and meeting in S. Nicolas' Hall 4.30. Cathedral and S. Nicolas' bells available from 2.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec. 6114

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD. —Meeting, Tunbridge Wells, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by April 20th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 6152

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Barley, April 23rd, 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Special method, Rossendale Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6154

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Deal, Saturday, April 23rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 6134

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.—The annual ringers' service will be held April 23rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. A. Prescott. Tel. Timsbury 287. 6169

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting, High Wycombe, April 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6133

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Redhill, April 23rd. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, followed by business meeting and a talk 'How to learn methods.' 6120

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Rotherwick, April 23rd. Bells (6) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke. 6174

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Annual general meeting. Wednesday, April 27th, 9.15 p.m. (following St. Andrew's practice) in the treasurer's rooms, Clare Old Court. —W. T. Cook, Hon. Sec. 6198

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Greinton, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names please. — R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 6193

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Alderminster, Saturday, April 30th. Ringing 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. R. Barrett. 6178

DEVON GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — Townstal, Dartmouth, Saturday, April 30th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 6206

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Thorne on April 30th at 2.30.—F. Jackson, Hon. Sec. 6183

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, April 30th, Wylam, St. Oswin's, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. F. M. Gordon, Ochil, Woodcroft Road, Wylam. 6190

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Gainford, April 30th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea **(essential)**, by April 27th, please, to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 6217

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service? Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6195

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Rettendon (6), Saturday, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Numbers for tea, please, to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 6189

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Winterbourne, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, April 26th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 6201

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District. — Quarterly meeting, Cudham, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Names for tea (2s.), not later than Tuesday, 26th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 6156

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Meeting, Stanford-le-Hope, on Saturday, April 30th. Bells 3 p.m., followed by service, tea and business. Please send names for tea to Miss C. Chinnery, Brick House, Malting Lane, Orselt, Grays. 6197

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting, Bolton, April 30th. Towers available: All Souls' (8) 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Deane (8) and The Saviour's (8) 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.; St. George's (8) 2.30 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.; The Parish Church (8) 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and, after the meeting, Holy Trinity (8) and St. Bartholomew's (6). It would be desirable if local ringers could be in attendance to meet visitors. Service in Bolton Parish Church 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Church Schools 5 p.m. (3s. 6d. per head). Names, together with remittance, by April 20th, to Mr. V. Martin, 413, Crompton Way, Bolton. Tel. No. Eagley 1536. Tower secretaries are asked to make block orders for their towers. Meeting in Parish Church Schools at approximately 6 p.m. 6157

LEEDS AND DISTRICT.—Annual meeting, Leeds Parish Church, Saturday, April 30th. Bells available 2.30. Tea 4.15 (own arrangements). Business meeting in the tower 7 p.m. Bells available until 9 p.m.—I. Slack, Hon. Sec. 6190

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Enderby, April 30th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at the Nag's Head 5. Names, please, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. L. Rivers, 6, Stewart Avenue, Narborough, Leicester. 6212

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting, Lincoln, April 30th. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Ringers' Chapel. Evensong 4 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea 5 p.m., Eastgate Court Cafe, followed by business meeting in Chapter House. Names for tea, by Tuesday previous, to Mr. J. A. Freeman, 95, Sincil Bank, Lincoln.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 6159

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Nash, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting (Waterloo Hotel). Names for tea by 20th, please.—J. S. Evans, 1, Hughes Crescent, Chepstow, Mon. 6150 6219

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, April 30th, St. Mary's, Leyton (8), St. Mary-atte-Bowe, Stratford, E. (8). Times will appear next week.—L. W. Bullock, District Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District. — Meeting at Kingbury (Blackbird Cross—buses 52 and 83 pass church) on Saturday, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Ringing also at Hendon (Church Road and near bus garage) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 6200

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Mulbarton, April 30th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15, conducted by Canon H. Llewellyn. Tea in Parish Hall 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Names for tea, by Wednesday, April 27th, to H. Tooke, 11, Long Road, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 6191

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting Ambrosden, Saturday, April 30th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, by April 25th, please, to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 6199

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Warmington (6), April 30th. Names for tea, not later than Tuesday previous, to Mrs. P. E. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 6182

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division. — Practice meeting, Felpham (6), April 30th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 6202

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting at Bristol on Saturday, May 7th. St. Stephen's 11.50; St. Mary Redcliffe 2.40; St. Thomas' 4. Tea, at the Grosvenor Hotel, 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. M. Tyler, 32, Hengrove Road, Knowle, Bristol 4.—A. B. Peck. 6146

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke-under-Ham (6), Saturday, May 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify for tea T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 6222

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Meeting at West Lydford, May 7th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names for tea, please, to H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 6209

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—First meeting ever, **Haynes (5)**, May 7th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Will car owners help with transport to tea (two miles away) at 5.15. A really good meeting, please. Everyone welcome.—Peter Shipton. 6188

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Witham (8), Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 6213

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ewell, May 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, by May 4th, to John Beams, 4, Cottage Road, W. Ewell.—A. H. Smith. 6216

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Ruckinge (5) May 7th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea must inform Mrs. Blackburn, Blue Anchor Inn, Ruckinge, by May 3rd, specifying this meeting.—W. P. G. 6203

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The meeting arranged at Westhoughton for May 7th is **cancelled.**—J. Thornley, Sec. 6204

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S SOCIETY. — Meeting at Harrietsham (8) on Saturday, May 7th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Non-members cordially invited. Names, by Friday, April 29th, please, to Pamela Butcher, Herne Pound, Butcher's Lane, Mereworth. 6160

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich, Saturday, May 7th. Service at St. Andrew's 4; preacher the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow. Tea St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Queen Street, 4.45. Business meeting 5.30, St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Vital agenda, election of new president and new general secretary. Names for tea, before April 29th, to the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, 17, The Close, Norwich (tea 2s. 6d.; 1s. 6d. to those at school). Bells: Mancroft (13) 3.15-3.45 and 7-9; St. Giles' (8), St. Miles' (8) St. John de Sepulchre (8), St. George Colegate (6), 1.30-3.45 and 7-9.—Gilbert Thurlow, Gen. Sec. 6148

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — The annual meeting of the branch to be held at Benson has been **postponed** until Saturday, May 7th. 6116

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Meeting at Castor, May 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 Names for tea by May 3rd, please.—G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 6194

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, May 7th, at Langar (5), 2.30 to 4.30, and Granby (5) 6 to 8 p.m. Bus to Langar from Nottingham (Broad Marsh) 2.18 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Boot and Shoe, Granby. Names by previous Tuesday to me.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 6218

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting at Godstone, May 7th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by May 4th, to A. K. Wood, 18, White Cots, Holland, Oxted.—C. Champion, Miss D. Colgate, Hon. Dis. Secs. 6211

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting on Saturday, May 7th, at The Good Shepherd, Brighton. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall, followed by meeting. Ringing: The Good Shepherd 3-4.30; St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' 2.30-3.45 and 7.30-8.30. Tea 3s. per head to those who forward individual names to me not later than Wednesday, May 4th.—R. W. R. Percy,, Esperance, Oldfield Road, Willingham, Eastbourne. 6192

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Selby Abbey on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (10) available 2-4.30 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Audit in Hawdon Institute 11 a.m. Service in Chancel 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) 5 p.m. in Hawdon Institute, followed by general meeting. Names, by May 5th, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. Subscriptions now due, and reports will be available. — L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 6205

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Meeting at Chigwell will be held on May 14th, and joint meeting with Middlesex Association on August 13th, not as previously arranged.—C. Willmington, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6214

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EYE, SUFFOLK

MANY towers have their historians or those with sufficient archæological interest to delve into past ringing records. The Central Council has in being a Peal Boards Committee that hopes at an early date to complete its records of all old peal boards in the country. Supt. Claude Rush has just completed a record of what he describes as 'all the information there is to be found about ringers and ringing on the walls of the ringing chamber at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Eye, Suffolk.' This, the home tower of George Day and Sons, is particularly rich in peal boards and ringing records.

The earliest record is a tablet of 1773 recording a complete peal of 5,040 changes of Bob Major rung in 3 hours 7 minutes on April 14th, 1773, by members of the Debenham and Stonham Societies. The band was Richard Moyse treble, John Jessup 2, William Wright 3, Jonathan Pettett 4, John Wade 5, John Pettett 6, Edward Wythe 7, Daniel Wade tenor and called the peal.

These ringers of past generations, like those of to-day, loved their footnotes. Beneath one of Bob Major of 1865 is a note: 'The above peal (composed by Mr.(?) Anable of London) was rung in a masterly style throughout, very ably conducted by Mr. F. Whaite.' Then below in faint lettering: 'and is worthy of the remark there being no record of the same having been done on these bells.'

In connection with a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung in 1878 by six members of the Diss and Eye Society of Change Ringers with Mr. S. Slater, of Glemsford, and Mr. H. Thompson, of Cavendish, there is a pamphlet posted on the wood channel of the chimes weigh recording in verse the great event. The opening runs:—

These lines on ringing though simple, are true,
Of which I will now relate to you,
Concerning a peal that was rung off straight;
In the year Eighteen hundred and seventy eight.

The night was dark, the weather was dreary,
It being the fifth of January;
In three hours and 38 minutes to complete,
This peal was rung—true, and the music was sweet.

Five thousand two hundred and eighty was done;
Being the number of changes complete that was rung;
Of Kent Treble Bob, that method so gay,
By these ringers was rung at St. Peter's at Eye.

Each ringer is given a verse in laudatory terms, the tenor going:—

The tenor was rung Ah! just the way,
By our Faithful Friend, young Mr. Day,
Who said my friends it is my aim
This peal to help you all to gain.

Of this composition, I'll speak the truth,
It was one of Hubbard's, the Norwich Youth.
So now we have put up a board
This peal for ever to record.

Among the boards mentioned in recent correspondence in 'The Ringing World' is: 'On Friday, October 10th, 1890, in 3 hours 12 minutes, Washbrook's Peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5,024 changes: Charles Hounslow treble, Ernest A. Pitstow 2nd, Nathan J. Pitstow 3rd, John W. Taylor, jun. 4th, Frederick Pitstow 5th, Rev. F. E. Robinson. M.A. 6th, Rev. G. F. Coleridge, M.A. 7th, J. W. Washbrook, conductor, 8th.'

It was not until 1904 that the first peal of Surprise is recorded in the tower—one of Superlative. The band was Frederick Day treble, Frederick R. Borrett 2nd, James Whiting 3rd, James Tann 4th, Egbert Borrett 5th, Ernest F. Poppy 6th, Charles T. P. Bruce (conductor) 7th, John Souter 8th. Another interesting board is the funeral peal for the Rev. J. J. Raven, D.D., who wrote 'Church Bells of Suffolk,' 1890, and was for some time Vicar of Fressingfield. Frederick Brunning, who rang the treble to this peal of Plain Bob Major on September 24th, 1906, is still the captain of Eye tower.

We regret that space precludes us from giving details of other peals. Eye was certainly a much favoured tower by East Anglian ringers and other visitors, and the records in tablet, board and card bring back memories of many personalities. We hope that other towers will see that their records are copied in the same way as Supt. Claude Rush has recorded those of Eye.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BUCKFAST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 4 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE BENEDICTINE ABBEY OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt.

HARRY MILES	*Treble*	JOHN S. MASON	7
JOHN CHILCOTT	2	T. MARK WHITE	8
WILLIAM HIBBERT	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
JOHN PHILLIPS	4	THOMAS G. MYERS	10
DAVID E. PARSONS	5	ROGER O. FRY	11
ERNEST J. TAYLOR	6	LEONARD DERRICK	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5021 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Treble*	GERALD C. HEMMING	7
JOHN THOMAS	2	†ALLAN MORGAN	8
SIDNEY T. HOLT	3	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	REGINALD WOODYAT	10
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5	THOMAS W. LEWIS	11
DENIS R. MORRIS	6	‡WILFRED J. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* 250th peal and has now 'circled' the tower. † First peal on 12 bells. ‡ 50th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 31¼ cwt. in D.

*GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
†ANN BARR	2	‡FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	7
JOAN BERESFORD	3	EDMUND MALIN	8
CLIVE M. SMITH	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	9
J. DENNIS HOLDEN	5	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* 200th peal. †First peal in method and of Caters. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung as a welcome to Ven. W. A. Parker, Archdeacon of Stafford, and President of the Society, after his installation as a Canon Residentiary of the Cathedral.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5000 OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 23¼ cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. SMITH	6
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	7
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	3	A. NEVILLE BROWN	8
RUTH M. JACKSON	4	IVOR R. NICHOLS	9
GEOFFREY PEARSON	5	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
The first peal of Oxford T.B. Royal by all the band except the second ringer.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5055 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C sharp.

RALPH ELKINGTON	*Treble*	T. EDWARD HARROLD	6
T. MAUREEN LLOYD	2	EDWARD J. CLEMENTS	7
ERNEST MORRIS	3	COLIN P. WALKER	8
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	9
RICHARD J. CARTER	5	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by COLIN P. WALKER.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Alan Cattell to Ann Sawbridge, which took place at All Saints' Church earlier in the day.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

C. ERNEST SMITH	*Treble*	KENNETH SNELLING	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	*DORIS E. COLGATE	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	LEONARD STILWELL	8
ALBERT W. BOND	4	FRANK H. HICKS	9
THOMAS E. SONE	5	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.'
Rung to welcome Rev. F. E. Walker, Vicar, to St. Nicholas. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Joan E. M. Hills.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

*ROLAND A. ELDRIDGE	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. HAMMONS	6
*KENNETH D. PERKINS	2	†FREDERICK VICKERS	7
*GEORGE F. ROOME	3	†WILLIAM A. YATES	8
*ALAN C. COZENS	4	†GEORGE W. HOLLAND	9
*STANLEY F. EARL	5	†GEORGE E. GREEN	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by WILLIAM R. HAMMONS.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. G. W. C. Thomas, who is leaving the Parish after eight years.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwts.

FRED C. LYNE	*Treble*	†JOHN L. FINDON	5
*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
*ROBERT W. COLE	3	‡GERALD C. HEMMING	7
BRENDA M. SMITH	4	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ 50th peal and 50th peal together by ringers of six and seven.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Easter Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARNOLD HILL	*Treble*	WILLIAM DICKENSON	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	2	DENNIS COOPER	6
HAROLD WAGSTAFF	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	7
DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
Rang for the wedding of Mr. Gordon Abbott and Miss Dorothy Whyley, of Bolsover, which was solemnised previous to the commencing of the peal.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

ALFRED C. HARRIS	*Treble*	C. MICHAEL ORME	5
*ROY HEAD	2	JACK S. DEAR	6
PETER W. CROFT	3	FRANK W. CROFT	7
GEORGE CHERRY	4	DAVID L. GULLICK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

SKIPTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

Robert E. Moulds	*Treble*	John Henry Fielden	5
M. Vivian Copping	2	Geoffrey F. Bryant	6
John F. Bryant	3	Ralph Beaumont	7
Sheila M. Taylor	4	Vernon Bottomley	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Ralph Beaumont.
First of New Cambridge for all except tenor. First peal as conductor. Rung by band of All Souls', Halifax.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

Albert M. Tyler	*Treble*	Alan A. Hilliar	5
Fredk. G. Leaker	2	Brian Grinter	6
Stanley Poole	3	Reginald G. Hooper	7
Tudor P. Edwards	4	William J. Cook	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald G. Hooper.
Rung to celebrate the Easter festival. Also to celebrate the birth of a grand-daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook.

BACUP, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lb. in G.

Roger Leigh	*Treble*	Harold Parkinson	5
*Geoffrey F. Garnett	2	‡John Pilkington	6
†James W. Williams	3	Leonard Walsh	7
William Ramsbottom	4	Chris. M. P. Johnson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Burton. Conducted by Roger Leigh.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal of Major 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Major.

CRADLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 10 cwt. 11 lb.

Harold J. Shuck	*Treble*	Raymond Dunn	5
Frances Raybould	2	Stanley Prestidge	6
Harold White	3	William Davies	7
*Albert G. Hall	4	Llewellyn R. Hall	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Davies.
* First peal of Stedman. 25th peal as conductor.
The quarterly peal for the Association. Rung for the Easter festival.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in D.

William J. Ridgman	*Treble*	Maurice A. Collings	5
*T. Reginald Dennis	2	‡Harold S. Peacock	6
George W. Jeffs	3	§William T. Cook	7
†Gordon D. Whitehead	4	John G. Gipson	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by W. J. Ridgman.
* 250th peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ 100th peal for the Association. § 50th peal and 25th peal in the method.
Rung for the wedding of Pamela Galley and Jeffery Fenwick, which took place in the Church immediately prior to the peal.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B flat.

Dennis Beresford	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	5
Peter Beresford	2	Edward T. Lloyd	6
Joan Beresford	3	Edgar C. Shepherd	7
*Margaret M. Lewis	4	Vincent A. Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Vincent A. Hemming.
* First peal of Plain Bob.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5056 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

Brian G. Warwick	*Treble*	†G. Harry Bray	5
*Brian S. Chapman	2	Samuel J. Haines	6
Mrs. B. G. Warwick	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
William Thornley	4	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by William Thornley.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' † First peal in the method.
Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the record peal of 17,104 Double Norwich rung on these bells on December 27th, 1904; also in memoriam Charles Marshall, ringing master and steeplekeeper at this Church, who was accidentally killed on April 1st, 1949.

BRISTOL.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wed., April 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

Richard J. Bowden	*Treble*	Frank E. Hansford	5
Brian Grinter	2	Norman H. Coombs	6
Alfred E. Reeves	3	Roger O. Fry	7
Albert M. Tyler	4	Reginald G. Hooper	*Tenor*

Heywood's Transposition. Conducted by Roger O. Fxry.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Ivor Truman and Heather Tesson.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*Brian S. Chapman	*Treble*	Mrs. B. G. Warwick	5
†John M. Jelley	2	John A. Acres	6
†Ernest J. Jelley	3	‡G. Harry Bray	7
Harry Poyner	4	Brian G. Warwick	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Harry Poyner.
* 25th peal. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal of Surprise.
First peal in the method as conductor.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Emmanuel,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	Ronald Kenrick	5
*Terry Owen	2	*Peter Coxall	6
*Margaret E. Ridyard	3	Jack Ashcroft	7
*Doreen Dutton	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's visit to Southport.

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ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
A transposition from the 'Clavis.' Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in G.

ANN MANNERS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY F. GARNETT	5
GORDON R. WHEWELL	2	*LEONARD WALSH	6
JOHN PILKINGTON	3	MAURICE HOLGATE	7
ROGER LEIGH	4	WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON R. WHEWELL.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal of Triples on the bells and by all except four and six.
Rung by the Sunday service band to commemorate the Royal visit to Accrington.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, containing 2,880 Yorkshire and 2,176 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

ANN BARR	*Treble*	JEFFREY B. WEBB	5
DENNIS BERESFORD	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE FREEBREY. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
First peal of Spliced for all except ringer of the fourth. This composition is now rung for the first time.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5
*C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	*HARRY HALL	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
*RONALD CHAFER	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal in the method.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

*DAVID HOPWOOD	*Treble*	JAMES F. DODSON	5
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	*RICHARD G. OUSTON	6
WILLIAM WENBAN	3	ALBERT C. WENBAN	7
*MARGARET B. MESLEY	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rector of this Parish, Rev. E. H. Loasby, and Miss E. Donnelly, which took place at this Church earlier in the day.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield & District Society.)
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*DAVID R. ARMSTRONG	*Treble*	‡FRANCIS R. LOWE	5
†HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	2	BARRY HOLLAND	6
†DENIS HOLLAND	3	*GORDON K. CHADDOCK	7
SYDNEY J. MERRY	4	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 434).
Conducted by REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 25th peal together. ‡ 200th peal.
Arranged as a farewell peal to Canon N. S. Kidson, Vicar of Bakewell for 16 years.

CLAYBROOKE. LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Treble*	J EDWARD CAWSER	5
*ANN BARR	2	LEONARD TREVOR	6
PETER BERESFORD	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
JOAN BERESFORD	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

CUTHBERT W. POWELL	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
HENRY G. KEELEY	2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	HARRY J. GAYLARD	7
WALTER H. POOLE	4	JOHN T. LOCKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY J. GAYLARD.
First peal as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HEMSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 6 lb.

FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	7
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	4	GIBSON JACKSON	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

F. ERIC ROBERTS	*Treble*	*THOMAS COOKE	5
*DENNIS R. AIREY	2	BRIAN HARRIS	6
W. NORMAN PARK	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
*†DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	4	*ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal.
The conductor's 200th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5152 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Treble*	PHILIP WEBSTER	5
MADELINE P. SMITH	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
HAROLD MARCON	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.
First in the method by all the band.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 GLASGOW SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	ERNEST GOWER	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	PETER COXALL	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	*JACK ASHCROFT	7
RONALD KENRICK	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	HARRY POYNER	6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	*ERNEST MORRIS	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal of Major in the method.
Rung for the wedding of Michael D. Staniforth, of Anstey, to Margaret Pulling, which took place at York on April 9th, 1955.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

FRANK TAYLOR	*Treble*	BERNARD H. DALTON	5
ROY WITHYMAN	2	JOHN G. AMES	6
CHARLES C. RAWDING	3	HORACE BENNETT	7
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.

WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Sonning Deanery Branch.)
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in F.

WILLIAM J. PAICE	*Treble*	BERNARD C. CASTLE	5
MRS. A. J. N. RANCE	2	STANLEY G. DAY	6
ROBERT H. BEGRIE	3	WILLIAM H. J. PARKER	7
WALTER HUNT	4	ARTHUR J. N. RANCE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.
Rung on the 16th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. N. Rance.

SIX BELL PEALS

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTERSHIRE DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Turs., Apr. 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	JOHN VERNON	4
FRANK T. LONG	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
GEORGE A. CHARLTON	3	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Rung half muffled in memory of Mrs. A. E. Watson, mother of the treble ringer.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of St. Clement's College Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Kent Treble Bob, and on 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE CHALLANS	*Treble*	ALEC WILSON	4
HERBERT T. ROOKE	2	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	5
DENNIS SMEDLEY	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Easter Sun., Apr. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Double Oxford Bob and two 720's each of Single Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOYCE EVANS	*Treble*	HERBERT T. ROOKE	4
*FREDA ROBINSON	2	*FREDERICK FLINT	5
†JOAN SMITH	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in four plain methods. † 25th peal.
Rung by the Sunday service band for Easter.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Easter Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MARGARET JOHNSON	*Treble*	†GEORGE CHALLANS	4
HERBERT T. ROOKE	2	HAROLD DENMAN	5
†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
* First peal at first attempt. † 50th peal together.



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MORTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED SURPRISE MINOR

Seven 720's: (1) Rossendale, Stamford, Annable's—London, Lightfoot, Wearmouth, Netherseale; (2) Chester, Newcastle, Alnwick, Munden; (3) London, Wells, Cunecastre; (4) Northumberland, Carlisle; (5) Westminster, Allendale; (6) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham, Surfleet; (7) Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne. Ninety-four changes of method. Tenor 18 cwt.

Ruth Morgan .. .. *Treble*	Leonard C. Blanchard .. 4
Albert E. Scott 2	John A. Underwood .. 5
*Cecil Wade 3	*James W. Haw .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

* 50th peal together. 50th peal as conductor First peal in 29 Surprise methods by all the band.

Rung with the best wishes of the band as a compliment to Arthur Wade (the conductor's son) and Betty Stevenson, who were married at Thurlby on March 26th.

SUTTON, MACCLESFIELD.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Mar. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 13½ cwt.

C. W. Lawton .. .. *Treble*	*Anthony W. Lawton .. 4
J. Worth 2	Mrs. C. W. Lawton .. 5
B. Lawson 3	J. W. Whittaker .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by J. Worth.

* First peal, aged 13.

Rung fully muffled as a tribute to the memory of Mr. J. W. L. Slack, ringer of this tower for 57 years, and tower leader for the past 10 years.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten 120's Grandsire, four Pitman's 240's, two Morris's 240's, four Price's 240's, and six extents each of Plain Bob and April Day. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

Donald H. Mettam .. *Treble*	Denis A. Frith 4
Henry P. Collin 2	James H. Musson 5
Walter Weston 3	Albert Frith .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

Rung half muffled as a last token of esteem and respect to Mr. Edgar Mitchell, Rector's warden, a loyal churchman and generous benefactor of St. Denis's Church.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*Alice E. J. Lester .. *Treble*	Robert E. Lester 4
R. Roger Savory 2	Ronald W. Steward 5
George Waterman .. 3	Urban W. Wildney .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.

* First peal and first attempt.

A wedding peal for Walter Fayers and Evelyn Winter, Sunday service ringers at this Church who were married on April 2nd.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores ten callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

Harry Moody .. .. *Treble*	†Eunice D. Overend .. 4
*George Wareham 2	Ernest E. Bray 5
W. John Phippen 3	*Percy Bray .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest E. Bray.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung half muffled in memoriam Harry Carver, 54 years a ringer of Buckland Dinham who was interred there on March 7th, 1955.

DOWNHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, Wells, London, York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

Mrs. D. G. Mayell .. .. *Treble*	Hermon J. Oliver 4
Desmond G. Mayell .. 2	John H. Sitch 5
Laurence H. Turner .. 3	Harry Turner .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Turner.

Rung as a mark of esteem to Mrs. Laurence Kirk who, at the age of 91, has retired from the office of churchwarden after 26 years' service.

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*Robert Kemp .. .. .. *Treble*	Ivan J. M. Saunders .. 4
Michael Edwards 2	Denis A. S. Symonds .. 5
Patrick W. Saltmarsh .. 3	Joe E. G. Roast .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

* First peal.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*Percy W. Mills .. .. *Treble*	Mrs. R. Rouse 4
*Marian H. Mills (15) .. 2	Walter F. Downs 5
*Michael A. Mills (13) .. 3	Edward E. Davey .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Edward E. Davey.

* First peal at first attempt.

STOKE-NEXT-GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob, and Grandsire, the method being changed after each extent, and Morris's 240 of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. in A.

*Reginald P. Rich .. .. *Treble*	Roland W. Morant .. 4
†E. John Wells 2	†‡James F. Dodson 5
Shelagh R. Collins .. 3	Lawson B. Luing .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.

* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ First of Doubles 'inside.'

Rung for the Pilgrimage to the New Guildford Cathedral.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTER & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At 29, Hinton-on-the-Green,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Geoffrey J. Hemming .. 1-2	John Thomas 5-6
Mrs. J. Thomas 3-4	Gerald C. Hemming 7-8

Composed by F. Bennett. Conducted by John Thomas.

The sixth 22 courses in fifth and 23 in sixth.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
In St. Margaret's Belfry,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

*Brian G. Warwick 1-2	John A. Acres 5-6
Harry Poyner 3-4	Ernest Morris 7-8

Composed by W. F. Moreton. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

* 100th peal as conductor.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 45 *Minutes,*
In Cupola of the Cathedral,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven varied extents. Tenor size 15.

*J. Alan Ainsworth 1-2	Robin G. Leale 3-4
	Roger Baldwin 5-6

Conducted by Roger Baldwin.

* First peal 'in hand.'

RECORD PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH

On December 27th, 1904, William Willson, of Leicester, conducted a record peal of 17,104 Double Norwich Court Bob Major at St. Thomas' Church, South Wigston.

A peal was arranged by the present local band to commemorate the 50th anniversary of this record. This was to have been rung on December 28th, 1954. Unfortunately on the day before, whilst another peal was in progress, the gudgeon of the 2nd broke, causing the bell to fall from the frame.

Fortunately no serious damage was done and repairs have now been carried out. On Easter Tuesday the local band successfully rang a peal of Double Norwich, conducted by William Thornley, as a belated commemoration of the record peal. It was with regret that Mr. Arthur Bodycote, the steeplekeeper, was not able to ring. About an hour or so before the peal was due to commence he felt ill, and many thanks are due to Mr. Samuel J. Haines, of All Saints', Wigston Magna, who rang in his place at such short notice.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

What has happened to the Farnham District? It was a great pity that on the beautiful afternoon of April 16th only about six towers were represented at the District meeting held at Yorktown. Those absent missed an excellent tea, which had been arranged and part provided by Mr. F. J. Farr.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. H. E. Paterson assisted by the Rev T. Leech. Mr. Steward was at the organ.

The Vicar also took the chair at the short business meeting. Hawley tower was also open for ringing in the evening.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

A fine spring afternoon attracted a good company to the quarterly meeting of the Northern District at Banstead on April 16th. Ringing under the guidance of the District Master (Mr. F. E. Collins), included a variety of methods. After the service an ample tea was provided by local ladies in the cricket pavilion, by permission of the Banstead Cricket Club. The short business meeting included an acknowledgment to Mr. A. C. Winn of his gift to the Association library of a copy of 'Oranges and Lemons,' by Gladys Taylor. The Master reminded the company of the 75th anniversary dinner to be held at the Greyhound, Croydon, on May 21st, and that there were still tickets left, price 15s.

Ringing continued till 8 p.m. in methods up to Bristol.

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STURMINSTER NEWTON, DORSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: I. Parsons 1, E. Hart 2, D. Inkpen 3, C. Wills 4, W. Hart (cond.) 5, C. Gay 6. Rung to welcome Mr. and Mrs. D. Gay, returning from their honeymoon.

OUTING

MANCHESTER YOUNG RINGERS

The bright sun and clear blue skies which greeted the 17 young ringers at Manchester on Easter Monday morning made a good start to their outing to Loughborough.

The ringing programme commenced at All Saints' Church, where they were met by Mr. Paul Taylor, Mr. J. P. Fidler and Mr. John Hough, from Barwell. Ringing was delayed due to a wedding but the delightful tone of these bells was soon heard to rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Little Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major, and the highlight of the morning's ringing was a touch of Stedman Caters.

After lunch a tour was made of the Loughborough Foundry and a great time was had by all the turning shop when they struck with mallets the inside of the sound bows of 12 bells standing on their crowns. Further fun and games were to be had in the Campanile and the party had a tricky time trying to handle the very light ten. A bob course of Stedman Triples was eventually achieved, and other methods successfully attempted were Cambridge Minor, Grandsire Triples, Oxford Treble Bob Major and a bob course of Grandsire Caters.

Due to the generosity of Mr. Taylor and Mr. Fidler the party were able to 'snatch' another tower at very short notice—St. Andrew's, Kegworth, where a good half-hour's ringing on the rather slow-going eight was enjoyed.

A visit was made to the carillon tower, but unfortunately the recital was not due to start until 6.30 and the train left at 6.40.

Thanks are extended to Mr. Taylor and Mr. Fidler for their hospitality.

John Taylor & Co.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Seldom, if ever, can three born and bred Devonians have taken part in a peal of Stedman Cinques in their native county. Such, however, was the case on April 16th at Buckfast Abbey, the ringers in question being Messrs. T. G. Myers, J. Phillips and E. J. Taylor. This was the first occasion that the two latter had ever rung together, although they learned to handle a rope within a mile of each other. Mr. Phillips comes from a famous West Down ringing family at Tawstock, and Mr. Taylor from Bishop's Tawton, on the opposite bank of the River Taw. Needless to say, both towers were, and still are, call-change strongholds.

Mr. H. D. Lister, of Stowmarket, who has recently been very ill, is now, we are happy to announce, making a good recovery.

The peal at Bakewell on April 16th was Mr. Arthur Knights' last composition of Treble Bob composed on November 28th, 1938. He composed one more peal (No. 435) but this is only true to Bristol.

Mr. R. W. Rolfe, of Bury St. Edmunds, has at Chevington a band of six young ladies, who started about two years ago and are now ringing Stedman Doubles and other Doubles methods.

A pleasing ceremony took place in St. John's Church belfry, Scunthorpe, on Easter Sunday, when Mr. F. Lord, captain, presented Mr. M. J. Kinnard, who has now left the district for East Hendred, Berkshire, with a pair of cuff links from members of St. John's band.

When Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Trueman next come to Tiverton tower they will find a small memento of their first visit on April 3rd pasted in the visitors' book below Mrs. Trueman's signature—a small piece of confetti, one of several found on the ringing mat below the treble rope after they had left.

In the peal at Thorpe-le-Soken on April 16th, a father, son and daughter rang their first peal together. Mr. P. Mills would like to thank all those who made this achievement possible, particularly Mr. W. Downs, who taught them to handle a bell, Mr. E. E. Davey, who has been instructor since the band was formed in May, 1953, and all those from the surrounding villages who have given up their time to help them on practice nights. Congratulations to the Mills family!

As Princess Margaret arrived in Guildford to attend the Pilgrimage to the new Cathedral on Low Sunday the bells of Stoke Parish Church were being rung. It was the last 15 minutes of a peal of Doubles in four methods.

The Editor acknowledges the novel greeting to all beer ringers from '5,039,' posted at Utrecht Station, Holland, on April 16th. The sender is assured that it was safely received and is now on the editorial desk. Alas, its present use is for cups of tea.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards has got through his second operation safely at 14, Fitzroy Square, W.1. He has been greatly heartened by a number of ringing visitors, including Mr. Alex Young. During his illness he heard a big explosion on Easter Eve about 11 p.m. Could any London ringer enlighten him?

The Exercise will congratulate Mr. Edwin Barnett on completing 60 years as a ringer at St. Paulinus', Crayford. He had been leader of the ringers there since 1932, succeeding his father, who rang at St. Paulinus' for 43 years. His 70th birthday was celebrated on April 14th, but unfortunately a peal in honour of the event on April 16th was lost 11 leads from home.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

The second session of the 27th Council (58th annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, 31st May, 1955, in the Palliser Martin Hall of the Cathedral School, Bristol, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, at 10 o'clock.

Will members please sign the roll and be in their places by 9.45 a.m.

The morning session will be adjourned at 12.30 and the afternoon session will commence at 2 p.m. or as may be decided.

AGENDA.

Report of the Hon. Secretary as to representation of Societies and as to subscriptions.

Apologies for absence.

Presentation of new members to the President (Rule 14).

1. Election of Honorary Members.
   Mr. W. Rowe retires and is eligible for re-election.
2. Loss of members through death.
3. Minutes of the last meeting.
4. Report of the Honorary Secretary.
5. Report of the Honorary Librarian.
6. Balance Sheet and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1954.
7. Report of the Trustees of the Carter Ringing Machine.
8. To receive, discuss and, if thought fit, to adopt the reports of the following Committees:—

   To pass such resolutions as may be necessary on matters arising out of the reports.

   (a) Standing Committee.
      (i) Report of the sub-committee appointed to prepare the Council's Handbook.
      (ii) Report of the sub-committee appointed to compile the Roll of Honour.
   (b) The 'Ringing World' Committee.
   (c) Biographies Committee.
   (d) Broadcasting and Television Committee.
   (e) Literature and Press Committee.
   (f) Records Committee.
   (g) Peal Boards Committee.
   (h) Towers and Belfries Committee.
   (i) Peals Collection Committee.
   (j) Analysis Committee.
   (k) Methods Committee.

ALTERATION OF RULES.

9. To amend Rule 4, Section (ii), by inserting the words 'Non-Territorial' between 'the' and 'Societies.' The Section to read 'The representation of the Non-Territorial Societies now affiliated to the Council shall be as specified in the Schedule to these Rules unless modified on application to and by permission of the Council.'

   Proposed by Mr E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

MOTIONS.

10. (a) That in view of the strong predilection manifested throughout the Exercise for Bob Triples and Caters and the enjoyment and practical advantage derived therefrom, this Council, while reasserting the obvious defects inherent in the Plain Bob Method for permutations on uneven numbers of bells, agrees to withdraw all official objection to such performances, and to accord full and unqualified recognition to any peals in the Plain Bob Method irrespective of the number of bells; and that this decision be regarded as having complete and unequivocal retrospective effect.

    Proposed by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, seconded by Mr. W. C. West.

    (b) That the Council accepts the method Plain Bob on odd numbers as a regular method and that peals of Plain Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques be included in the Peals Analysis.

    Proposed by Mr. J. R. Worrall, seconded by Mr. W. F. Moreton.

    (c) That the Council withdraw the decision of 1905 regarding peals of Plain Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques, and that if and when such peals are rung, they be recognised by the Council.

    Proposed on behalf of the Bedfordshire Association by Mr. S. Foskett, seconded by Mr. B. F. Sims.

    (d) That this Council resolves that all true peals of Bob Triples be included in the Council's Analysis.

    Proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

    (e) That this Council takes note of the strong expressions of feeling in the columns of 'The Ringing World' and elsewhere against the growing tendency of the Council through the Committee technicians to decide and dictate the choice of methods to be rung by ringers generally, and that this Council resolves to give advice to the Ringing Exercise as to the varying qualities of methods but to include in its analysis all true peals rung in conformity with the 'Conditions Required for Peals' as published in 'The Ringing World,' page 187, in the issue of March 25th, 1955.

    Proposed by Mr. P. A. Corby, seconded by Mr. H. J. Poole.

    (f) That this Council, while deprecating the ringing of peals which are not in accordance with its decisions, resolves to include in its Analysis all true peals rung in conformity with the 'Conditions Required for Peals' laid down in 1951, as subsequently amended; except that the Council is not prepared to recognise any peal rung to surpass a previous peal in length, number of methods, or in any other way, which does not comply with its Rules and Decisions.

    Proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

    (g) That in the definition of Regular Methods, Section C sub-section (2)(b), after 'No bell shall strike more than two consecutive blows in any one place' the words 'in the same lead' be added.

    Proposed by Mr. E. C. S. Turner, seconded by Mr. C. W. Woolley.

    (h) That such decisions made by the Council since its inception as have not previously been rescinded or superseded be now rescinded, and that the decisions as presented to the Council at this meeting, or as may have been amended thereat, be substituted and incorporated in the Council's Handbook.

    Proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

11. To fix the place of the next meeting.
12. Any other business.

E. A. BARNETT, Hon. Secretary.

26, Iron Mill Lane,
Crayford, Kent.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

First Meeting at Llandaff Cathedral Since 1937

IN glorious weather well over 100 members and visitors spent a very enjoyable afternoon at Llandaff Cathedral, where the Association's annual meeting was held on Easter Monday. This is the first time since 1937 that a meeting has been held here. The Cathedral was destroyed by enemy action in 1941, so it has not been possible to ring here for many years. The Cathedral is now being restored and the bells have been rehung.

Promptly at 2.30 early visitors were able to start ringing, special care being given to the learners to see that they all had an opportunity for ringing, and considering the long draught of rope, their handling was surprisingly good. At 4 o'clock the service was held in the Lady Chapel. This was conducted by the Dean (the Very Rev. Eryl Thomas), who gave an inspiring address on the uses of bells and the responsibilities of the ringers.

The visitors were then invited to the Prebendal House, where a bountiful tea, provided by the Dean and Chapter and ladies of the parish, was awaiting them. Although the number present exceeded the names sent in, there was plenty for all. The Rev. Ivor Richards moved a hearty vote of thanks for their kindness and generosity.

At the business meeting the Dean took the chair. At the outset he extended a hearty welcome to the Association to Llandaff. The secretary read the minutes, which were accepted as correct. The treasurer presented the balance sheet, which showed the Association to be financially sound, with a balance on the year's working of £1 3s. 9d. The balance sheet was accepted.

The secretary gave his report, which showed the usual fluctuating fortunes at the various towers, progress at some and not so bright at others, Bridgend and district being one of the bright spots, and the young band at Llandaff doing very well and ringing twice on Sundays. Revivals were recorded at St. Woolos', Bonvilston, Penhow, Caldicot and Pontypridd. Twenty-nine peals were rung during the year, which was a little above the average.

Mr. Fred Bailey was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. The secretary (Mr. F. J. Hannington) and the auditors were re-elected. The secretary mentioned that the forms of service were now in short supply—a reprint would soon be necessary. It was decided that the three secretaries together with the Rev. Ivor Richards be appointed to consider certain minor alterations to the service, and to report to the next annual meeting.

It was decided to have the Association's handbells repaired—the cost to be taken from the Bell Restoration Fund. On the question of members voting at Branch meetings other than their own Branch, it was agreed that they could vote on any matter except election of Branch officers.

Four resident and two life members were elected. Mr. David King moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for his kindness and all that he had done to make the meeting an outstanding success.

The Rev. F. R. K. Hare, the new Rector of St. Denys', Rotherfield, who was taught to handle a bell by Mr. H. Goodenough, of St. Albans, arranged a ringers' service on April 17th, at which two ringers read the lessons, and two courses of Grandsire Caters were rung on handbells by W. Rogers 1-2, T. E. Sone 3-4, W. H. Dobbie 5-6, F. H. Hicks 7-8, R. Overy 9-10.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Mr. C. R. Harding the New Master

MR. C. R. HARDING, of Bristol Rural, was elected Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association at the annual general meeting held at Tewkesbury on April 16th. He succeeds Mr. A. L. Barry, of Gloucester, who has held the office for two years and did not seek re-election. There was an attendance of 129, the retiring Master presiding. The Rev. W. F. Burlton, Cromhall, opened the meeting with prayer.

Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Gloucester, Mr. W. Dyer, Mr. F. Ponting (vice-presidents), Miss D. Shepherd (Stroud) and Group Captain T. V. Lister.

The Master's report stated that there had been a sharp decline in peals rung during the past year—43 on tower bells as against 58 in 1953. A few more young conductors were needed. The B.B.C. had made a recording of Gloucester Cathedral bells, to be used on their European service, and a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

The hon. secretary's report stated that membership was slightly increased and was now bordering on 1,100 members. The balance sheet, reported the treasurer, showed that the funds of the Association had increased from £318 to £375.

These reports had already been published and they were accepted on the proposition of Mr. E. F. Hancock, seconded by Mr. T. Borcham. A report on the Central Council meeting at Newcastle was presented by Mr. W. B. Kynaston.

LOSSES BY DEATH

The members stood while the following ten members, who had died in 1954, were remembered: J. C. Acock, Northleach; R. Sharp, Avening; W. Banyard, Bisley; G. E. Risbey, Woodchester; F. Curtis, Winterbourne; Mrs. C. V. Roberts, Wickwar; J. W. Davies, Lydney; A. Hale, Tirley; G. Pearce, Bristol.

Officers elected for 1955 were:—Vice-presidents: Mr. H. V. Robinson (Wickwar) and Mr. A. L. Barry were added to the present list. The members then learned of the death that day of the Rev. M. Paterson (Bristol); the meeting stood in silence and the secretary was asked to convey the Association's condolences to the relatives. Two of the absent vice-presidents, Mr. Sidney Romans and the Rev. A. D. H. Allan (Weston-super-Mare), who were in ill-health, were sent the good wishes of the meeting.

In accordance with rules, two nominations were received for the post of Master. They were Mr. F. G. Leaker (Bristol City) and Mr. C. R. Harding (Bristol Rural). A ballot resulted in Mr. Harding's election by 62 to 56 votes.

Other elections were:—Hon. secretary, Mr. F. Skidmore; hon. treasurer, Mr. S. G. Riches; hon. peal secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves; hon. auditors, Mr. E. F. Hancock and Mr. J. M. Stallard. To the Management Committee were elected:—Mr. J. M. Stallard, Mrs. D. M. Bennett, Mr. R. G. Hooper (all Bristol), Mr. W. H. Truman (Swindon), Mr. P. E. Baker (Cheltenham), Mr. G. Kilminster (Cheltenham), Mr. W. A. Lewis (Berkeley) and Mr. A. Burcombe (Stinchcombe) were elected hon. life members.

NEW MASTER INVESTED

Amid applause, the new Master was invested with his chain of office by Mr. F. Oakhill and Mr. F. G. Leaker was the first to congratulate him.

Thanking the members for his election, Mr. Harding promised to do all in his power to uphold the prestige of the Association. He considered a great honour had been conferred on the Bristol Rural Branch, of which he was chairman, and backed by the loyalty of both officers and members he had no fears for the future.

The secretary outlined the arrangements made for the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council at Bristol, and the Master said that no stone had been left unturned to see that matters run smoothly, and that the Council would be able to look back for years to come on their visit to Bristol.

The next annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on April 7th, 1956.

Under any other business, Mr. A. L. Barry congratulated the Master on his election and hoped he would have a successful term of office. He said that he had received a casket to carry the Chain of Office, but as that was somewhat cumbersome, he had made a leather case which he would present to the Association if they cared to accept. The offer was received with many thanks. Mr. Barry also referred to the College Youths' visit to Bristol this year, and said the Bristol ringers were arranging a dinner, and that anyone who would like to attend should contact Mr. A. Tyler, Bristol, who was at present in the room.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston congratulated Mr. Charlie Gardiner, who was 83 and still able to attend these meetings, and he hoped he would be able to do so for some years to come.

A NEW 1000-PEAL RINGER

Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, of Erith, Kent, rang his 1000th peal at Dartford, Kent, on April 18th. The Exercise will extend to him its warmest congratulations. His first peal was rung on January 10th, 1920.

Mr. Kynaston also asked if anyone could enlighten him on who were the Gloucester Guild of United Church Bell Ringers, as performances had appeared in 'The Ringing World' under this heading. Mr. Barry said that some of these ringers were members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association and some were not.

ASSOCIATION'S HANDBELLS

Mr. E. F. Hancock (Bristol) asked if the handbells which belonged to the Association could be placed under proper supervision, as no one at present seemed to know where they were.

The secretary explained that steps had been made to get them together, but if they wanted such a thing done they would have to appoint a curator, who would be responsible for their care. Some were at Bristol partly in the care of Mr. E. J. Brown, of St. Philip's, and the remainder and the stand for same were in the ringing chamber of St. Thomas' Church, the ring consisting of 21 bells and stand, which was presented to the Bristol United Ringing Guilds by Mr. Cockey in memory of his father, the late Mr. A. Cockey, and became the property of the Gloucester and Bristol Association when the United Guilds were wound up.

Mr. C. Rouse proposed that the bells should be placed in the hands of trustees, who should be the Master, hon. secretary and Mr. F. G. Leaker. This was seconded by Mr. C. Rawlings and carried.

Mr. Truman said the bells should be shown in the Association's records and this was agreed to.

RELATION WITH BRANCHES

Mr. Skidmore appealed for more co-operation from both Branch officials and members alike, as only with the fullest support from all concerned could the branches work properly and become an asset to the Association. He asked people to bury their personal differences for the good of the cause to which they had set their hand.

The Master referred to the report and what had happened in the Chippenham Branch, and asked for the fullest support at a meeting which had been arranged for Saturday, April 23rd, to see if the Branch could be placed on a sound footing again.

Mr. Chew (North Forest Branch) tendered the thanks of Redmarley Church Council to the Association for its grant of £10 towards their bell restoration.

Mr. J. G. Jefferies proposed a vote of thanks to the officers for the way the affairs of the Association had been managed during the past year.

MAYOR AT TEA

The Rev. W. F. Burlton closed the meeting with prayer, when a move was made for tea, which had been kindly prepared by the local ringers under the auspices of Mr. J. Beech, Tewkesbury Branch secretary.

The guest of honour at the tea was the Mayor of Tewkesbury, supported by the Association's new Master, Mr. C. R. Harding, and other officers. The Mayor gave the Association a hearty welcome to the ancient borough of Tewkesbury.

Mr. W. B. Kynaston proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Mayor of Tewkesbury, to the Vicar (the Rev. B. Purfoy) for the use of the Abbey bells and for conducting the service which was to come at 6 p.m., also to Group Captain T. V. Lister for having everything ready in the belfry, and last, but not least, to Mr. J. Beech and his committee, who had worked very hard for a long time past to ensure that this meeting should be one to be long remembered by those who were present.

The service in the Abbey was a grand finale and most inspiring, the Vicar commented on the wonderful singing by the congregation and said he had not heard so good from the nave since he had been at the Abbey.

Ringing was enjoyed by most during the evening, when the visitors left for their homes after a very happy and pleasant day. F. S.

FARNINGHAM RINGERS' SUPPER

A souvenir copy of the New York 'Herald-Tribune' carrying the full news of Sir Winston Churchill's retirement, one of a number which American airlines flew over to London in view of the newspaper strike in Fleet Street, was produced at Farningham (Kent) bellringers' annual steak-and-mushroom-pie supper at the Bull, Farningham, recently.

After quoting extracts of some of Sir Winston's famous wartime speeches, Mr. Bernard Drew, who brought the paper along, suggested that the company should draw lots for it. This was done, and the paper was won by Mr. W. Wingate, a ringer at Farningham for nearly 50 years.

Another interesting item was the presentation of a wedding present to Mrs. Betty Scott, daughter of Mr. Bert Bates, the tower captain. The Vicar of Farningham (the Rev. G. M. Young), who presided, spoke of Mrs. Scott's varied interests in the village, and on behalf of the company wished her and her husband a long and happy life.

Mr. Young referred to the death of Sir Waldron Smithers, M.P., who had been the guest of honour at last year's supper, and spoke of the interest in ringing of several young men and women in the village.

The meat pies, excellently cooked by Mrs. Gwen Chitham, were followed by sweets and coffee. Then the company, which included, as well as ringers, members of the choir, Mr. Lace (a churchwarden) and the verger, fell to yarning.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I would like to thank 'C. C.' for the able explanation of the points at issue which fills the leader of your paper of April 15th.

If the councillors think as I do (and, knowing some of them, that's too much to hope), there is no doubt that the Art will not suffer through the application of too much mathematical science.

However, the fate Bob Triples suffers at the hands of the Council at Whitsun does not worry me unduly. Whatever they do will not affect my principal interest in ringing at the moment, namely, the maintenance, in face of many difficulties, of a Sunday service band at a small parish church.

My immediate concern is as to why some influence should now seek to enforce the dogmatised burblings of a 1903 committee which in practice have been ignored ever since.

It is well that members of the Council should ask themselves 'Why is the matter raised now?' and for enlightenment turn their minds to the following facts:—

George R. Newton, a very respected member of the Council, died in 1953, and a peal of Bob Triples, half-muffled, was rung to his memory by members of the Chester Guild.

Before the issue of the 1953 Peals Analysis somebody persuaded the committee that Bob Triples should not be included in the published tables, in consequence of which the convener of the committee thought it necessary to ask for a special ruling at the Newcastle meeting.

In the Chester Guild's 1953 report (which must have been drafted before and probably was in the hands of the printers at the time of the Newcastle meeting) some influence persuaded the compilers to relegate the Newton 'In Memoriam' peal to a secondary place in the Honours List and further, to its eternal shame, subsequently persuaded the Chester Guild at its annual meeting to accept the report with a note that that particular peal did not conform, etc.

In view of the fact that no decision was arrived at at Newcastle, surely it was not necessary for the Chester Guild to choose the year 1953 as the time for an attack on Bob Triples.

Why was it done? Well, perhaps someone with a better knowledge of the internal affairs of the Chester Guild than I will tell you.—Yours, etc.,

G. L. GROVER.

East Clandon, Surrey.

MACCLESFIELD SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I should like to point out that the method recently rung as Macclesfield Surprise Major and published in 'The Ringing World' of March 4th, appears in Corrigan's Collection as Hornchurch (No. 165). As far as I can tell, no peal of Hornchurch has ever been rung, so that, effectively, the method has been renamed Macclesfield. Perhaps someone will be able to confirm this.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow, Middx.

CHESHIRE BELLS

Dear Sir,—In 'A Book About Bells' by the Rev. George S. Tyock, B.A., I came across the following old jingle:—

Northern sweet music
And Didsbury pans,
Cheadle old kettles
And Stockport old cans.

Perhaps our Cheshire friends can enlighten us about Northern bells, maybe Northender was meant.—Yours sincerely,

C. GLENN.

Sherwood.

PEAL RINGING IN COUNTIES

Dear Sir,—I am grateful to Mr. Dove for the information he gives about towers in Lancashire. I regret that I, inadvertently, bring to light some of the very few errors in his book, but I am certain that no one would wish him to feel worried about that. As I write my articles, I am more and more grateful for his book and also more and more amazed at the essential accuracy of it. Ringers owe him a great debt of gratitude for the compilation.

As for Mr. Cave's remarks, I had hoped that, by now, it would be generally realised that my figures apply only to 1881 onwards (when 'Bell News' was first published). Thus peals older than that are not included. I am collecting now the earlier peals and hope, one day, to have as complete a record as possible of all peals rung since the first in 1715. I am, therefore, very grateful to Mr. Cave for his list, several of which I have not got. On the other hand, I appear to have six which do not appear in his list—1831, 1850 (2), 1854, 1882 and 1884). I have also marked one of the three peals in 1936 as false. I should be very pleased if we could compare notes.

Re the footnote to the peal at Walsall (200th peal) I find I have 180 since 1881, but I also have located 30 before that date, making a total of 210. Again I should be very pleased to compare notes with Mr. Howell or whoever is interested in the records.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

PEALS AT SOUTH WIGSTON

Dear Sir,—The account by Mr. Felstead of 'Peal Ringing in Leicestershire' makes very interesting reading. There is one very small point I should like to correct.

Mr. Felstead states that South Wigston was a six-bell tower last century, whereas the eight bells were installed as a complete ring in 1901. The 50th anniversary of the 17,104 Double Norwich was not rung until April 12th, 1955.

Incidentally, Mr. Felstead mentions that 29 peals were rung from 1901 to 1913, 31 from 1919 to 1940 and 43 since 1944. Of these 43 no less than 20 were rung during 1953 and 1954 (10 each year) so the average certainly is better!—Yours faithfully,

BRIAN G. WARWICK.

South Wigston.

RINGING IN DERBYSHIRE

Dear Sir,—With reference to 'Ringing in Derbyshire.' I should be very pleased if the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead would go through the list of peals rung at Ilkeston again, as our peal book gives the number as 89, and not one more peal for the 100th. Our tower secretary passed away some time ago and I have been hunting the peals up and find 96 peals in all—the first five peals being rung on the bells in the old tower, which was taken down and removed in 1909 and 1910.

The 89th peal (Superlative) was rung in November, 1948, and from reports I find that seven more peals have been rung.

The ring of eight bells was installed in 1902 and the Rev. F. E. Robinson called the first peal of Stedman in 1905, the other peals being two of Grandsire, one of Bristol and one of Plain Bob. There were only five bells in the tower up to 1902, when two trebles and a tenor (16½ cwt.) were added. All the bells were recast at Loughborough in 1910. Just fancy wearing a ring of bells out in seven years! Not many bands have done that!!—Yours truly,

E. C. GOBEY.

Ilkeston.

METHODS OF TEACHING

Dear Sir,—I have read with care and interest the letter by Mr. E. L. Humphriss in a recent issue and perhaps I might be allowed modestly to comment on the points raised. Much of my time has been occupied in giving instruction. At the moment, with generous help from good ringers, I am trying to raise an eight-bell band from scratch. I will take the matters raised in order.

(i.) Rounds should not be attempted until the pupil can not only handle his bell but refrain from looking for the sally. Whether the blackboard blue line is an asset or not, I can't say, as I haven't tried it. In my opinion change ringing on handbells should **follow** tower bell efficiency. A different technique is required, and many of us know men whose handbell ringing is as near perfection as may be, yet whose tower bell ringing falls short of the ideal standard.

(ii.) I **believe** in rounds and call changes. They **do** help on eight bells to get thoroughly grounded the idea of 'sixteen blows and a space.'

(iii.) There are two kinds of dodging—even-bell and odd-bell. In my opinion it is wholly wrong to introduce even-bell dodging into odd-bell methods. The protagonists of Bob Triples should consider whether in taking this step from Minor to Major it will not suffer the fate of many short cuts. One can accept even-bell dodging on five bells, for if a band has only five bells, there is nothing else to do in order to vary the monotony.

(iv.) I have always taught Grandsire first. It is musical, and if the learner goes to another tower as a visitor, he is always sure that the band, if it rings changes at all, can oblige him with Grandsire. My pupils never have to jump from the treble to inside, because they **start** inside. In my opinion again, it is essential to have a treble rung accurately among learners. There is not, I have found, any particular difficulty in approaching the job in this way, particularly if only one learner is involved. May I, at this juncture, say plainly that I do not like 'standing behind.' A learner, properly prepared, should be able to stand on his own feet. The people who stand behind are probably presumptuous if they assume that they can synchronise their instructions with the working of the learner's mind. Of course, extraordinary situations must be met in extraordinary ways.

(v.) Nearly all good ringers are willing, nay anxious, to help. I must admit, however, here and now, that there is one type of learner, fortunately rare, which I actively try to restrain. It is the kind which always wants to ring something beyond its capabilities of the moment. One of this type is always a passenger in the band, a nuisance to his fellow ringers, and is frequently a cause of dissension. The majority of learners is very diffident, and needs much encouragement to attempt anything new, though it may well be within its powers.—Yours, etc.,

J. T. DYKE.

Chilcompton.

PEALS THE BACKBONE OF 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—In 'The Ringing World' of week ending April 15th, there were only 11 peals to report, which occupied one page. It was, however, very noticeable that more compositions than usual were published, and that space for quarter peals far exceeded normal.

This makes it quite clear, I think, that publication of peals is the backbone of 'The Ringing World.' Therefore I think that it is ridiculous to expect peal ringers to pay for the publication of their efforts, a thing which would simply discourage people to ring peals and, judging by this copy, would probably cause the size of our paper to decrease.—Yours sincerely,

DAVID M. LEES.

Dudley, Worcs.

LETTERS—Continued

LAMBERT'S VARIATION

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. R. O. Fry, on page 236 of 'The Ringing World,' J. A. Lambert's Variation is as follows:—

23456	W	B	H
23564	—	—	3
23645	—	—	3
26435	—		2
32465	—		3

Three times repeated. Single halfway and end. The singles can be called at the first wrong in the first and third parts.

Many years ago when J. A. Lambert was living in Surrey and ringing with Dr. A. B. Carpenter he gave him his composition, who at once proved it, and told him it was a variation of J. R. Pritchard's This was between 1887 and 1904. I do not know when it was first rung to a peal but on November 2nd, 1921, I stood in a peal at Mitcham when it was called by another of my uncles.—Yours truly, ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Horsmonden.

HALF-MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—Could we, through your paper, ask for guidance on the practice of ringing half-muffled for Sunday services when a Sunday comes between a death and a funeral?

I should emphasise that being a village (pop. 700) with no other religious denomination most people claim some connection with the church, and consequently feel that they ought to be considered.

There is a local custom (not unique to this village) adhered to by some of us that the bells should not be rung 'open' when an unburied body lies in the parish. On the other hand, the Vicar and the remainder of us maintain that service ringing is 'pro Deus' and consequently should be open.

We always cancel practices and special ringing should they occur between the death and the funeral.

If, however, the deceased was in any sense of the word a church person, we try to, and usually do, ring a half-muffled touch in the evening after the funeral.

Now, sir, are these two marks of observance sufficient or should Sunday service ringing be affected as well?—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. LAWTON.

Silsoe, Beds.

A LEARNER'S LAMENT

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate 'Semi-Able' on his letter appearing in the issue of April 15th? The subject of his letter is one which **must** be given serious consideration by us all if the Exercise is to survive and flourish, which indeed should be the foremost objective of all active ringers.

How often do we attend a practice or a ringing meeting and find the usual reluctance amongst many of the 'older hands' (some of them well-known ringers) to stand in when rounds, Plain Bob or Grandsire are called for, yet upon the announcement of that magic word 'Surprise' they appear as if from nowhere, together with the local expert who invariably makes a beeline for the tenor rope!

Whatever our capabilities as ringers (and, surely, are we not all learners in one degree or another?), let us not lose sight of the fact that the future of our art depends entirely upon the newcomers of to-day. It is, therefore, of paramount importance that they be given every encouragement at all the practices and meetings they attend. After all, the beginner has gone to just as much trouble to 'look up' a plain course of Bob Minor as the more experienced ringer has gone to in order to 'look up' London.—Yours faithfully,

Slough. J. C. BIRT.

SCIENCE AND ART

Dear Sir,—I take up my infrequent pen because I was so struck with the 'leader' initialled 'C. C.' It gave me great pleasure. I think that of late they have shown us good writing, thought and given us 'furiously to think' for ourselves.

Yes, 'Science and Art.' I have been a certified lecturer in both, viz., building construction and architecture (history and design). My national bronze medal, 1886, reads 'for proficiency in science.' In the Arts I got 'Excellent with mention in report.'

I love architecture, music and archæology. I look upon the first two as governed by æsthetic consideration, and the last ruled by the scientist's knowledge. I think our Exercise to be a beautiful blend of both.

Take a bellfounder. At the beginning of the 17th century (a critical point of change in Europe) he changed the shape and tone of his bell i.e., by giving it a 'minor seventh' hum note, which is just within the octave previously aimed at. It was difficult because he had to rely upon his ear (and ears vary). He was evidently a musical artist, practising his art!

But 300 years later a scientist comes along with all his instruments and exact knowledge and says 'No, what you are aiming at is the ratio with the tonic of 24 to 25—the minor seventh, which has the peculiar harmonic character which you have been trying to get by ear.' It seems that, after all, the bell-founder—like the architect—was both scientist and artist combined.

Unfortunately I know nothing about composition, but I do like to hear seven bells, well struck, with intervals of the blow after the hand-change, and two blows for the lead after the other. It has a peculiar rhythm which it imposes upon the ear. Of course, the bell left out is the 3rd.

I think, too, that a method might be composed with the tenor at 5th place with the three small bells mostly lying behind it in 6, 7, 8. This would remind us of some of Bach's music. —Yours very truly,

E. ALEX YOUNG,

Bromley.

SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—I have expected an answer to Mr. Rogers' letter ('Ringing World,' page 139) by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

With reference to the composition, it was first rung in connection with my name at Beddington, Surrey, to London Surprise Royal (No. 3 Version) on Saturday, April 4th, 1936, conducted by Charles H. Kippin.

Though it is well known as being connected with me, I must point out that it has a parallel in the Central Council collection of peals of Plain Bob Royal (page 237, No. 9). I did not know of this until a couple of years ago, when the fact was mentioned to me by Mr. John Worth about the Edward Francis 1894 peal. I append both peals so that they can be compared—it will be noticed that the calls are exactly the same though the course-ends differ—and to enable Mr. Rogers and anyone else interested to make their own choice. I hope Mr. Rogers is successful with his peal.

F. E. DARBY				E. FRANCIS			
23456	M	W	H	23456	W	M	H
52436		—		42635	—	—	
34625	—	—		34625	—		
36245		—	2	36245	—		2
43265		—	3	43265	—		3
Repeat.				Three Repeats, Single halfway & end.			

Yours truly,

FRANK E. DARBY.

Croydon.

WEDDINGS

At Aldrington, Sussex

Easter Monday, with beautiful sunshine, provided an ideal day for the wedding of Miss Mary Wyatt Brown to Mr. Bryan Kenneth Turnbull at St. Leonard's Church, Aldrington, Hove. These two young people first met while learning to ring at this church, both being members of the local band.

The bride wore a full-length dress of white lace, and was given away by her father, Mr. W. H. V. Brown, who has been churchwarden for the past seven years.

Bridesmaids were Wendy Turnbull (sister of the bridegroom), Penelope A. Cornish (the bride's godchild) and Lesley E. Cornish, who all wore dresses of blue, made by the bride. The duties of best man were carried out by Harry W. Brown (the bride's brother). Canon H. J. Mogridge (also a ringer) officiated.

The church porch was decorated with bell rope sallies, and as the happy couple left the church the local ringers rang the tower bells, and more ringers formed a guard of honour holding handbells.

The reception was held in the Church Hall, and entertainment provided by Diana Gough and Roy Brown ringing tunes on handbells, four in hand. The honeymoon was spent touring the West Country by car.

A quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was attempted the evening before the wedding by the bride, bridegroom, bridesmaid, best man, usher and chief of the wedding ringers, but apparently their minds were not on ringing for it came to grief before the end!

The local band presented Mary and Bryan with a present and expressed their good wishes for future happiness.

At Barking, Suffolk

On April 2nd the wedding took place at St. Mary's, Barking, Suffolk, between Mr. Walter J. Fayers and Miss Evelyn Winter. Both bride and bridegroom are Sunday service ringers at this church, and the bells were rung by the local company before and after the ceremony, which was performed by the Rector (Canon S. H. De le Bere) with Mrs. De la Bere at the organ.

Following a reception at The Limes, Needham Market, the couple left for a honeymoon in Jersey. Among the many presents was one from the local company.

VISITING AMERICA

From America we learn that Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes hope to visit the handbell ringing festival at Ipswich, near Boston, U.S.A., on August 26th, 27th and 28th. Mr. E. Weatherby is making the long journey from Los Angeles to meet them

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ALLENSMORE, HEREFORDS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. G. Clarke 1, L. D. Young 2, T. H. Young (cond.) 3, J. E. Lloyd 4, P. H. Young 5, A. W. Preece 6. Rung for the 7 a.m. Easter morning service.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On April 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: D. K. Walklate 1, P. Jackson (aged 13, first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss V. Horton 3, C. Haycock (first quarter of Doubles) 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen Scott (first quarter) 1, S. Kathleen M. Knight 2, R. Baldwin 3, Doris A. Banks 4, G. E. Verrill 5, H. A. Nobes (cond.) 6, F. G. Barron 7, S. A. Scott 8. Rung for Evensong; also for the first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Scott and the 16th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Nobes.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On April 17th, 1,264 Little Bob Major: P. Flack (12) 1, P. Stacey 2, P. Hutton 3, L. Hughes 4, R. Castledine 5, W. Collins 6, J. Dear 7, C. Harwood (cond.) 8. First in the method by all except 7th.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Mar. 27th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Gillian R. Parsons 1, Joyce Fishlock 2, R. I. Parsons 3, F. W. Housden 4, N. Hobden 5, A. E. Cheesman 6, A. J. Adams 7, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 8. First in method by 2 and 3.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. Vessey 1, F. W. Vernon 2, W. L. Exton (cond.) 3, F. W. Midwinter 4, H. Stevenson 5, L. Coldbeck 6.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On April 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. E. Wiltshire 1, T. W. Harris 2, K. C. Brain (first quarter 'inside') 3, Enid A. Bond 4, S. S. Woodburn 5, F. Gooding 6.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: D. Lyman 1, S. J. Jessop 2, F. Dewey 3, W. E. Clarke 4, G. Dawson 5, F. Leggott 6, D. R. Brown 7, T. Freestone 8, J. Petch 9, R. F. Brown (cond.) 10. Rung before Easter Day Evensong.

BRADFIELD, BERKS.—On April 18th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): W. Holloway 1, F. Brooks 2, J. Butler (cond.) 3, R. Allum (first 'inside') 4, G. Keal 5, R. Kent (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Reeves, ringer at Bradfield for over 50 years.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, H. Stebbings 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, K. Everett (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CHARLTON-ON-OTMOOR, OXON.—On April 19th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): W. Baggett 1, C. H. Kinch 2, E. G. Jones 3, H. Haynes 4, E. J. Smith (cond.) 5.

CHELSEA, S.W.—At St. Luke's Church, on April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Mead 1, Miss J. M. R. Atkins 2, Miss V. E. Dupré 3, J. H. Lott 4, A. F. Udall 5, C. M. Meyer 6, F. P. Mead (first as cond.) 7, C. T. Bartlett 8.

COLLINGHAM, YORKS.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hague 1, C. Hague 2, Elsa Murray 3, G. Thackray 4, Jean Lawn 5, Margaret Barker 6, W. M. Scheerer (cond.) 7, Carol Steel 8. Also on April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Hague 1, Jennifer Ball (first 'inside') 2, G. Thackray 3, Gillian Popplewell (first quarter) 4, C. Hague 5, Margaret Barker 6, W. M. Scheerer (cond.) 7, C. Maxfield 8

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.—On Mar. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Hoodless 1, T. Goodwin (first of Minor) 2, T. Greasley 3, A. Simpson (cond.) 4, B. Marston (first quarter) 5, G. Payne 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 11th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): G. Daynes 1, W. Rawlings 2, B. Aldridge 3, Miss H. Oakshett 4, F. Richardson 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. A 75th birthday compliment to F. Richardson; also a farewell to the Rev. C. B. Walker, late of St. Mary's, Woolwich, who is taking up an appointment at St. Peter's House, Cambridge.

ETWALL, DERBYS.—On April 8th, 1,260 Doubles (540 Plain Bob and 720 Grandsire): A. Fisher 1, D. Murfin 2, A. Mould 3, D. Walklate (cond.) 4, J. Murfin 5, Miss V. Horton 6. Rung half-muffled for Good Friday.

FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.—On April 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Roper 1, K. Williamson 2, F. Roper (cond.) 3, C. Hardy 4, E. Webb 5, A. Chapman 6. First quarter by 1, 4, 5 and 6, and believed to be the first quarter on the bells by a local band.

GLASGOW.—At St. Mary's Cathedral, on Easter Day, 1,296 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Darnell (first quarter) 1, H. Sargent (cond.) 2, J. Hutchinson 3, Miss E. M. Bryce 4, L. Boumphrey 5, E. A. Stafford 6, E. Boumphrey 7, A. E. Haynes 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On April 3rd, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: K. C. Timbury 1, G. Cherry 2, E. Winters 3, R. Head (first of London) 4, P. W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for Palm Sunday. Also on April 10th, 1,260 Minor (540 Plain Bob, 720 Oxford Bob): S. H. Ashton 1, P. W. Croft 2, R. Head 3, G. Cherry 4, W. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for Easter Sunday.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Minor (360 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob and 180 Double Oxford): A. A. Booth 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, G. G. Mansfield 4, N. Cox 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles: G. Garwood 1, G. Jennings 2, R. Seabrook (cond.) 3, H. Clarke (first quarter) 4, R. J. Truin 5. Rung for Evensong.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Laura M. Beeney 1, Kathleen Yeo 2, A. Goldsmith 3, F. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, P. Message 6. Rung as a compliment to Beryl Unstead and Gerald Gadd, both well-known local ringers, on their engagement.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On April 13th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Shellard 1, B. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, C. Hinton 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss Mary Middlemiss, of Southam, who has left for a period in Canada, with best wishes, Mary, from your Helmdon friends.

HORNSEY, N.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Holdswort (first quarter) 1, Mary Hille 2, Eileen Fadden 3, D. Kingston 4, J. Crump (cond.) 5, W. Kingston 6.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Minor (600 Oxford Treble Bob, 600 Kent Treble Bob, 60 Plain Bob): T. Mann 1, L. W. Carbutt 2, I. Crossland (cond.) 3, E. Stainrod 4, S. Fielding 5, H. Mann 6. Rung for the Easter festival.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On April 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rose 1, D. Peacock 2, F. Elsome 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papworth 6.

HUISH EPISCOPI, SOMERSET.—On April 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. J. Stevens 1, C. J. Stevens 2, Miss P. M. Stevens 3, D. Sweet 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6. First of Minor for 1 and 2.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 10th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Grandsire, 360 Reverse Canterbury, 540 Plain Bob): F. L. Weller 1, Miss A. Wilson (first in three methods) 2, Miss J. M. Phillips (first as cond.) 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller 5. Also on April 17th, 1,380 Spliced Doubles (120 each of Reverse Canterbury and Raveningham, Plain Bob and Candlesby, Winchendon and Longford S.C., St. Nicholas and Longford S.C., 360 St. Martin's and Rubgy S.C. and 540 St. Simon's and Rugby S.C.), 75 changes of method: B. B. Dibben (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Burroughs (first in 10 methods) 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, W. L. Weller 5.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On April 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. J. Vardy (first of Minor) 1, F. J. White 2, D. Sweet 3, C. Gratton (first of Minor 'inside') 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. Bown 6.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Hales 1, L. Batley 2, E. Furband 3, L. Last 4, J. Hales, jun. (first in method) 5, C. Willmington 6, E. Smith 7, J. Crampion (cond.) 8.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: N. Butcher 1, C. A. Tester 2, G. Fry 3, E. J. Jenner 4, S. Jenner (first 'inside' and as cond., aged 14) 5, K. S. Hohl 6.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. Tomkins (first quarter) 1, J. Divenage 2, C. Gall (first 'inside') 3, M. Fairey 4, D. Barr (cond.) 5. Rung for Easter Sunday morning.

LONG EATON, DERBYS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Wm. Simpson 1, P. Parry 2, Shelagh Kilbourn 3, W. Hartland 4, C. Geary 5, H. Makins, 6 D. Marshall (cond.) 7, R. Newsum 8.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Cook 1, Heather Bonner 2, E. D. Poole 3, J. T. Clay 4, E. Silvey 5, Evelyn Gibson 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On April 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Commins 1, Miss J. Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens 3, Miss P. Stevens (4), Mrs. E. S. Powell 5, R. Winter 6, C. W. J. Tarr (cond.) 7, J. Hill 8. First quarter on eight for 2, 4 and 8.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. G. Hooper (cond.) 1, M. W. Lewis 2, W. L. Exton 3, F. W. Midwinter 4, S. L. Barley 5, C. J. Copp 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On April 2nd, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: S. K. M. Knight 1, F. W. Burnett 2, R. Baldwin 3, E. W. Keys 4, H. Poyner 5, R. G. Leale 6, J. A. Ainsworth 7, F. A. Munday (cond.) 8.

POWICK, WORCS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Cole 1, M. Trumper (first 'inside') 2, D. Trumper (cond.) 3, G. J. Lewis 4, D. Brickell 5, F. Hyde 6. Rung for Evensong.

SADDLEWORTH, YORKS.—On April 12th, 1,320 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. White 1, G. Perrin 2, J. Burgess 3, L. Dawson (cond.) 4, A. Farrand 5, A. J. Bennett 6. Rung to celebrate the 91st birthday of Mr. Jonathan Pilling (April 10th, 1955).

SHARDLOW, DERBYS.—On April 17th, 1,259 Doubles (540 Plain Bob and 719 Grandsire): P. Jackson (aged 13, first quarter) 1, D. P. Jones (cond.) 2, D. Walklate 3, A. Thompson 4, V. Horton 5, J. Foster 6.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Day (first quarter) 1, G. Johnson 2, H. Wittering 3, C. Stubbington 4, W. Lawrence 5, W. Brown 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, J. Aldous 8.

STRATFORD, E.—At St. Mary-atte-Bow, on April 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Ottley 1, J. A. Hales 2, A. E. Hoare 3, L. Batley 4, J. Hales 5, E. D. Smith 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Dobbie 1, W. Rogers 2, T. E. Sone (cond.) 3, R. Overy 4, W. Dobbie 5, R. Mitchell 6, F. H. Hicks 7, Rev. F. R. K. Hare (first quarter) 8.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On April 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Vincent (first quarter) 1, K. Clark 2, Miss Clayton (Harrow Weald) 3, Miss M. Davis 4, C. Woodley 5, Police Sergt. Rundle 6, R. Woodley (cond.) 7, P. Davis 8.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. N. Oakeshott (first quarter) 1, T. P. Harris 2, Miss A. Culpin 3, P. J. Lawton 4, J. F. Olney (cond.) 5, Miss S. J. Devereux 6. Rung within the Octave of Easter.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Bracey 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, F. Eley 4, C. Hone 5, A. E. Garbett 6, J. Moore 7, C. Sherwood 8. Rung for evening service, and in honour of a former Rector (the Ven. W. A. Parker), president of the Society of Change Ringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, who on Easter Monday was installed Canon Residentiary of Lichfield Cathedral; also on the birth of a son to the wife of the ringer of the 3rd.

SWAVESEY, CAMBS.—On April 18th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Renson 1, F. Elsome 2, A. Leggett 3, D. Peacock 4, A. Payne 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. D. Adams (churchwarden of Overchurch) and Miss M. Welch, married that day.

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Grandsire, 1,200 Plain Bob): K. Garner 1, Miss L. Farmer 2, M. Hooten 3, A. Butcher 4, Rev. C. E. Wigg (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 2, and the first quarter on the bells since restoration. Rung for the second anniversary of restoration.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, after evening service, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 420 April Day, 360 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire): O. Pole 1, R. Short 2, M. Stone 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Sweet (cond.) 5, C. Sweet (first quarter) 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On April 17th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (extent each of Oxford and Kent): Anne Holmes 1, L. W. G. Skinner 2, A. S. D. Graham (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 3, Mary Fuller 4, M. Fuller 5, J. E. Cannell (cond.) 6. A farewell to the Rev. J. F. Hough (Rector) and Mrs. Hough, who are leaving for Folkestone after 8½ years at West Wickham.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): Mrs. Devenish 1, M. Sinden 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, Margaret Ward 6, J. Brickell 7, A. Bishop 8. Rung as a token of respect for Edwin Brickell, father of the 7th ringer, who died on Tuesday in Holy Week.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Mar. 20th, 1,260 Reverse St. Bartholomew: M. Hendy 1, S. Higgs 2, D. Elliott 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, T. Jefferies 6. First quarter in the method on the bells.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Gaylard 1, A. C. Jeanes 2, Miss J. Dunton (first quarter of Grandsire Triples) 3, R. Moore 4, T. E. Marks 5, L. Parris 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, H. Gaylard 8.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK WARRINGTON

The passing of Mr. F. Warrington at his home at St. Ives on Sunday, April 17th, at the early age of 61, robs the Ely Association of one of its most enthusiastic and well respected members.

Deceased had not enjoyed good health during the last five years through cardiac trouble, which needed frequent hospital treatment. Seen four days before, Sunday, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, by two members of the Association, he was most cheerful, and it was indeed a shock to learn of his demise so quickly.

The funeral service, which was held at the Parish Church, was fully choral, and well attended by upwards of 60 members, officers of the Association and friends. The hymns 'The King of Love' and 'Abide With Me' were impressively sung by both choir and congregation. The bells were half-muffled, and many of his old associates joined in ringing before and after the service. As the cortege left for Cambridge, where cremation took place, a course of Cambridge Surprise Major (deceased's favourite method) was rung.

Ringing his first peal at Over, 1923, conducted by the late Wilfrid Hooton, he quickly grasped the principles of ringing and before the year had ended succeeded in calling his first peal of Doubles at Fenstanton. From then on he was in the forefront helping beginners. With the bells at Over augmented to eight in 1931, he soon got busy and scored the first peal of Major with an entirely local band, which rapidly progressed under his tutelage to ring their first Surprise peal in January, 1933.

On his removal to St. Ives during World War II. he soon interested himself in the bells and choir of the Parish Church, and few Sundays passed without a quarter peal for services. Altogether he rang 470 peals, 399 of which are recorded in the Association's reports. Besides ringing, he held office as District secretary 1927-34, Central Council representative 1936-47, and Hunts District Ringing Master to the time of his death. His last peals at Holywell and St. Ives last December included three 'firsts in the method.'

He leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss, and of his work for the Ely Association it can be truly said he gave of his best unselfishly and in the interest of others. He will be gratefully remembered by all. R.I.P.

T. R. D.

THE REV. J. CRICHTON MELVILLE

The unexpected passing of the Rev. J. Crichton Melville, Vicar of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, is deeply regretted by local ringers.

When he came to Walton in 1944 he found that the bells had been silent for years and needed rehanging. The great improvement in Walton belfry is largely due to his keen desire that ringers should have a good-going set of bells to ring in a decent ringing chamber.

There was a crowded church for the funeral service on April 21st, a tribute to a fine outstanding character.

His ringers sent a wreath and rang half-muffled before the funeral service. In the evening a quarter peal was attempted with half-muffled clappers, but owing to the 3rd slipping wheel, it was not successful and a 504 of Grandsire Triples was substituted. The following ringers were in attendance: Mrs. Lathbury, Mrs. Price, Miss N. E. Shorter. Messrs. P. Alderton, W. Alderton, G. Curtis, M. Jackson, R. Lathbury, S. Price and W. Shepherd.

W. S.

BROWN EDGE, STAFFS.—On April 10th, 1,260 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: A. Pointon 1, A. Cotterel 2, F. Holdcroft 3, R. Turner (cond.) 4, W. Bourne 5, R. Cumberlidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. E. M. Hall, wife of the tower captain.

MR. EDGAR MITCHELL

With the passing of Mr. Edgar Mitchell at his home, The Manor House, on April 11th, aged 73, Silk Willoughby, and especially the church, has lost a kind and most generous friend. No matter what activities or rejoicings took place in the village, local or national, Mr. Mitchell always took a prominent lead.

In October, 1945, he presented to the church, in memory of his beloved parents and sister, three new bells to make a lovely ring of six, thus adding the crowning glory to an already beautiful church. So passes from our midst to his eternal rest a loved personality, one who will be greatly missed and difficult to replace.

May his soul rest in peace.

JAMES H. MUSSON.

MRS. REEVES

Mrs. Reeves, a member of the first band of women ringers in the country, died at Bradfield, Berkshire, on April 12th. She had rung at Bradfield for over 50 years. In her last peal, at Goring-on-Thames, in 1935, all those taking part were members of the Ancient Society of College Youths. At her marriage to Captain Reeves, then secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in 1916, she conducted her own touch of 720 Plain Bob.

The funeral took place on April 18th. A short touch was rung after the funeral by the following: Miss Stella Davis (Bucklebury, representing the Guild) 1, F. Brooks (Bradfield) 2, J. Butler (Bradfield, conductor) 3, A. Arlott (Beenham) 4, G. Keal (Bradfield) 5, W. Holloway (Bradfield) 6.

THE REV. MARWOOD PATERSON

We regret to record the passing of the Rev. Marwood Paterson, late Vicar of St. Thomas-the-Martyr's, Bristol, who died on April 16th at the age of 83. A past Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, Mr. Paterson was a very likeable personality and a great friend to all ringers, especially in the Bristol area. The funeral was on April 19th at St. Thomas' Church, followed by cremation at Bristol Crematorium. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was represented by the Master (Mr. C. R. Harding), Mr. Fred G. Leaker, Mr. A. V. Bennett (Bristol City Branch secretary) and several others. The bells were rung half-muffled as the cortege was leaving the church. Bristol ringers have lost a very good friend.

MR ERNEST NIDD

A lifelong member of the St. Wulfram's Band of Change Ringers, Grantham, Lincs, Ernest Nidd died on April 7th, aged 76. He was a regular and punctual member and gave good service in a very quiet and unobtrusive manner for over 50 years.

The funeral took place on April 13th, conducted by the Vicar (Canon C. H. Leeke) and in the evening the bells were rung half-muffled by his fellow ringers. He leaves a widow, a daughter and a son, who is the present verger of St. Wulfram's.

Kent County Association

A very successful by-meeting of the Rochester District was held at Ash-by-Wrotham on April 16th, when some 30 members enjoyed this handy ring of six (tenor 9 cwt.).

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. D. Vigo, Vicar of Ash and Ridley, and the excellent tea was kindly given. Mr. S. Rayfield, Ringing Master of Queensborough, thanked the Vicar for his welcome, and the local ringers and helpers who had made the meeting a success.

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BIRTH

RETTER.—On April 14th, 1955, at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, to Qucenie (nee Pring) and George E. Retter, the gift of a daughter (Ann Catherine), sister for Margaret. 6242

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During school terms the address of Mr. Roger Leigh is now: c/o The Grammar School, Hindley, near Wigan, Lancs. 6224

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MISCELLANEOUS

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Practices at St. Martin-in-the-Fields during May will be on the 11th and 18th. 6230

The General Secretary of the Bedfordshire Association is now Mr. J. W. Sinfield, 4, Queen Street, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 6256

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Ickleton, Saturday, April 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service? Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6195

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division.—Meeting at Rettendon (6), Saturday, April 30th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. 6189

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District. — Quarterly meeting, Marden, April 30th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas. 6254

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, April 30th, St. Mary's, Leyton, 3–5 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. St. Mary-atte-Bow 6-8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6228

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—N. and E. District. — Meeting at Kingbury (Blackbird Cross—buses 52 and 83 pass church) on Saturday, April 30th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Ringing also at Hendon (Church Road and near bus garage) 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 6200

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting at Bristol on Saturday, May 7th. St. Stephen's 11.50; St. Mary Redcliffe 2.40; St. Thomas' 4. Tea, at the Grosvenor Hotel, 5. Names for tea to Mr. A. M. Tyler, 32, Hengrove Road, Knowle, Bristol 4.—A. B. Peck. 6146

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting at Sowerby (recast octave), Saturday, May 7th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food. Business meeting to follow, and bells afterwards.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Stoke-under-Ham (6), Saturday, May 7th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify for tea T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 6222

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Marple, May 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please advise for tea, before May 3rd, Mr. M. J. Pryor, Derry, Waterside, Marple.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 6249

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch. — Practice meeting, St. Bees (8), Saturday, May 7th, at 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to H. Wilson, 128, Main Street, St. Bees.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Half-yearly meeting at Hexham, Saturday, May 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Committee meeting 3.45 p.m. in vestry. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Abbey Hotel (price 4s.). Names for tea, by May 5th, to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 6250

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Histon on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 6225

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Witham (8), Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea to Mr. E. Bright, 42, Cressing Road, Witham. 6213

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — May 7th, St. Matthew's, Kingsdown (8) 6.30–8.30 p.m. Please come and help.—A. Bennett. 6236

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ewell, May 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea, by May 4th, to John Beams, 4, Cottage Road, W. Ewell.—A. H. Smith. 6216

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District.—Meeting at Lyonshall, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business after. Names for tea, by May 3rd, to J. Price, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 6227

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey (8), May 7th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec., 8, Bridge Road, Hynton Bridge, King's Langley. 6239

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Ruckinge (5) May 7th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea must inform Mrs. Blackburn, Blue Anchor Inn, Ruckinge, by May 3rd, specifying this meeting.—W. P. G. 6203

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Emmanuel Church, Southport, on Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Doreen Dutton, 1, Cockle Dick Lane, Southport, Lancashire.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 6229

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting at Scorton (8 bells), Saturday, May 7th. Ringing 2.30-7.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to S. Anderton, Springfield Farm, Scorton.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 6252

MEDICAL RINGERS.—Meeting at All Hallows', Twickenham (10), May 7th, 3 p.m. Dinner 7.30. Names, please, to D. J. Neal Smith, 93, Cole Park Road, Twickenham. 6208

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Norwich, Saturday, May 7th. Service at St. Andrew's 4; preacher the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow. Tea St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Queen Street, 4.45. Business meeting 5.30, St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Vital agenda, election of new president and new general secretary. Names for tea, before April 29th, to the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, 17, The Close, Norwich (tea 2s. 6d.; 1s. 6d. to those at school). Bells: Mancroft (13) 3.15-3.45 and 7-9; St. Giles' (8), St. Miles' (8) St. John de Sepulchre (8). St. George Colegate (6), 1.30-3.45 and 7-9.—Gilbert Thurlow, Gen. Sec. 6148

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — The annual meeting of the branch to be held at Benson has been **postponed** until Saturday, May 7th. Names for tea, by May 3rd, to H. Badger, Branch Sec. 6116

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Maids-Moreton, Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 6238

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sandhurst on May 7th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 6223

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—Meeting at Castor, May 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 Names for tea by May 3rd, please.—G. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 6194

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Meeting, Bromham (6), Saturday, May 7th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea.—Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6244

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Bolsover, May 7th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by May 5th, to Mr. A. Cooper, Wickstead, Rectory Road, Duckmanton, near Bolsover.—J. Seager, Sec. 6155

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting, May 7th, at Langar (5), 2.30 to 4.30, and Granby (5) 6 to 8 p.m. Bus to Langar from Nottingham (Broad Marsh) 2.18 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at Boot and Shoe, Granby. Names by previous Tuesday to me. — C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 6218

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting at Godstone, May 7th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by May 4th, to A. K. Wood, 18, White Cots, Holland, Oxted.—C. Champion, Miss D. Colgate, Hon. Dis. Secs. 6211

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting on Saturday, May 7th, at The Good Shepherd, Brighton. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Church Hall, followed by meeting. Ringing: The Good Shepherd 3-4.30; St. Peter's and St. Nicholas' 2.30-3.45 and 7.30-8.30. Tea 3s. per head to those who forward individual names to me not later than Wednesday. May 4th. — R. W. R. Percy, Esperance, Oldfield Road, Willingham, Eastbourne. 6192

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Titchfield, May 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Parish Room. Names, by May 3rd, to Mr. Love, 2, Bridge Street, Titchfield. 6243

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Selby Abbey on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (10) available 2-4.30 p.m. and after meeting until 9 p.m. Audit in Hawdon Institute 11 a.m. Service in Chancel 4.30 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d. per head) 5 p.m. in Hawdon Institute, followed by general meeting. Names, by May 5th, to Mr. T. H. Foster, 15, Portholme Drive, Selby. Subscriptions now due, and reports will be available. — L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Bradford 9. 6205

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kelston (6) on Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. S. Woodburn, 16, Lynfield Park, Bath. 6184

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Meeting, Chigwell, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 6257

HEREFORD GUILD. — Bromyard District. —Quarterly meeting at Pencombe, May 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names, please, to R. L. Price, Schallenge Cottage, Bromyard. 6251

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Apsley (6), May 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by the 11th. — R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 6255

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby (6), Saturday, May 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in the Village Hall 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 9th, to J. H. Musson, The Bungalow, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs.—J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec. 6260

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Bride's Major on Saturday, May 14th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Secretary, 2, The Causeway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge, Glam. 6245

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, Monday, May 2nd, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, 7.15 p.m. Saturday, May 14th, St. Stephen's, Ealing (65 bus from Broadway) 3 to 5 p.m. Choral Evensong and handbells 5 p.m. Tea and business, Parish Room, 5.45. Ringing, Christ the Saviour's, 7.30. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth (HOU 3921). 6233

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, May 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing: St. Mary's, Holloway Road, 2-4; Clerkenwell 3-4.30; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 8-9. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore (WORdsworth 5109). 6235

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at March Baldon, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by May 10th, please, to T. S. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford. 6237

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Lower Heyford, Saturday, May 14th. Names for tea, by Saturday, May 7th, to Mr. W. Collins, Furnace Lane, Lower Heyford, Northants. — F. W. Hancock. 6231

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and CHESTER GUILD (Crewe Branch).—Joint meeting, Market Drayton, May 14th. Names for tea, by May 12th, to Mr. F. Price, Bentleys Road, Market Drayton.—E. V. Jones, Hon. Sec. 6247

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Leiston (8), May 14th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please send names for tea, by May 11th, to A. R. Bridges, Theberton, Leiston. 6234

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Thorington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, please.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 6232

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At St. John's Church, on April 17th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: W. Rose 1, S. Wright 2, H. Goakes 3, L. Hadman 4, J. H. Bluff (cond.) 5, W. Barker 6, G. Bush 7, F. Boyall 8. Rung for evening service, also after an unsuccessful attempt the previous Tuesday for the wedding of Mr. W. Stevens, the organist at St. John's Church.

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COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.—On April 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss J. Crow (first quarter) 1, W. Richardson 2, K. Perkins (cond.) 3, A. Baker 4, A. Cozens 5.

SHELFANGER, NORFOLK.—On April 17th, 1,260 Doubles (480 St. Simon's, 480 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): F. Roper 1, F. Arnold 2, F. Phillippo (cond.) 3, C. Catchpole 4, A. Cook 5. Rung for morning service.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.—On April 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Clover (first quarter) 1, E. G. Bracey 2, R. J. Lofty 3, D. Yaxley (first 'inside') 4, C. H. Moore 5, T. E. Spight 6, P. W. J. Fryer 7, H. Tooke (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

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'RINGERS' PARLIAMENT'

ONCE again the annual conference of the Central Council is upon us, and although the opportunity has passed for submitting the many possible motions for reform and advancement of the activities of the Exercise, yet from the Council's Agenda published in the previous issue it is seen that a little more interest is being shown this year in this vital connection.

I am one of those who believe that slender support is to be found among common-sensed ringers for the idea that the Council is autocratic; still less that its committees dominate its decisions. But I believe that cautious observers may be right in thinking that some recommendations get through Council 'by default.' The plain fact is that every representative is expected to be sufficiently well informed to reach his own decision after debate; or to vote as his constituency would require. Nevertheless, certain aspects of ringing debate, technical for example, call for considerable reflection before their implications can be fully grasped for a balanced judgment. A case in point was the 'Report on Extension,' the technology of which was apparently admitted by some councillors to be 'beyond' them; which is not surprising—all things considered!

Unfortunately, inconsistencies and anomalies may be found in branches of ringing literature other than technological, and examples may be found in the extracts from Council Decisions, published recently in these pages. We must, however, pay tribute to the Council's Honorary Secretary in thus 'letting the dog see the rabbit' well before the chase and ultimate dispatch. Of what was shown there can now be no sort of rabbit-ex-hat excuse of being in ignorance. either of what Decisions exist or of how they are set down. But as to proposed amendments, intended for the Handbook, that is another matter.

Indeed, there is much that needs attention to put the house fully in good order, and our main objective is to focus attention on the need for careful framing and drafting of regulations, and to emphasise that no 'Decision' that is not unequivocally expressed and not generally acceptable to the Exercise as a whole need ever get into, or remain upon, the 'statute book,' if C.C. representatives fully exercise their prerogatives.

The importance of this is paramount. Some years ago an invitation was given by a senior member of one of our older universities to submit, for a 'Proceedings' reading, a thesis on Method Structure. The invitation was declined, largely because one's researches and conclusions were still unresolved; but another, and in the present connection more cogent, consideration is that it would have been impracticable to quote directly (i.e., without considerable editing) from the 'Decisions' as an authority. In a 'free lance' work on Method Structure it has been found necessary to amend and supplement the substance of the 'Decisions'; in fact, when the appropriate sub-committee was about to begin its task of revising and incorporating them in the Handbook, advice to this effect was submitted, with a copy of the 'Decisions' duly annotated accordingly.

But these remarks only emphasise the wisdom of the recent publication of the extracts; and although it is now too late for the submission of further motions, yet comments on some of those extracts, considered jointly with some items of the published Agenda, may serve as talking points, leading to the 'Decisions' being less at variance with some viewpoints, and to a Handbook comprehensively and technically exact.

Items originally selected for comment (mainly from those extracts) included:— Use of the term 'Division'; Lead-end coursing order (C. D. P. Davies' pamphlet, 'Lead Ends,' C.C.); Definition of Double Methods; Ambiguity in ringing terminology; Treble-bob reclassification (simplifying); M.C. 'Report on Extension' (critical review, similarity with original Grid Analysis, etc.); Effects of calls, rule and non-conformity in Stedman; Methods 'Blue Book'; etc. Space now precludes discussion on these, but in the following comments reference may be made to the Extracts in the issue No. 2,295 of 'The Ringing World,' dated March 25th, pages 185, 186 and 187, also to the Agenda on page 265 of the previous issue.

C.C. MOTIONS. Of these, (a) to (f) inclusive will be seen all to relate directly or indirectly to the method of Plain Bob as on odd-bell stages. Motion (a) seems to cover also (b), (c) and (d); while (b) is more comprehensive than (c), and (c) more than (d). Those who feel strongly about Bob Triples, etc., may note that on page 185, under '1905,' Plain Bob on odd-bell stages and Grandsire on even-bell stages are NOT (as therein quoted) declared illegitimate, except in ONLY the Triples and Major stages, respectively.

The sponsors of motion (e) will no doubt agree that 'Conditions required for Peals' (page 187, 'Ringing World' No. 2,295) must now logically include specific reference to the 'Report on Extension' which, having been adopted by the Council, now governs peals on all stages above the basic form, in any method.

Relative to motion (f) it is interesting to note that in the extracts, on page 185 of 'The Ringing World,' there is given, under '1954,' a decision which excludes the method up to then known as 'London Royal (No. 3) Version,' and particularly by rule 10(2) in the 'Report on Extension.' Incidentally this, the issue of the pivot place, is the very one that gave rise to the whole investigation, and it therefore seems queer to see a peal still reported without even the 'No. 3 Version' in the title. But there is nothing to prevent this method being pealed (yes, I've been in one!), and included in the Analysis, if called by some other name, such as 'Bow Surprise Royal.' This is legitimate, because the method, first published before the war, does not come under the '1926' ruling (see page 185) of 'old and historical.' The apparent difficulty over name-change of some of these methods is imaginary rather than real, since all that is needed is the appropriate official declaration, an example of which is given under '1897' on page 185.

Motion (g), to be comprehensively effective in methods also that are not hunt-controlled, seems to require the addition of the words, 'or division,' after 'in the same lead'; but even then it would not cover cases of 'internal' 4-blow singles, for example, as in 'Real Double Grandsire.'

Space precludes further exemplification. But, in general, it is essential to realise that decisions made in the 'Ringers' Parliament' need not differ substantially from those made in majority 'territorially.' If local district meetings have first discussed matters and primed their district representatives to meet their Association officials in general committee, then their C.C. representatives can be finally primed there. The ultimate outcome is, of course, the majority vote in the Council. Careful PRELIMINARY study, however, of any C.C. Committee's detailed recommendations is essential for an informed vote. From this angle it is difficult to see how (in referring to motion (h)), without a preview of its draft, the new Handbook can be wholly digested and satisfactorily approved in the brief time that may be allotted to this one matter. Sympathetic consideration, however, will lighten the burden of its sponsors. Happy Conference!

A. Y.-B.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY TOUR

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sun., Apr. 10, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
At 130, Hady Hill,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*Shirley V. Rymer	1-2	*Ruth M. K. How	3-4
Peter Border	5-6		

Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Minor on handbells.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Tues., Apr. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

Donald H. Niblett	*Treble*	‡Peter R. Sanders	5
*David Hodgson	2	Glyn F. Jenkins	6
David A. Edwards	3	Robin G. Turner	7
†James L. Eaton	4	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Composed by John E. Burton. Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.'

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Wed., Apr. 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*Glyn F. Jenkins	*Treble*	§Donald H. Niblett	6
Shirley V. Rymer	2	Peter Border	7
†Ruth M. K. How	3	‡Ewart H. Edge	8
‡Robin G. Turner	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	9
‡William H. Jackson	5	Rodney B. Meadows	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Yorkshire Royal. § First peal of Royal.
The first peal of Yorkshire Royal for the Society.

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Apr. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew.
A PEAL OF 5040 'OXFORD' MINOR

Being one extent of Old Oxford Delight, and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, and Double Oxford Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

David Hodgson	*Treble*	Donald H. Niblett	4
*Peter R. Sanders	2	Robin G. Turner	5
Shirley V. Rymer	3	Peter Border	*Tenor*

Conducted by Peter Border.
* First peal of Minor.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	Arthur V. Pearson	6
Margaret E. L. Beamish	2	John Pinfold	7
Dorothy E. Beamish	3	*John A. L. Thompson	8
Ronald H. Bullen	4	†C. Edward Jeffries	9
Arthur H. Beamish	5	George E. Fearn	*Tenor*

Composed by William Pye. Conducted by Arthur V. Pearson.
* 200th peal. † First peal of Surprise Royal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Patricia Cartwright, of Selly Oak.

CROYDON, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

Donald G. Clift	*Treble*	William F. Oatway	6
Selwyn H. Dearden	2	W. Arthur Riddington	7
Ernest W. Razzell	3	Brian D. Threlfall	8
James Phillips	4	Frank E. Darby	9
Roydon Davies	5	John Chilcott	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John Chilcott.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 24, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints',
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

Roderick W. Pipe	*Treble*	George E. Symonds	6
Patricia M. Clarke	2	David Vincent	7
Charles J. Sedgley	3	Leslie G. Brett	8
H. William Barrett	4	George W. Pipe	9
George A. Fleming	5	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed (No. 12) and Conducted by Charles J. Sedgley.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 29 cwt. 83 lb. in C.

William Rose	*Treble*	Cecil V. Ebberson	5
Norman V. Harding	2	Nolan Golden	6
Leslie W. Houghton	3	H. William Barrett	7
Walter J. Houghton	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed by Thomas B. Worsley. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Jill Bridges, of the local band.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5056 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

Thomas R. Simmons	*Treble*	H. William Barrett	5
*David Heighton	2	Nolan Golden	6
Stanley W. Copling	3	Arthur G. Bason	7
George Sayer	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal of Major in the method. Rung with 6th place bob, and believed to be the first so rung for the Association.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Jean Powell	*Treble*	*A. Ryan Price	5
*Jacqueline S. Evans	2	*David King	6
Jack R. Worrall	3	William E. Thompsett	7
*Glyn Jenkins	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. 250th peal as conductor.

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ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	6
RALPH BIRD	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,472 of Lincolnshire, 2,176 of Yorkshire and 1,408 of Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*E. MARTIN FIELDEN	*Treble*	J. HENRY FIELDEN	5
†SHEILA M. TAYLOR	2	RALPH BEAUMONT	6
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	3	ROBERT E. MOULDS	7
†M. VIVIEN COPPING	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Arranged by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by ROBERT E. MOULDS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Spliced Surprise.
Rung by an All Souls', Halifax, band.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK COLLEGE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	*Treble*	LESLIE EVANS	5
GEOFFREY J. LEWIS	2	E. PETER ROCK	6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	4	JACK R. WORRALL	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J PITSTOW. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

HEADINGLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Leeds & District Society.)
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20¼ cwt.

PERCY J. JOHNSON	*Treble*	GEORGE ROBINSON	5
CHARLES E. LAWSON	2	J. MARTIN THORLEY	6
ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	3	*ROBERT L. BUTTERFIELD	7
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	4	GORDON BENFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T.W. STRANGEWAY.
* First peal in the method.

MICKLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*A. HARRY WRIGHT	*Treble*	FRED C. LYNE	5
FREDERICK G. KINCHIN	2	‡JOHN L. FINDON	6
*JOHN W. KINCHIN	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT	7
†J. ROGER NIBLETT	4	FRANCIS J. POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire and of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor.
The first peal on the bells since rehanging by John Taylor & Co. The Southern Branch quarterly peal.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

*MARION J. DAVIES	*Treble*	GLYN F. JENKINS	5
†JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	†ROBERT E. COLES	6
‡DOROTHY A. ATWELL	3	DAVID J. KING	7
FREDERICK J. BAILEY	4	JOHN E. MORGAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal on eight. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal on eight 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Frederick J. Bailey on his election as Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ANN SHIELS	*Treble*	JESSE HARRISON	5
HARRY WINGROVE	2	ALBERT BRIDGES	6
DOROTHY FLETCHER	3	WALTER LEE	7
KATHLEEN FLETCHER	4	PETER G. HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* First peal, aged 14.

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA.
THE ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Sun., Apr. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

*STANLEY C. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	JOAN GRAY	5
†KENNETH J. MINCHINTON	2	*GERALD WESTON	6
*BRENDA L. SHEPPARD	3	*F. ALLAN BENNETT	7
PHILIP M. J. GRAY	4	*JOHN J. F. ROPER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. CHARGE (C.C.C.99). Conducted by PHILIP M. J. GRAY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. First peal of Bob Major ever rung in Australia on tower bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 UXBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
MURIEL REAY	2	MICHAEL G. MORTON	6
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Arranged by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
The first peal in the method for the Guild, and by all.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	2	TREVOR A. CROSS	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
FRANK E. WALKER	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
This was the conductor's 1,000th peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

VIVIENNE HORTON	*Treble*	*EDWARD F. GOBEY	5
*GORDON A. HALLS	2	PHILIP H. WHITAKER	6
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	3	*DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. PITSTOW. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* First peal in the method.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 20, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

THOMAS E. SONE	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
ROBERT SWIFT	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	*BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
*JOHN R. COOPER	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip,
A PEAL OF 5152 GREET SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Muriel Reay	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	5
Evelyn M. Fletcher	2	Terry R. Hampton	6
Edgar C. Shepherd	3	Michael G. Morton	7
Peter Border	4	Clifford A. Barron	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by Peter Border.
The first peal in the method.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

Thylma Duck	*Treble*	George W. White	5
*Harry Short	2	†John Hodgson	6
John R. Waller	3	Sidney R. Elwick	7
Douglas Elwick	4	Hubert Waters	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney R. Elwick.
* 25th peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Breckon, who were married in the above church on April 22nd, 1905.

ALDENHAM. HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

William Wenban	*Treble*	Alick Cutler	5
*Margaret D. Woolley	2	Leonard H. Bowler	6
D. Kay Adkins	3	Christopher W. Woolley	7
Francis Kirk	4	Thomas W. Sheppard	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Chris. W. Woolley.
* First peal in the method.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and All Souls.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

*Peter M. Giles	*Treble*	Francis R. Lowe	5
Alfred Mould	2	John A. Underwood	6
Brian Buswell	3	Joseph W. Cotton	7
Clement Glenn	4	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Conducted by Roland Beniston.
* First peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

DARLINGTON, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., April 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Collegiate Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

Richard Busby	*Treble*	Dennis R. Airey	5
Leslie W. G. Morris	2	Thomas Cooke	6
Doris M. Killingley	3	Brian Harris	7
Roland Park	4	W. Norman Park	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Roland Park.
Rung to celebrate the golden anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. Cooke, the parents of the ringer of the 6th.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

Patricia M. Clarke	*Treble*	Leslie G. Brett	5
Nolan Golden	2	George Sayer	6
Stanley W. Copling	3	H. William Barrett	7
Arthur G. Bason	4	Cecil W. Pipe	*Tenor*

Composed by Harold G. Cashmore. Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rush, of Eye.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5056 EVENLODE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

David Beacham	*Treble*	John N. Diserens	5
Herbert H. Alexander	2	Ronald F. Diserens	6
Mrs. John Thomas	3	George F. Burton	7
John Thomas	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by Ernest W. Tipler. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
The first peal in this method.
Rung for the Feast of St. George the Martyr.

LLANBADARN-FAWR. CARDIGANSHIRE.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Padarn,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Mrs. E. C. Chandler	*Treble*	Geoffrey J. Lewis	5
Frederick R. Harris	2	Reginald T. Jones	6
Leslie Evans	3	Austin T. Wingate	7
William E. Thompsett	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Craven. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Parish Church.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

Douglas Kirkpatrick	*Treble*	*Arthur Cowan	5
Cecil Raddon	2	Harold Worrall	6
Victor Neal	3	Harry W. Howard	7
Henry Parker	4	Sydney Leatherbarrow	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Nicolls. Conducted by Harry W. Howard.
* First in the method.
Rung to celebrate St. George's Day. Also a farewell peal to Sydney Leatherbarrow, who is shortly leaving the district.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

Marion J. Parker	*Treble*	Tower R. Taylor	5
Nelia M. Leahy	2	Alfred T. Greenwood	6
Russell R. H. Parker	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
Robert G. Leale	4	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by George H. Cross. Conducted by Fredk. W. Rogers.
Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Barbara Jane Smith, daughter of the Vicar (Canon W. J. Smith), to Capt. Ralph Walter Nye, Royal Educational Corps, which took place in this church earlier in the day.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5024 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt.

Denise J. Shaw	*Treble*	J. Frederick Milner	5
Milton C. Fowler	2	Dennis A. Chapman	6
Howard Scott	3	*Frederick J. Jackson	7
J. Martin Thorley	4	W. Eric Critchley	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* First peal in the method.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Royal Foundation Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-parth (6th Observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

*Peter L. Westerman	*Treble*	†John Kinchin	5
†Dawn V. Elson	2	Sydney G. Osborne	6
†Malcolm J. V. Chown	3	Michael F. Amos	7
Ernest G. Orland	4	Victor A. Perry	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sydney G. Osborne.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Woodward on the birth of a daughter.

SIX BELL PEALS

COWLEY, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apl. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*John Cruickshank	*Treble*	†Robin Trebilcock	4
*Michael Eason	2	Tony Otter	5
*Vernon Green	3	Tom Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tom Smith.
* First peal. † First 'inside' of Minor.
Rung by an all Headington band as a birthday compliment to Robin Trebilcock.

SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13¾ cwt. in F.

Samuel H. Waterfield..	*Treble*	George Sayer	4
Nolan Golden	2	Thomas A. A. Potter ..	5
*Robert C. Button	3	H. William Barrett ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal 'inside.'

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Mansfield Ginn	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis ..	4
E. Jack Parish	2	*Geoffrey A. Lucas ..	5
George E. Crisp	3	William J. Ridgman ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
* First peal of Surprise.

CASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Apr. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Double Court, (3) Double Oxford, (4) Oxford T.B. (5) Kent T.B. (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. Frank W. Phillippo ..	*Treble*	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
Wilfred G. Saunders ..	2	John S. Barnes	5
*William M. Mann	3	John R. Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Smith.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., April 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. approx.

William R. Manser	*Treble*	*Kevin S. Hohl	4
Reginald E. Lambert ..	2	John W. Meade	5
Luther J. Honess	3	*Colin A. Tester	*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Meade.
* First peal in the method.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' twice.

SAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Apr. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*John S. Harrison	*Treble*	†Charles Geary	4
†Shelagh Kilbourn ..	2	‡David J. Marshall ..	5
†Maurice Bailey	3	§Reginald G. Newsum ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by David J. Marshall.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ 25th peal for Association and first peal of Grandsire Doubles as conductor. § First peal.



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APSLEY END, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In ten methods, being one 720 each of (1) Ipswich, (2) Cambridge and Primrose, (3) St. Clement's and Childwall, (4) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (5) Thelwall, (6) Double Oxford, (7) Double Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*GEOFFREY DUNCAN	*Treble*	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	4
ROY L. SHUTTER	2	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	5
WALTER AYRE	3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in ten methods.

Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Good, and the wedding anniversary of the conductor and Mrs. Ayre.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, one extent of Plain Bob, and two extents of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6¼ cwt.

MARGARET CARTER	*Treble*	FRED BRIGHTMAN	4
BETTINA A. DUFFY	2	ERNEST BRITTAIN	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

Rung as a farewell peal to Rev. E. F. Wright, who has been appointed Vicar of All Saints', Stamford.

LITTLE WALTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	*Treble*	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	4
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	JOHN WARNER	5
*MARY DOWSETT	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* 25th peal.

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

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court. Tenor 9 cwt. 4 lb.

WALTER ELSEY	*Treble*	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	4
FREDERICK C. ROPER	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
JOHN R. SMITH	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE EVANS	*Treble*	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	4
*PHILIP G. MORGAN	2	REGINALD T. JONES	5
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in seven Minor methods. 200th tower-bell peal as conductor.

TENBURY WELLS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

FREDERICK A. JAINE	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	4
MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
PHILIP G. MORGAN	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

Believed to be the first peal of Minor on the bells.

The peal was a birthday compliment to Dr. J. E. Blundell-Williams (Vicar's Warden) and John R. King (Vicar's son).

BLEADON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 40 six-scores and one 240. Tenor 10 cwt.

*SHEILA BANWILL	*Treble*	HOWARD COLLINGS	4
*MARION MACFARLANE	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	FRANK PARRAMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.

* First peal.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Albans, College Bob Four, London Scholars, College Exercise, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CECIL BARKER	*Treble*	JOHN WARNER	4
ALAN R. SYDER	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
WALTER ARNOLD	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(St. James' Guild, Silsoe.)
On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six six-scores of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, six of April Day, ten of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in B.

*ANN CULPIN	*Treble*	THOMAS P. HARRIS	4
†DESMOND R. BRAZIER	2	*JOHN F. OLNEY	5
*PRISCILLA L. OAKESHOTT	3	*PETER J. LAWTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DESMOND R. BRAZIER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal by a resident Silsoe band.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and one extent of St. Clement's. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	*Treble*	J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	4
J. D. L. RICHARDS (Corpus)	2	R. BEAUMONT (Selwyn)	5
W. T. COOK (Jesus)	3	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. H. FIELDEN.

Rung for St. George's Day.

HANDBELL PEALS

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Apr. 17, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT 7, BARE LANE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents: (1) Walsingham Alliance and Little Bob; (2) Oxford Treble Bob; (3 and 4) Double Bob; (5) Reverse Bob; (6 and 7) Plain Bob. Tenor size 13 in F.

*JOHN S. HARRISON	1-2	*MAURICE BAILEY	3-4
		†W. RODNEY HARRISON	5-6

Conducted by W. RODNEY HARRISON.

* First peal in six methods. † First peal in six methods on handbells. First handbell peal in six methods for the Association.

A wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harrison, of Ockbrook, parents of ringers of 1-2 and 5-6.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sun., Apr. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
IN JESUS COLLEGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor size 17 in A.

B. J. STAFFORD (Queens')	1-2	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	5-6
*J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	3-4	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	7-8
		C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	9-10

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by C. M. P. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Royal.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Northern District at Londonderry

Over 100 ringers travelled to Londonderry on April 11th for the Northern District annual meeting and the Cunningham and Adamson Cup Competitions. Seven teams took part in the Cunningham Cup Competition, and the results were: 1 St. Malachi's, Hillsborough, 80 per cent.; 2 St. Comgall's, Bangor, 78; 3 St. Bronach's, Rostrevor, 74; 4 St. Macartan's, Enniskillen, 66; 5 St. Donard's, Belfast, 60: 6 Christ Church, Lurgan, 58; 7 SS. Philip and James', Holywood, 30. Teams 5 and 7 rang Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples respectively, and the others call changes. The Adamson Cup for change ringing was won by Holywood (35 faults) to St. Donard's (60 faults).

The Dean (the Very Rev. L. R. Lawrenson) presided at the luncheon and afterwards conducted a short service in the Cathedral.

At the annual meeting silent tribute was paid to the following members who had died during the year: Miss E. McAuliffe (Carrickfergus), E. W. Evans (Rostrevor), Archdeacon Manning (Holywood), T. Nelson, M.P. (Enniskillen) and R. Burns (Ludgan).

The District Secretary reported that membership was now approaching 200. Thirty new members were elected at the meeting.

District officers elected were: Chairman, the Rev. C. H. B. Craig (Ballymena); District secretary, Mr. J. T. Dunwoody; assistant secretary, Miss Jean Stewart (St. Donard's); hon. treasurer, the Rev. John J. Fielding (Belfast). Mrs. R. W. Adamson was nominated a life member of the Association.

EVENING CLASS IN BELL-RINGING

Evening classes in bellringing, sponsored by N.W. Derbyshire Education Authority at Eckington Evening Institute, ended on March 30th, and although more advantage could have been taken of this opportunity whereby the Education Authority provided a tutor, those attending were most enthusiastic and made good progress during the course.

Some learned to handle a bell and ring rounds during the session, others progressed from rounds to Bob Singles and Bob Doubles on tower and handbells. Tower-bell ringing also included raising and falling in peal, call changes on eight bells and plain hunting on six bells. Handbells were used a good deal, and besides courses of Bob Minor, quite a little time was spent tune ringing on 12 bells.

On the night of Eckington Evening Institute Exhibition the bellringing class provided items of tunes on handbells, which were appreciated.

On Wednesday, March 30th, the last gathering of the session, the tutor (Mr. Norman Chaddock) was presented with a set of glasses. In making the presentation on behalf of members of the class, Mr. Morris, of Killamarsh, said how much he and his colleagues had enjoyed the class, and expressed their appreciation of the help which their tutor had given them.

Melksham Ringer's Wedding

The wedding took place on April 23rd at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Melksham, Wilts, of Miss Jean Abbott, of Melksham, and Mr. David Carey, of Chatham, Kent. Jean is a member of the St. Michael's band, and the happy couple left the church to the pealing of the bells. The bride is also a Sunday School teacher and a youth leader.

TWENTY TOWERS ON EASTER MONDAY

Following last year's successful Easter Monday 'tower grab' organised by Mr. Pat Chapman, in which 18 towers were visited quite comfortably, a very good programme covering 20 towers was equally well arranged this year. The area chosen was Cambridgeshire and Essex and a wide variety of belfries was visited.

The towers visited were Croxton (no stay on No. 5, a nearly unringable treble and a tenor with a clapper hung at an angle of 45 degrees), Gamlingay, Great Gransden, Caxton, Bourne, Orwell, Barrington, Meldreth, Melbourne, Foxton, Harston, Staplesford, Whittlesford, Duxford, Ickleton, Littlebury, Saffron Walden, Wendons Ambo, Elmdon and Chrishall.

At the time it was thought this might be record number of towers for one day, but the writer heard of another party of friends who managed 25 on Easter Monday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Bells will be heard on Sunday, May 15th, prior to the morning service broadcast from the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Kingsland, Herefordshire, in the Midland Home Service, and from Tickhill Parish Church, near Doncaster, before the morning and evening services to be broadcast from there in the North Home Service. The latter will also be heard in the basic (London) Home Service in the evening only.

The peal of Evenlode Surprise Major at Kingham, Oxfordshire, on April 23rd, proved an acceptable 21st birthday compliment to Mr. John N. Diserens. The method is the seconds place version of Brereton (No. 44 in Corrigan's Collection).

In connection with the South of England ringers' rally at Bournemouth on May 17h, St. Peter's and St. John's, Surrey Road, will be open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. onwards. Visitors are asked to apply for their tickets as soon as possible.

In a Minor peal attempt at St. Mary's Church, Peterborough, on April 23rd, the conductor—a well-known Lincolnshire conductor—thinking a reasonably good peal had been accomplished, brought the bells home and called 'Stand,' only to discover that six 720's had been rung instead of seven.

Aldington, in Kent, had in the 1930's a well-known band of stalwarts. It is encouraging to find that one of these—Mr. D. Hooker—has the foresight and enterprise to undertake the training of a band of youngsters, and so ensure that this fine tower will not become silent. The new Rector—the Rev. P. F. Goldsmid—is young, and very much a live wire, so we may feel confident that the tower will not lapse for want of enthusiasm.

News is to hand from Australia this week from Mr. P. M. J. Gray. He has just conducted a peal of Plain Bob Major on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. This is the first peal of Bob Major to be rung on tower bells in Australia.

Progress at Benhilton is denoted by the first quarter rung for morning service by the local band.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal at Hawkshead (page 244) should be J. Bagnall and not as printed.

The London County Association hope for a big gathering at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on May 14th to meet the new Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Matthews.

May I, if not the first, suggest that readers' thanks be passed to H. Chant for his very fresh, lively and interesting articles on Bob Major. We can very well do with more from his pen.—C. G.

In connection with the peal of Double Norwich rung at Nantwich on April 23rd, the band would like to offer their gratitude and congratulations to Mr. Stephen Layland, who stood in at literally one minute's notice. He was persuaded to ring just as the others were preparing to go home after meeting one short.

The peal at Stradbroke was specially arranged for David Vincent, who was on a short visit to his native place and was thus enabled to fulfil a wish to ring a peal there on the bells which were augmented to ten in 1952 by his and his sister's generosity. The ringers were hastily got together at short notice by Cecil W. Pipe, and were entertained to tea by Mr. Vincent, after which a pleasant couple of hours were spent in reminiscence and with handbells.

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MR. HERBERT AUDSLEY RINGS HIS 1,000th PEAL

THE latest ringer to join the slowly growing list of those who have rung 1,000 peals is Mr. Herbert E. Audsley, of Erith, Kent, who reached this total on April 18th by calling a peal of his favourite method, Stedman Triples.

A native of Crayford, where he was born on January 31st, 1900, Mr. Audsley first learned to ring under the late Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., just before the 1914-18 war. Returning from Germany in 1919, he accomplished his first peal on January 10th, 1920, and made rapid progress. In 1925 he was the youngest member of the band who rang the famous 7,392 of Cambridge Maximus at St. Mary-le-Bow, and another noteworthy peal in which he took part was the first peal of Cinques by the Devon Guild, at Exeter in 1927.

Though his peals have been rung in many parts of the country, perhaps the most remarkable feature is that no fewer than 562 of them have been at four towers in three adjoining towns—222 at Crayford (118 on the 5th bell !), 184 at St. John's and 44 at Christ Church, Erith, and 112 at Dartford. Mr. Audsley is, so far, the only ringer to have scored over 100 peals at three different towers.

Though the number of peals he has called is less than 100, it is certainly not through lack of ability in this direction, particularly in Stedman Triples; the writer can recall many occasions when his timely intervention has made all the difference between success and failure. Perhaps the reason is that two men with whom he was closely associated in his younger days —John H. Cheesman and Edwin Barnett, sen. —called some 500 of his peals.

The band for the 1,000th peal would, but for his unfortunate accident, have included an old friend in Mr. James Bennett, and the ringers would like to associate him with the peal and wish him a speedy recovery. Two other people, one felt, should also have taken part had it been possible, Mr. John Wheadon, for many years a ringer at Dartford, now residing in Cheshire, and Mr. Harry Hoverd, who took part in some 400 of Mr. Audsley's peals, and whose continued enforced absence from peal-ringing is so much regretted.

The list of Mr. Audsley's peals is as follows:

TOWER PEALS

Doubles.—1.

Minor.—2.

Triples.—Grandsire 36 (conducted 3), Union 2, Plain Bob 1, Canterbury 1, Stedman 230 (38), Erin 1 (1).

Plain Major.—Plain Bob 31 (1), Reverse Bob 2, Double Bob 2, Canterbury 3, Double Norwich (including 'Real') 105 (3), Double Oxford 5, Hereward 1, Painswick College 1, Pulford Bob 1.

Combined Major.—Bob Major and Stedman Triples 1, two plain methods 4, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Little Major.—Little Bob 2, Little Canterbury 1, Crayford Little Court 1, Dartford Little Bob 1, Erith Little Bob 2, Northfleet Little Bob 1, Wellington Little Court 1.

Treble Bob Major.—Kent 24 (2), Kent (Granta) 2, Kent (Cambridge) 1, Oxford 9, Kent and Oxford 3.

Surprise Major.— Cambridge 135 (24), New Cambridge 11, Superlative 72 (3), Cambridge and Superlative 1, London 35 (2), Bristol 44 (8), Apsley 1, Ashtead 1, Belgrave 2, Belvedere 1, Camdon 1, Crayford 1, Eardley 1, Erith 1, Ipswich 3, Lessness 1, Lincolnshire 5 (1), Norfolk 4, Painswick 2, Premier 1, Pudsey 7, Rutland 4, Staffordshire 1, Uxbridge 1, Wheatley 1, Yorkshire 27 (5), four Spliced 12.

Caters.—Grandsire 1, Stedman 29 (2).

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Little Bob 1, Kent 9, Kent (Granta) 1, Oxford 1, Cambridge 8, Pudsey 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 3, Erin 1, Stedman 44 (2).

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2, Kent 7, Cambridge 18*, Yorkshire 1.

* Including 7,392.

Total tower bells 985, conducted 90, with one each non-conducted of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Major.

HANDBELLS

Triples.— Grandsire 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 1, Double Norwich 2.

Caters.—Stedman 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 2, Erith Little Bob 1, Kent 2, Oxford 1.

Cinques.—Stedman 2.

Maximus.—Plain Bob 2.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The best wishes of the Canterbury District are extended to Mr. Frank Pack, of Faversham, who has entered Canterbury Hospital for an eye operation.

Mr. W. A. Yates, of Boycott, informs us that the peal of Grandsire Caters at Northampton (page 258) was not his first of Caters, but his third.

The golden jubilee festival of Southwark Cathedral is from May 8th to May 15th, and there is to be a commemorative peal attempt on May 9th.

CENTRAL COUNCIL CIVIC RECEPTION, BRISTOL

Members are asked to note that Saturday, May 7th, is the latest date for applications to be made for tickets. Please write to F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5.

A local band from Harrow Weald ringing at Warfield, Berkshire, failed to get a peal of Watford Surprise due to the clapper of the seventh falling off three courses from the end.

A ringer who unwittingly left his subscription reminder card on his office desk received the somewhat terse comment from his chief that as the second reading of the Ban on Horror Comics had been passed in Parliament he should discontinue the journal !

As eight members of the Norwich Association left the tower of St. Mary's, Saxlingham Nethergate, on April 13th, they were feeling particularly virtuous. They had rung a peal of Kent Treble Bob without any bell striking four blows in any one place.

The young band at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, average age 13¼ years, were recently televised with a view to appearing in Television Children's News Reel. The band will start change ringing shortly. Visiting ringers will be welcome on Sundays 10.45 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Mondays 7.30 p.m.

Golden wedding congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Breckon, of Whitby, Yorks. In honour of the event a peal was rung—but unfortunately Mr. Breckon's health would not permit him to stand in. After the peal Mr. Breckon entertained the ringers, and among the reminiscences after the meal was the peal he conducted for his silver wedding. In the recent peal Mr. Harry Short and Mr. Hubert Waters rang their first peal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Support for Bob Triples

EASTER Monday, ringers and Ipswich (but many years ago) were closely connected, for it was the occasion of the annual general meeting of the old Norwich and Ipswich Association—Norwich one year and Ipswich the next.

Ringers would turn up in their hordes and the writer well remembers seeing such distinguished personalities as the Borretts, Burtons, Duffields, Souters, Durrants, Motts, Tilletts, clergy and a host of well-known names all plying their art in the belfries.

There would probably be 200 at the service and well over 100 at the luncheon, where, seated at the top table in gleaming dog collars, were the reverend gentlemen and business men correct in dress for the occasion, and looking all the more dignified with their whiskers, beards and huge gold watch chains.

But those days are almost gone and it is doubtful whether the best of general secretaries could revive such occasions, for we, like many other Associations, have now neither the talent nor the type to grace our belfries and luncheon tables. The passing years have brought us flannels, jeans and fish and chips.

So it was again this year on Easter Monday the Suffolk Guild met at Ipswich for the annual general meeting, when the bells, such as they are, were available all day.

At the business meeting Mr. Charles E. Fisher, a vice-president of the Guild, took the chair supported by Mr. Charles J. Sedgley and Mrs. C. W. Pipe (minutes secretary), who deputised for the general secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Fisher gave a warm welcome to all present, numbering 36, including the visitors (Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rogers and Mr. David Heighton) and asked the company to stand in silence as a tribute of respect to Mrs. Margaret Groom, Messrs. W. J. G. Brown, I. Chapell, L. J. Last, W. R. J. Poulson and any others who had died during 1954.

Treasurer's Report.—This was read by the chairman, which showed, after the payment of grants of £35 to Stonham Aspal and Tannington Bell Funds, an increase of £15 8s. 10d.

Peal Secretary's Report.—Mr. John W. Blythe said 1954 had been a record year for peals, the number being 127, which exceeded the Guild's previous record by 11. This was extremely encouraging in view of the newly-imposed peal levy.

Election of Officers.—The new Bishop of the Diocese, Dr. A. H. Morris, had signified his willingness to be president. Other officers elected: Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Sedgley; general secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. W. Pipe: hon. auditor, Mr. J. W. H. Preastner; committee, re-elected en bloc with Mr. J. W. Blythe and Mr. R. W. Clouston co-opted members.

A lengthy discussion took place on the date of future annual general meetings and it was finally and unanimously agreed that these be held at Bury St. Edmunds and Ipswich alternately on either the first or second Saturday after Easter.

Mr. Ronald Clouston reminded the meeting of a resolution passed at a general meeting held at Newmarket, which read: 'This meeting requests our Central Council representatives to support proposals that Bob Triples be recognised as a standard method.' This was discussed and carried.

The chairman paid a tribute of thanks to incumbents for the use of the bells, to Mrs. Pipe for deputising as general secretary, and to Mr. C. J. Sedgley for his work as Ringing Master during the year.

Mr. George E. Symonds proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. C. E. Fisher for ably conducting the meeting.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Warning as to Standard of Peals

THE report of the Executive Committee presented at the annual meeting of the Guildford Diocesan Guild held at Guildford on April 23rd contained a warning as to the standard of certain peals. The paragraph read:—

'Adverse comments by members of the committee on the ringing in some Guild peals led your committee to issue a reminder in our last report as to the necessity of maintaining a high standard and in view of this reminder, the committee has received with serious concern complaints as to the quality of peal ringing in 1954. Although the committee appreciates that performances must be judged on and due allowance made according to the experience and ability of the ringers concerned, it will not feel able in future to refrain from drastic action if, in any particular instance, complaints are substantiated.'

GREAT ACTIVITY

The report stated that there was great activity in peal ringing. Fifty peals were rung for the Guild and there were 17 'first pealers' and two 'first as conductor.' The conducting was shared by 13 members, of whom Mr. E. J. Wells again headed the list with 17 conducted peals. One hundred members took part in peals and lady members were prominent in these performances. Miss Eileen Turner, of Worplesdon, made history by being the first lady to conduct a peal for the Guild.

Among the peals rung were the first of St. Simon's Doubles for the Guild, the first in 14 Doubles methods, and the first in six and 13 methods of Minor, and the first in seven Plain Minor methods respectively. Little Bob Major, Double Oxford Major and Southwell Surprise Major were also rung for the Guild for the first time.

The report gave the membership of the Guild as 495 ringing and 123 honorary members. Members stood while the following deaths were reported:—David Sleet (Ottershaw), Stephen Sleet (Ottershaw), P. A. Macdonald and J. Ranger, honorary members (Cobham), Samuel Marshall (Puttenham), Frederick Bennett (West Clandon), Raymond Philpot (Seale) and Michael Whelan (Ash).

The balance sheet showed a balance of £52 4s. 10d., compared with £48 18s. 9d. There was a balance of £102 13s. 6d. on the Benevolent Fund from which grants amounting to £25 had been made during the year. The New Cathedral Bell Fund had a balance of £81 1s. 5d.

THE NEW CATHEDRAL

The front of the report contained a 'thought for the year,' which read: 'The New Cathedral is not an ecclesiastical luxury; it is a diocesan necessity.' In this connection the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. G. L. Grover) brought before the meeting a recommendation of the Executive that the Guild subscribe £5 to the Cathedral Fund. This was carried unanimously. Another recommendation that the Districts, from their balances, should subscribe another £5 in proportion to their funds was also accepted by the meeting.

Mr. A. Harman, who presided, was re-elected Master. Other officers re-elected were: Mr. G. L. Grover (hon. secretary and treasurer), Miss W. Oliver (assistant hon. secretary), Mr. L. C. W. Hunter (hon. auditor), Major E. J. Bragg (peal recorder), Mr. A. C. Hazelden (librarian), Mr. G. S. Joyce (badge secretary).

Reporting on the Guild library, Mr. Hazelden said the library required volumes 1887, 1890 and 1891 of the 'Bell News,' and 'The Ringing World' from 1914 to 1927. The committee decided to advertise for these volumes, either bound or loose copies. They had duplicates which could be offered in exchange. 'The Church Bells of Oxford' had been added to the library. The meeting decided to purchase Mr. Ernest Morris' latest book, 'Towers and Bells of Britain.'

Mr. G. S. Joyce reported that 48 badges or brooches had been sold during the year.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The meeting ratified the following as compounding members: Miss N. Leahy, Miss M. Butler, Miss Jean Powell, Miss Margaret Lewis, Messrs. G. K. Dodd, J. M. Lakin and P. Nash. Elected as new members were Miss D. Taylor and Mr. F. Wilson (Shalford) and Mr. George Egerton (Shere).

A recommendation of the Executive, that Mr. W. J. Robinson, formerly of Holy Trinity, Guildford, and now living in Bedfordshire, be elected a life member of the Guild, was carried unanimously.

Reporting on the annual dinner, Mr. W. Viggers said it was very popular, between 30 and 40 people having to be refused tickets. It was decided to hold the dinner at Guildford on October 15th. The Dinner Committee agreed to carry on, and Mr. Jack Worrall was added to their number.

The hon. secretary drew attention to the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild to be held at Guildford on July 2nd. The secretary and the assistant secretary were authorised to make arrangements for the visiting Guild being entertained to tea.

Mr. C. Denyer proposed a vote of thanks to the officers of the Guild, which was heartily endorsed.

The service was held in the afternoon at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church and was conducted by the Rev S. G. Cheetham. Ringing took place during the afternoon at Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas' Churches and also at those churches and Stoke in the evening.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest was held at Marsden on April 23rd. Five teams entered to ring a six-score practice and 600 changes, any method, test piece.

The results were:—Friezland 19 faults, Shelley 25, Meltham 34, Silkstone 66, Longwood 67.

Mr. H. Roberts (Kirkburton) remarked that he had never judged before a contest where there had been so few faults. The winning team had that extra steadiness throughout.

At the business meeting Mr. J. Burgess gave notice of the motion for the annual meeting that each individual in a team that wins the competition be penalised as a handicap as an incentive to encourage more teams to enter.

Sincere thanks were accorded the Vicar, churchwardens and local company for the excellent arrangements and splendid tea provided.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

A very happy meeting was held at Royston on April 9th, when about 25 ringers joined in a good variety of Minor methods.

The Vicar (the Rev. P. Leavey) acted as chairman at the business meeting at which 13 towers were represented. The Vicar was thanked for his hearty welcome, the ladies for providing teas and the local company. The next meeting will be held at Sandal on May 14th and the annual Shield Contest at Ossett on June 11th. Further ringing followed until 8.30 p.m.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

At the annual meeting of the Cambridge University Guild held on April 27th, the following new officers were elected:—Master, W. T. Cook (Jesus); Secretary, J. D. Painter (Caius); auditor, J. H. Fielden (St. Catherine's). The other officers were re-elected.

ANNUAL MEETING OF BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

AS customary, the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Bedford on Easter Monday. Ringing at St. Paul's Church during the morning was well attended by members from most parts of the county and visitors were most welcome from Leicestershire, Hertfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire.

After an excellent lunch members and friends attended the business meeting which followed. The president, Miss E. Steel, opened the meeting by welcoming members and friends. Apologies for absence were received from Canon A. Rust and Mr. A. C. Sharman.

The committee's report stated that membership had shown a slight increase, the 1954 figures being 23 honorary, 248 performing and two probationary. The financial position again improved, the balance showing £80 17s. 10½d., an increase of £10 1s. 8½d. over the year.

Peal ringers again showed an increase, the total for the year being 39. No less than 14 members rang their first peal, and no doubt the experience gained will be put to good use on Sundays.

The officers of the Association were re-elected as follows: President, Miss E. Steel; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. King, A. E. Sharman, H. D. Harris, W. Stapleton, C. J. Ball, L. H. Bywaters, P. Inskip; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. W. Sinfield; auditor, Mr. G. H. Mason; peal secretary, Mr. D. Knox; librarian, Mr. S. Foskett; assistant librarian, Mr. D. Thompson.

Bedford was proposed for the place of the 1956 annual meeting. Luton was once again put forward as an alternative, but as there was no seconder the original proposition was carried. It was also agreed to hold the summer festival at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, June 25th.

Previous notice had been given by Mr. S. Foskett of a proposed notice of motion to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to withdraw the decision of the Council of 1904 regarding peals of Plain Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques. From the discussion and voting that followed it was apparent that the proposition had the overwhelming support of the Association members present.

Following a notice by Miss Joan Ashton of an addition to Rule 6, it was agreed that: 'Members elected for the first time after June 30th should pay a half-year subscription.' Miss Daphne Hare seconded the proposition, and this was carried.

The meeting was of the opinion that another Association dinner should be held on the nearest Saturday to March 13th, and the general secretary and District secretaries were asked to explore the possibilities.

A vote of thanks to Miss E. Steel for presiding was proposed by Mr. H. D. Harris. Members then returned to the Bedford towers and Clapham for further ringing. J. W. V. S.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Mayor and Mayoress of Deal (Ald. and Mrs. A. E. M. Cavell) attended the annual meeting of the Canterbury District at Deal on April 23rd. They were present at the service conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. O. Clark) and also at the tea prepared by members of the Social Guild of the church and at the meeting.

Forty-nine members representing 18 towers attended. The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Margate, and the by-meeting at St. Peter's-in-Thanet. The collection taken at the meeting was given to the Deal Bell Rope Fund.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

POSTCARD GALLUP POLL WANTED

Dear Sir,—We append below copies of two notices of motion for the Central Council meeting at Bristol on Whit Tuesday, and we are taking the unusual course of soliciting through the medium of 'The Ringing World' the opinion of those ringers sufficiently interested. It is hoped that this may save time at the Council meeting and give non-members of the Council an opportunity of considering the motions and, if they so desire, of expressing their opinions thereupon.

Motion No. 1:—

'That this Council takes note of the strong expressions of feeling in the columns of "The Ringing World" and elsewhere against the growing tendency of the Council through the committee technicians to decide and dictate the choice of methods to be rung by ringers generally, and that this Council resolves to give advice to the Ringing Exercise as to the varying qualities of methods, but to include in its analysis all true peals rung in conformity with the "Conditions Required for Peals" as published in "The Ringing World," page 187, in the issue of March 25th, 1955.'

Motion No. 2:—

'That this Council resolves that all true peals of Bob Triples be included in the Council's Analysis.'

Possibly readers may like the opportunity to express an opinion on this matter and accordingly we should be glad to receive from anyone interested a postcard giving answers to the following:—

(a) Are you in favour of Motion No. 1?—Yes or No.

(b) Are you in favour of Motion No. 2?—Yes or No.

Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY,
11, Bowley Avenue,
Melton Mowbray,
Leicestershire.

HAROLD J. POOLE,
The Wayside,
150, Narborough Road South,
Leicester.

REMEDY IN MEMBERS' HANDS

Dear Sir,—Re Mr. Blagrove's letter on page 251. He is fully entitled to his opinions and so are other people if they differ from him. What I said was that the four blows behind coupled with a double change every treble lead is a blot on Bob Triples. The four blows in Grandsire Singles and Kent Treble Bob are **interior** places and do not come every treble lead.

I always thought that most ringers respected the opinions of the late Rev. C. D. P. Davies. However, Mr. Davies condemns Cambridge very much for its double changes, which make Middleton's unmusical peal the only possible composition.

I will make no attempt to follow the reply to M. R. P., but I notice his dig at the Central Council. The answer is that we have the Central Council which we have put there. If they do not come up to expectations then the remedy is in the hands of Association members. This is my final letter on this subject.—Yours faithfully,

E. R. MARTIN.

Preston.

GREET SURPRISE MAJOR

58, 16, 12, 36, 12, 58, 56, 1.
4ths place bob. 2nd at lead end.

SQUIRE PROCTOR

Dear Sir,—I was most interested in the article about Squire Proctor and his band and wonder what living person could ever have known so much about them. The D'Arth family, his relatives, used to live at the next Rectory to mine and gave me, in 1893, my first lesson in method ringing. We used to hear a lot about Squire Proctor and his men learning methods by moving stones—with different coloured ones for different bells.—Yours, etc.,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

14, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON BOB MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I beg to point out the following slips that have occurred in 'Random Thoughts' recently concluded:—

Page 189, diagram, centre column: 2nd course, after W 35264 (1 lead) **not** (2 leads).

Page 221: 'In A, the Bob B brings 2-3 back to normal,' **not** 'In A, the Bob W brings 2-3 back to normal.'

I apologise for these errors.—Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

BELLS AT WEYMOUTH

Dear Sir,—There are three good rings of bells within the borough of Weymouth—an eight at Wyke Regis, and two sixes, one each at Upwey and Preston. The two former towers appear in Mr. Dove's 'Church Bells of Britain' (first edition), but unfortunately there is no indication that they are at Weymouth. The ring at Preston was augmented from four nearly three years ago, after the Guide was first published.

The ten bells at Christ Church, Weymouth, were hemispherical bells. The tower actually stands in the part of Weymouth called Melcombe Regis, and it appears in Mr. Dove's Guide under that name. There are no ringable bells in the churches standing in the immediate vicinity of the sea shore and shopping centre at Weymouth.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. SLADE.

Preston, Weymouth.

Dear Sir,—In reply to E. G. C.'s inquiry re the 10 bells removed from the belfry of the disused Christ Church, Weymouth, I can advise him that the report was correct. The bells, however, were 'hemispherical dish bells with chiming apparatus,' the tenor weighing 3 cwt. and, according to Canon Raven's 'Church Bells of Dorset,' they were Imhof's patent, each inscribed J. Taylor, 1874, and the diameter of largest 29½in. They are in 'Dove' on page 79 under Melcombe Regis.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

Dear Sir,—I have been rather surprised that no one has raised a question before about those mysterious ten Weymouth bells to be given away. I wonder whether any of your readers besides me, except perhaps bellhangers, have ever seen them. If so, it may have been Canon C. C. Cox. The fact is that they are not bells, but hemispherical gongs. It was over 50 years ago that I explored them. In those days they used to chime the ten about half an hour before service, and then three for the last few minutes.—Yours sincerely,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

St. Luke's Hostel,
14, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

HEMISPHERICAL BELLS FOR LINCOLN

Dear Sir,—I see on page 247 of 'The Ringing World' that E. G. C. wants information about the ring of ten bells lately transferred from Christ Church, Weymouth, to this parish.

If E. G. C. had consulted a copy of Dove's Guide he would have discovered that these bells are noted as hemispherical. They were cast by Taylors, at Loughborough, in 1874. The tenor weighs 4¼ cwt.

When I came to this parish in 1950 I left a church with a fine ring of eight, and found here only one discordant bell of about 2¼ cwt. Because of the smallness of our steeple the alternatives before us were either a chime of very small bells or a set of hemispheres. The advantages of the latter over a light-weight chime are (a) that they take up little space, as they can fit partly into each other, and (b) that for the weight of metal they have surprisingly deep tones.

There was a chance that among the bombed churches which will not be rebuilt there might be one with hemispherical bells. So with Dove's Guide in hand, I searched—but in vain.

However, my summer holiday in 1953 took me to Weymouth and I went to hear the ten bells at Christ Church (Melcombe Regis) only to find the church closed and derelict.

After negotiations with the Rector, the Church Council and the Commissioners, the Order in Council signed by the Queen authorised the demolition of that church with the condition that the bells be given to St. Andrew's, Lincoln. We are very grateful for them.

At Weymouth the church clock used to sound the quarters on these bells, and each day a different tune at certain hours. We have had to refuse the gift of the clock with the bells because the cost of transferring and re-erecting it would be beyond us. We regret that very much.

The Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Ringers have been very generous in giving us a contribution towards the cost of restoring these bells. That is truly generous, because they will never be able to ring a touch on them, let alone a peal! They said they thought we deserved encouragement in our determination not to stoop to using gramophone records of bells. — Yours faithfully,

St. Andrew's Vicarage, Lincoln.

KENNETH RICHARDSON (Rev.).

P.S.—In the course of my search I discovered that the hemispherical bells listed by Dove at St. Luke's, Prestonville, Brighton, do not exist. There is only one small bell of about 4 cwt. and no trace of any other installation.

On the other hand the six bells listed at Ollerton Parish Church (Notts) are hemispherical and sounded by a chime-barrel hand-turned. The clock strikes the hour on a proper bell of about 10 cwt.

There used to be eight hemispherical bells (Mears and Stainbank's) at Lillington, near Warwick—but not now.

It was also be interesting to know what has happened to the set of hemispherical bells which Tyack said were installed at St. James', Bermondsey, for Queen Victoria's Jubilee. ('A Book About Bells,' page 274.)

Other hemispheres not listed by Dove were to be heard at Bayon's Manor, Lincs, five, tenor 5 cwt. (I have seen and heard these): Brancepeth Castle, five, tenor 10 cwt.; Fordingbridge Town Hall, five, tenor 3 cwt.; Keble College, Oxford, has a clock chiming on three hemispheres; Ryde Town Hall, five, tenor 6 cwt.; Westwood Hall, Leek, three, tenor 4 cwt.

I believe that Mauresa House, Roehampton, has a clock which does ting-tang quarters on hemispheres. Also in Norwich Cathedral are two jacks with hemispherical bells (no longer in use). These are described in 'Church Bells and Ringers of Norwich'—Thurlow.—K. R.

LETTERS—Continued

RINGING IN MIDDLESEX

Dear Sir,—Further to Mr. Felstead's article, St. Barnabas', Pimlico, bells are unringable, also Holborn. Hampstead is finished as regards peal ringing due to the proximity of a hospital. This may also be true of Chelsea.

Other long silences mentioned are as follows:—St. Stephen's, Westminster (complaints), Tottenham (rough), Aldgate (rough), St. Dunstan's-in-the-West (completely unringable), St. Gabriel's, Pimlico (complaints), Shadwell (unringable). Harrow is now O.K. but was for years a 'stoney' tower.

Of the sixes, Stoke Newington (hardly any wheels left), South Mymms (reputed unringable: however, the parson doesn't like ringing or ringers), West Drayton (bells on floor), Hayes (one cracked, bells reputed unringable—this is dubious).

St. Andrew's, Undershaft (hung dead), St. Catherine Cree (unringable), St. Luke's, Nutford Place (hung dead). There is also Homerton (Parson's Gag).

Of the fives, Smithfield is close to the Hospital. There is no five at Bethnal Green; at least, I have been unable to find it.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's article does not really go far enough, as I feel three or four pages would not do justice to a county such as Middlesex. Dalston, for instance, has had only four peals, these bells are now unpealable. Wood Green has reached double figures, 22 peals to date.

Stamford Hill (ten peals) did not have its first peal for 37 years.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham, N.15.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX

Dear Sir,—There may be many of your readers who have at some time or other rung on our merry little ring of five at St. Peter's, Twineham, Sussex.

Our church, like many others, is almost falling down and we are faced with the task of finding several hundred pounds for repairs at once. Twineham is a small agricultural parish with a population of 202, and this is a big task. If anyone would care to send a sixpence or a shilling towards the fund we should be very thankful and I would acknowledge it personally.

We are hoping to add a treble some day to make six, and there is about £20 in a fund opened some years ago for the same object, but at present we must do something for the church or it will be a heap of rubble.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES H. WICKENS,
Rector's Warden.

7, Blackstone Rise, Woodmancote,
Henfield, Sussex.

CHARGE FOR PEALS AND QUARTERS

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read Mr. Bottrill's letter about our 'Ringing World.' I think it would be a good idea to introduce a peal and quarter peal publication fee of 6d. and 3d. per rope respectively for ringers between the ages of 16 and 65. This would then do away with the 'Gratefully Acknowledged' column, and leave space for more interesting matter.

If the income from this source proved sufficient (as I am sure it would), could not there be a reduction in the scale of charges for 'Meeting' notices? Surely these should have more claim to 'free' space than, say, the illustrious doings of the St. Martin's Guild, or the latest peal at the Foundry Campanile.—Yours faithfully,

A. C. CONWAY.

Bath.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

Doubles Methods Debated at Annual Meeting

FAR off most beaten tracks, dominating a tiny country town, and with its roots lost in the history of a thousand years, stands Southwell Minster, since 1198 the mother church of Nottinghamshire and since 1884 the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Southwell.

No one who visits Southwell Minster forgets it. Many would hold it to be one of England's most beautiful buildings. The Chapter House is justly famed for the exquisite stone carving fashioned by master craftsmen long ago. It was to this noble setting that ringers gathered on April 16th for the ninth annual meeting of the Southwell Diocesan Guild.

In addition to the Minster bells, St. Michael's, Averham, was open for the use of visitors, and approximately 60 ringers availed themselves of the opportunity of trying this fine-toned six by Mears. The 'go' of these bells is bad. They need rehanging and, as the Guild chairman remarked, it is not often that ringers can ring on the two most awkward rings of bells in the Diocese in one afternoon.

Be that as it may, there was a very pleasant atmosphere at the meeting, and upwards of 100 ringers assembled for the best attended annual meeting since the formation of the Guild.

Evensong in the Minster at 3.15 was conducted by the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood, who warmly welcomed the Guild.

Tea at the Admiral Rodney was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the chairman, Canon R. F. Wilkinson.

A minute's silence was observed for four deceased members, namely, the Rev. Canon F. D'Arblay Burney and Messrs. Arthur Crawford, Harry Hall and George Nowell, who had passed away since the last meeting.

The reports of the hon. general secretary and the hon. District secretaries showed a satisfactory state of affairs without, however, giving grounds for complacency. Mention was made of well-attended meetings, increases in membership as well as lapses, and a splendid win by Warsop of the Sheffield and District Cup. It was reported that Ordsall had won the Crawford Cup Competition.

ADVANCE IN PEALS

The Peal Committee's report revealed that 61 peals were rung in 1954, which was an appreciable advance on the two previous years, and amongst new methods rung for the Guild was Southwell Surprise Major, the first peal in the method. Conductors numbered 16 and 'first-pealers' 14. A gap of 38 years was closed by a peal at West Retford.

The Peal Committee stressed the new Rule 13, which has come into operation and provides that before a peal can be acknowledged and recorded by the Guild the subscriptions of the ringers shall be paid by the end of the year in which the peal is rung; the conductor shall forward the figures to the peal secretary and remit the booking fee of sixpence per bell to his District secretary within one month of the peal being rung. The Peal Committee orally stated that they intend to enforce this Rule strictly.

The hon. treasurer's statement of account showed a very satisfactory financial position. Surplus income for the year amounted to £16 12s. 3d., badges sold to £4 2s., the balance of the Bell Repair Fund stood at £74 13s. 10d., while cash capital on general account amounted to £117 6s. 3d.

Arising from the financial statement it was reported that the committee had recommended that £10 of the surplus income be used to augment the reserve for expenses of the Guild's delegates to the Central Council, and it was resolved to leave this matter in the hands of the committee.

Another point arising on the financial statement was the question of reducing the subscription from 3s. to 2s. 6d. This step had been authorised at the last annual general meeting if it were found that the surplus income for 1954 exceeded £10, but after estimating likely increases in expenditure in the ensuing year, the committee were of the opinion that this step would be unwise and recommended that the previous Minute be rescinded. The meeting fully endorsed the committee's recommendation with the result that the subscription remains at 3s. per annum.

DISCUSSION ON DOUBLES

The most controversial item on the agenda was a resolution which briefly had the object of getting the meeting to instruct their Central Council delegates to take a firm stand against the banning of certain methods, especially Doubles, and went on to add that if 120 different changes could be produced they should be recognised as a true extent, even though the extent might include the plain course of one method and a bob or single lead of another method.

Mr. Glenn, on behalf of himself and the other two Central Council delegates, was invited by the chairman to comment on the resolution and stated by way of introduction that the resolution was loosely worded and inquired what methods were to be banned and what were to be included. The Methods Committee were engaged in revising Doubles, Minor and Triples in that order. He understood there were no less than 97 Doubles methods each with an individual plain course and its own bob and single.

April Day was Plain Bob pure and simple with a Grandsire single. A bob was no part of the method. The Central Council's decision that calls were not part of any method, but were only means of passing from one course to another, was still in operation, and the Guild on affiliation had agreed to abide by the rules and decisions of the Central Council. He urged the proposer to be patient.

The proposer of the resolution, in reply, stated that the motion arose as a result of a peal of mixed Doubles. He was warned that certain methods were not likely to be accepted in the future whereupon he wrote to the peal secretary, who repeated his warning. He (the proposer) felt that if 120 changes could be produced, then though they included a bob of one and a single lead of another, they should be accepted. The Council should not be dictatorial and the methods in the new book should be a guide to ringers. Nevertheless, he agreed to defer further discussion on the subject until the book of Doubles Methods was published, and he accordingly withdrew his resolution.

A comprehensive vote of thanks to the Provost, the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood, Canon D. N. Allenby, the local ringers and in particular to Mr. Fred Picard for his indefatigable help in making the local arrangements, concluded the meeting.

Ringing continued at the Minster until 8.30 p.m. So ended a perfect ringers' day.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The spring meeting of the Eastern District was held at Kirk Ella on April 23rd and was attended by 30 members from 14 towers. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Ford), during which a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

The vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, presided over the business meeting at which Mr. Roy Leaske, of Thorne, was elected a member. The meeting stood in memory of Mrs. A. E. Sellers (the wife of the vice-president) and Mr. C. G. Constable, of Beverley. Howden was selected for the annual meeting.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Ann Law (first quarter) 1, Pamela Law (cond.) 2, H. W. Brown 3, Diana M. Gough 4, R. D. Brown 5, D. H. Paine 6. Rung for the marriage of Mary W. Brown, former secretary, to Bryan K. Turnbull, of Babbacombe, Devon, who both learned to handle a bell in this tower.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 7th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. S. Aylett 1, H. G. Summers 2, J. W. T. Taylor 3, A. R. Guy 4, F. W. Perrens (cond.) 5, L. M. Callow 6, J. L. Garner-Hayward 7, P. K. Williamson 8. Rung with bells half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Payne, church organist for many years.

BATLEY, YORKS.—On April 26th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Ireson 1, A. E. Marsh 2, J. W. Gibson 3, H. Schofield 4, Shirley Marshall (first quarter) 5, K. E. Davies (first quarter) 6, D. Atkins (first of Major as cond.) 7, A. Booth 8.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 1,264 Stedman Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Dorothy Fletcher 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, R. Buckland 4, D. Lamb 5, J. Harrison 6, A. Bridges 7, S. Hatfield 8. Also for Evensong on the same day, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Ann Shiels (first of Major) 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, R. Buckland 5, D. Lamb 6, J. Harrison 7, A. Bridges 8.

BENHILTON, SURREY.—On April 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss V. Woodhatch (first quarter) 1, E. Goldsmith 2, Miss A. Faulkner (first 'inside') 3, C. Blundell 4, P. Richardson (first as cond.) 5, D. Neville 6. Rung in the Octave of Easter. A compliment to the ringers of the treble and tenor on their engagement. First in method by all the band.

CEFN COED, BRECONS.—On April 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: A. D. Griffiths 1, D. Tamberlin 2, G. Gwenlan 3, C. A. Rowles (first double handed, cond.) 4-5, G. Williams 6. First quarter for 1, 2, 3 and 6. First quarter for all in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Gwenlan.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Mar. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 420 Grandsire, 360 Reverse St. Bartholomew): G. Barber 1, W. McDowell 2, R. Barratt 3, L. Copnall 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, G. Forrester (first quarter) 6. Also on April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. P. Jackson 1, R. Barratt 2, A. Worth 3, H. Callwood 4, E. Pimlott (cond.) 5, G. Forrester 6. Rung for Evensong on Easter Day.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss P. Smith (first in method) 1, L. S. Woods 2, Mrs. R. L. Armstrong 3, N. J. Fleetwood 4, A. C. Chaplin 5, I. Campbell 6, J. R. Fleetwood 7, J. Armstrong (cond.) 8. Rung in memory of Thomas Laybourne, who was killed on April 19th, 1947.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.—On April 21st, 1,260 Minor (120 St. Clement's, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 780 Plain Bob): Rev. J. M. Oulcss (first of Minor) 1, K. Alton (first 'inside') 2, R. E. Old 3, J. M. Nash 4, J. G. Chapman 5, E. Nobles (cond.) 6. First of Minor in three methods 'inside' for 3, 4 and 5. To commemorate the Queen's birthday. Also on April 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): E. Nobles (cond.) 1, R. E. Old 2, J. Hadley 3, J. G. Chapman 4, J. M. Nash 5, C. T. Windram 6. First of Minor 'inside' in two methods for 3 and 6. Last quarter on the bells before work of restoration, and a farewell to the Rev. J. M. Oulcss.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 cover): D. Small (first quarter) 1, F. Hurrel 2, J. Hurrel 3, E. Coode 4, D. Holland 5, Miss M. Kent 6, B. Aldridge (cond.) 7, J. Sims 8. Rung for the birth of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLX.—On April 24th, 1,264 Little Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, F. Barker 2, F. Goodall 3, A. Goodall 4, E. Prior 5, A. Warren 6, B. Willis (cond.) 7, L. Tubb 8. Rung for Evensong and to mark the return to fitness of F. Goodall.

FULHAM, S.W.—On April 24th, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Anne Garnett 1, H. M. Page 2, J. Chilcott 3, H. Belcher 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, B. K. Lunn 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8.

HALESOWEN, BIRMINGHAM.—On April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A Greenhall 1, B. E. Woodall 2, L. Clissett 3, H. Shilvock 4, Miss M. Tromans 5, J. H. Cox (cond.) 6, T. Greenhall 7, A. H. Harris 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Webb on their golden wedding day.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Perkins 1, M. J. Dyer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Also on April 17th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, G. Perkins 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Also on April 24th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, M. J. Dyer 2, Miss B. Spicer 3, G. D. Whitehead 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H.S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Also on April 25th, 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: M. J. Dyer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Warrington.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (240 April Day, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): D. Pollard (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, D. G. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6. First quarter in four methods by all.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. P. Lewry (first quarter) 1, Stella M. Wickens 2, Edna M. Everest (first quarter) 3, K. Knight 4, G. Mansbridge 5, J. Dearlove 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, H. Bright 8.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On April 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fagg 1, C. W. Linington 2, P. N. O. Robinson 3, S. A. Hill 4, P. C. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to C. Douglas Linington, a member of the band serving with the Royal Navy.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.—On April 20th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss S. Richardson 1, L. Stilwell 2, G. Francis 3, W. L. Weller 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5. First of Stedman Doubles by all except 2 and 5, and first as conductor.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (Winchendon Place, St. Nicholas, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Place Bob, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire): W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, E. Morris 6. Rang for St. George's Day. First in 10 methods by all the band.

LYMINSTER, SUSSEX.—On April 23rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: R. P. Wood 1 Jean Horton (first 'inside') 2, Sylvia Streater 3, G. Lee 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, H. C. Weaver 6. Rung for St. George's Day.

LUTON, BEDS.—On April 24th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. King 1, J. Rushton 2, J. Scott 3, Miss E. Preston 4, W. Bottrill 5, A. Smith 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, R. Kendall 10. Rung for Evensong.

MORTIMER, BERKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,280 Doubles (560 Plain Bob, 720 Grandsire): P. Lampert 1, D. Neville 2, Ellen Chandler 3, A. Ham 4, I. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Tucker (first quarter) 6, R. Collins (first quarter) 7, D. Elliott 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

READING, BERKS.—On April 17th, at St. Giles' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. J. Diserens (cond.) 1, A. Diserens 2, R. F. Diserens 3, S. Webb 4, F. Lewis 5, C. Lewington 6, D. Beecham 7, R. E. Turner 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. K. Cotterill to Miss P. Bigood, two local ringers.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On Esater Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Westwood 1, A. Cox 2, Ed. Large 3, W. C. Dowding 4, J. Pinfold 5, K. Haslam 6, N. J. Goodman (cond.) 7, H. J. Turner 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss P. A. Cartwright, one of the local band, to Mr. G. T. Chamberlain.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. S. N. Brown (first on treble) 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, Miss J. Midgley 3, R. O. Fry (cond.) 4, A. F. Lee 5, T. J. Milsom 6.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.—On April 25th, 1,320 Southrepps Pleasure Bob Doubles: H. Willis (first of Doubles) 1, C. H. Newell (first quarter) 2, L. G. Berridge 3, D. W. James (cond.) 4, F. E. Crosier (first of Doubles) 5. First quarter by present local band of Cranford St. John. Birthday compliments to 3 and 5 and the niece of 1. Also rung to celebrate the birth of a grandchild to 2, Cranford St. John tower captain.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Hewitt 1, R. Chapman (cond., aged 15) 2, H. Rumens 3, H. J. Maynard 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, F. C. Maynard 6, E. E. Holman 7, B. Collard 8. Rung for Evensong, and 70th birthday of Mr. H. J. Maynard. Longest length as conductor.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On April 12th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): W. Gammage 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, F. Rollings 3, F. Benfield 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Miss Janet Walker, of Weston Favell, to Mr. Gerard Allen, of Merthyr Tydfil.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Devenish 1, M. Sinden 2, J. Tomsett 3, P. Devenish 4, J. Chapman (cond.) 5, W. T. Elson 6, F. Corfield 7, J. Brickell 8. For the birthday of H.M. the Queen, and the opportunity was taken by 'Bill' Elson to ring a quarter for his own 88th birthday, which he celebrated on April 6th.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A Record Year for Peals

The annual general meeting of the Derbyshire Association was held at Derby on April 16th. Approximately 50 ringers were present from all districts of Derbyshire, and ringing took place during the afternoon at the Cathedral, St. Andrew's and St. Peter's.

A short service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Association President, the Very Rev. R. A. Beddoes, Provost of Derby. In his address the Provost paid tribute to the important duties carried out by the ringers at their various churches and contended that whilst ever the bells were rung the presence of the Church and all it stood for would be proclaimed to those who appeared to show little or no interest in religion.

Tea was provided in the Diocesan House by the wives and friends of the Cathedral ringers, The president was chairman for the business meeting which followed, and reports on the activities of the Association during the year were presented by the general secretary (Mr. A. B. Cooper, Chesterfield), the peal secretary (Mr. D. Carlisle, Risley) and the treasurer (Mr. J. B. Stennitt, Derby).

The general secretary and one trustee (Mr. F. Lowe) were re-elected for a period of two years, and thanks were accorded to all who had assisted with arrangements for Association meetings during the previous year. It was reported that the total of peals (61) rung by members during 1954 was the greatest number recorded since the Association was formed in 1946. The peals were conducted by 22 separate members, which indicated much progress in that direction.

The financial statement revealed a satisfactory position. It was, however, stressed that every effort would be necessary to maintain the position.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Backwell on April 16th, when 34 ringers representing 19 different towers put the fine ring of eight (tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.) to good use until 4.30 p.m., when the service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. B. H. Kay). Mr. D. Yeo was at the organ.

At the business meeting, which followed a fine tea in the Women's Institute Hall, new members were elected from Backwell, Nailsea and Ubley.

The Rector thanked the ladies who helped with tea, and the organist, and Mr. H. Knight thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and conducting the service. Next quarterly meeting, Tickenham.

ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR BELLRINGERS

Many teams of bellringers are insured under the special policies issued by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office, Ltd., 11, Norfolk Street, Strand, W.C.2. Particulars will be supplied on application. Those with old policies are recommended to consider increasing the scale of benefits provided.

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OBITUARY

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS

With deep regret we report the death of Mrs. C. J. Matthews, the former secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Mrs. Matthews died in the Middlesex Hospital on Friday, April 29th, after a short illness.

MRS. L. EAST

Many ringers in the Southwell Diocesan Guild, and ringing bands who have visited North Collingham, will be sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. L. East, in Lincoln County Hospital on Wednesday, April 20th, at the age of 63. She was a member of the old North Notts Association and a founder member of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, but had had to give up ringing lately owing to acute ill-health.

The Vicar, the Rev. O. G. O. Larr, officiated at the funeral service on Monday, when members of the church choir were present.

A quarter peal was rung by the members of the Southwell Diocesan Guild after observing one minute's silence and a short service, in which the Vicar dedicated the ringing to the memory of Mrs. East.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

At the annual meeting of the East Devon Branch held at Ottery St. Mary on Easter Monday, which was attended by the Guild president, Preb. E. V. Cox, it was reported that the financial position of the Branch was stronger than at any time in its history with a credit balance of £39 15s. It was decided to devote some of the balance to encourage monthly practices at towers in outlying parishes.

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. G. C. Woodley (Sidmouth); hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. Webb (Honiton); vice-chairman, Mr. F. Parr (Buckerell); Ringing Master, Mr. P. Davis (Sidmouth).

Six members received proficiency certificates and two new members were elected. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. R. Price).

5,056 HUMBERSTONE DELIGHT

Method and Composition by T. E. HAROLD

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65243 X —
65432 X —
46532 —
34562 — —
63542 — —
24536 — — —

Repeat B adding M in 1st course.
32465

Repeat A adding M in 1st course
23456

4ths place bob

Rung at Wigston Magna on Feb. 19th, 1955.

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

HARVEY—FAULL.—The engagement is announced between William James, elder son of Mrs. and the late Mr. T. H. Harvey, of 29, Smithfields, Totnes, Devon, and Valerie Kathleen, younger daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. R. J. Faull, of 21, Park Avenue, Plymstock, Devon. 6263

THANKS

RETURN THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cotterell wish to thank Mr. Robert Turner and the band who rang for their wedding at St. Giles' Church, Reading, on April 16th. 6271

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

SCARBOROUGH. — Board residence, bed, breakfast and high tea or bed-breakfast only. Reduction children under 12. H. & C. Convenient all parts. Personal attention of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sutton, 12, Highfield. 6253

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting at Bristol on Saturday, May 7th. St. Stephen's 11.50; St. Mary Redcliffe 2.40; St. Thomas' 4. Tea, at the Grosvenor Hotel, 5. Train 9 a.m., Paddington. Names for tea to Mr. A. M. Tyler, 32, Hengrove Road, Knowle, Bristol 4.—A. B. Peck. 6146

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Marple, May 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. K. Lewis, Sec. 6249

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting at Histon on Saturday, May 7th. Bells (6) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 6225

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. —Meeting at Witham (8), Saturday, May 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. 6213

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Ewell, May 7th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30.—A. H. Smith. 6216

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey (8), May 7th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6239

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Ruckinge (5) May 7th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—W. P. G. 6203

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Annual General Meeting, on Saturday, May 7th, at 3 p.m., at St. Philip's, Hulme. Bells (eight) available. Also ringing at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme (8), from 6.30 p.m. Tea provided. 6295

MEDICAL RINGERS.—Meeting at All Hallows', Twickenham (10), May 7th, 3 p.m. Dinner 7.30. Names, please, to D. J. Neal Smith, 93, Cole Park Road, Twickenham. 6208

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Bolsover, May 7th, 3 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 6155

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Tonbridge District).—Joint meeting at Godstone, May 7th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. Champion, Miss D. Colgate, Hon. Dis. Secs. 6211

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District. — Quarterly meeting, Titchfield, May 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30, Parish Room. 6243

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, May 11th, 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6270

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Combined practice at Merstham (6) on Wednesday, May 11th, from 7–9 p.m. 6303

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Sandal, May 14th, 2.30 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Miss J. Goodwin, 8, Carr Lane, Milnsthorpe, Nr. Wakefield, not later than May 11th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 6296

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Luton District.—Meeting at Aspley Guise, Saturday, May 14th. Bells, 3 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, 11th, to Mr. A. Kershaw, 58, Mount Pleasant, Aspley Guise, Bletchley, Bucks.—D. Knox, Dis. Sec. 6283

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Market Weighton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available 2 to 8.30 p.m. Service, 4.15 p.m. Tea in Londesborough Hotel, 5 p.m., price 4s. Names for tea to Mr. J. V. Hobson, 4, Holme Road, Market Weighton. 6277

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD — Crewe Branch.—Joint meeting with Shropshire Association, Market Drayton, May 4th. Bells (8), 2.30 p.m.; Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 12th to F. Price, The Grove, Bentley's Road, Market Drayton.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 6299

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch. — Spring meeting, Tarvin, Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 6302

CHESTER GUILD. — Northwich Branch. — Meeting, Over (8), Saturday, May 14th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Own arrangements for tea.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 6301

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield (8), Saturday, May 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Parker, The Green Dragon, Church Street, Dronfield. 6300

DEVON GUILD (N.E. Branch) and BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION (Taunton Deanery). —Joint meeting, St. Peter's, Tiverton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea by May 12th (not later) to W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 6258

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Caxton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at Bricklayers' Arms.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6278

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Meeting, Chigwell, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 6257

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Swindon Branch.—Malmesbury (8) May 14th. For tea advise H. Blanchard, Braemore, Filands, Malmesbury.—W. B. Kynaston. 6269

GUILDFORD GUILD—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, May 14th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 6288

HEREFORD GUILD. — Bromyard District.—Quarterly meeting at Pencombe, May 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. Names, please, to R. L. Price, Schallenge Cottage, Bromyard. 6251

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Apsley (6), May 14th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Good, 44, Belmont Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, by the 11th. — R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 6255

HERTS ASSOCIATION—Eastern District—May 14th, Little Hadham, 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by 11th to A. S. Kent, New Road Cottages, Upwick, Albury, Much Hadham. Service Much Hadham, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 7 p.m. Badges and reports available.—T. J. Southam.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Ribchester on Saturday, May 14th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 6268

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Crosthwaite, Nr. Kendal, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Hudson, Fell Edge Farm, Crosthwaite, Nr. Kendal.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6294

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Brindle, Saturday, May 14th. Bring own food. Alight at Brindle Bar on Preston—Blackburn Old Road, and Clayton Green on Preston—Chorley Road. Bus 298 from Clayton Green 2.10 p.m.—L. Walmsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's, Rainhill, on Saturday, May 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. Members requiring tea (for which there will be a charge of 1s. 6d. per head) must please notify Mr. H. Ashton, 367, Walker's Lane, Rainhill, not later than Wednesday, May 11th.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 6264

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. James', Milnrow, May 14th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea, bring own food.—F. Pritchard. 6285

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Silk Willoughby (6), Saturday, May 14th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business in the Village Hall 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, May 9th, to J. H. Musson, The Bungalow, Silk Willoughby, Sleaford, Lincs.—J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec. 6260

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Bride's Major on Saturday, May 14th. Bells at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow.—R. E. Coles, Branch Secretary, 2, The Causeway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge, Glam. 6245

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, May 14th. St. Stephen's, Ealing (65 bus from Broadway) 3 to 5 p.m. Choral Evensong and handbells 5 p.m. Tea and business, Parish Room, 5.45. Ringing, Christ the Saviour's, 7.30. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth (HOU 3921). 6233

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, May 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing: St. Mary's, Holloway Road, 2-4; Clerkenwell 3-4.30; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 8-9. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore (WORdsworth 5109). 6235

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—Half-yearly meeting at March Baldon, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by May 10th, please, to T. S. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford. 6237

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Welford, May 14th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous to Rev. E. G. Elcock, Welford, Rugby.—J. Kinchin. 6284

SALISBURY GUILD — Calne Branch.—Meeting, Calne (8) May 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea essential to E. Buckeridge, High Street, Calne. 6291

SOUTHWELL GUILD—North Notts District.—Meeting at East Drayton (6) Saturday, May 14th. Brumpton's bus from Anchor Inn, Retford, at 1.0, 3.15 and 4.45 p.m. Tea 2s. 6d. each for those who notify by 10th Mr. J. J. Roberts, Ashlands, East Drayton, Retford.—H. Denman. 6280

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Leiston (8), May 14th. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Please send names for tea, by May 11th, to A. R. Bridges, Theberton, Leiston. 6234

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern Division.—Practice meeting Rusper (8) Saturday, May 14th. Please bring own tea.—E. Rapley, Hon. Div. Sec. 6281

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION—Western Division.—Quarterly meeting at Heene (8) on Saturday, May 14th. Names for tea please by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 6290

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.—Next combined practice, Tuesday, May 17th, at 7.30 p.m. 6265

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Thorington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, please.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 6232

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.W. District.—Meeting at Chrishall (6) on Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Schoolroom. Names please to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6272

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch Annual, Sleaford, May 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous to Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—F. Lord, Hon. Sec. 6275

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Pakefield, May 21st. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, to Mr. P. Kindred, 102, Morton Road, South Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 6298

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Cholsey, May 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Important—notify by 17th, A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen St. Abingdon, Berks. 6267

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, please, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 6292

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Culworth and Towcester Branches.—Joint meeting at Potterspury, on May 21st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday previous to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham.—A. E. R. Walker, W. A. Yates, Branch Secs. 6266

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Guild Festival, Marlborough, Saturday, May 21st. Annual general meeting, Town Hall, 2.15 p.m. Service in Church of St. Mary, 4 p.m. High tea, Town Hall, 5 p.m. Tickets 4s. (before Wednesday, May 18th, from Hon. Sec.). Bells available from 12—2 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. Aldbourne (8), Marlborough St. Mary (6). Preshute, Overton, Pewsey, Everleigh, Ramsbury, Burbage, Ogbourne St. Mary, St. George, Chilton Foliat, Melksham (8), Devizes (8), and Bishop's Cannings (8) will be open if necessary. —W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham (Phone 2297). 6282

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Spring meeting at Rugeley, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than May 18th to Mr. J. H. Joyner, Wedgnock, Anson Street, Rugeley, Staffs. 6274

SUFFOLK GUILD—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8) Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Miss E. M. Peckett. 6287

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—75th anniversary dinner will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, May 21st, at 7 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Immanuel, Streatham (8), 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Peter's, South Croydon (10), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Beddington (10) 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. John's, Croydon (12), 4.30 to 5.45 p.m. Tickets, 15s., now available from W. F. Oatway, 233, Thornton Road, Croydon. 6289

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Southern District.—Annual joint meeting at Thrybergh, Nr. Rotherham, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names to Miss D. J. Shaw, Deer Park Farm, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, by 19th. New annual reports, also badges will be available.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 6297

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival and annual meeting at Much Wenlock, on Whit-Monday, May 30th. Service, Holy Trinity, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m. Much Wenlock (8), Coalbrookdale (10), Broseley (8), Madeley (8).—W. R. Thomas, Gen. Sec. 6273

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) on Whit-Monday, May 30th, at Peterborough. Service in the Cathedral with address by the Lord Bishop at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. Committee meeting in the precincts at 1.45 p.m. Applications for tea at 2s. 6d. each cannot be accepted after May 21st. Apply to Mr. G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. Towers for ringing: Oundle, 10.30 to 12.0; Alwalton, 11.0 to 1.0; Whittlesey, St. Mary's and St. Andrew's, 12.0 to 2.0; Fletton and Stanground., 12.0 to 2.30; Woodston, 11.0 to 12.15; Yaxley, 12.0 to 1.30; Glinton, 11.0 to 12.30; Peterborough St. John's, 12.0 to 2.45; St. Mary's, 11.0 to 2.30. All open after tea.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 6293

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BILL'S PROBATION

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

IT was in September, 1902, that Bill decided to reside in Surrey and travel to London day by day instead of living near the office, a scheme which meant some 46 miles of travel each day. Bill had been ringing at many towers in London and could ring Cinques and Maximus, so when the Rector of a Surrey church called to see him Bill revealed the fact that he was a ringer, and this news delighted the Rector. He told Bill to call at the Rectory the following evening and together they mounted the steps to the ringing chamber where eight men were getting ready to ring the octave for weekly practice. The Rector told his ringers about Bill and said he was sure they would find him a real asset because he was experienced in town ringing and could help them in many ways.

After the Rector had departed the ringers held a meeting in a corner, but their conversation was inaudible and shortly afterwards Mr. F., the conductor, called Bill over to join the group. The next proceeding consisted of a series of questions which were fired at the newcomer from all angles, the most important being, could he ring scientific and could he conduct? After answering 'Yes' to both these queries another short meeting was held, the result being a decision to give Bill a trial on the 6th for scientific ringing and conducting. The conductor took away all the 'music cards' on the stands and then intimated to Bill that no rough ringing would be tolerated, after which he tendered some advice on how to handle the 6th bell.

Bill called a bob at 1, but soon found he was the only one who was prepared to make the call, so he tried again the next lead with the same result, after which he decided not to make any further calls. His surprise was great when bobs were made at the 4th, 8th and 12th leads without being called! Mr. F. called another meeting, for he was clearly annoyed about Bill's performance and it did not take long to decide that Bill was not much of a ringer, did not know anything about conducting, seeing he made calls in the wrong places. He would be taken on as a probationer for three months! Bill pondered for a few seconds and then said that the kind offer was not accepted, after which he wished the company good night.

Outside in the cool air Bill saw two strangers listening to the call changes, and they immediately made themselves known by saying they were ringers from a neighbouring village, two miles away, who had secured Bill's address and had walked over to extend a welcome not only to Surrey but on behalf of a learning band who would be glad of some help in method ringing. What a contrast in a short space of time, and within a radius of two miles! Bill gladly accepted the chance of adding a few more to the ranks of method ringing, additions which resulted in a strong, progressive band being maintained in spite of two world wars.

Some weeks after Bill had thrown in his lot with the young, keen band in the next village he happened to see Mr. F., the local captain, who promptly told young Bill that he had not attended the tower for practice, it was his first duty to be regular and punctual, and that three months' probation would do a lot of good, etc. The short lecture concluded with the words, 'If you don't attend I shall have to see the Rector about you.'

Bill smiled, for he had found out quite a lot about this call-change band, who boasted they could also ring scientific changes, who sometimes used cards and who received payment for their ringing. He also knew that method ringing offered many interesting channels for the keen ringer and, as he had found plenty of scope for voluntary ringing in a nearby tower, he was not long in answering the local captain with 'I have already acquainted the Rector with the facts, and you will be seeing him soon.'

From 1902 to 1955 is quite a while, but when ringers of to-day want to visit these two towers, what do they find? The local call-change band no longer exists, the bells are not rung regularly for Sunday services and there is no regular practice night. In the method ringing tower there is a keen band, Sunday service ringing is maintained, practices are regular and visitors are welcome. Both towers have had various problems during the period of years, but in one case only have difficulties been overcome.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt.

PERCY SWINDLEY	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	6
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DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	9
ROBERT W. HINDE	5	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters 'inside.' † 50th peal.
Rung as a welcome to the Right Rev. Gerald Alexander Ellison, who was enthroned as Bishop of Chester prior to the commencement of this peal.

DUNHAM MASSEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 27 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in C.

C. KENNETH LEWIS	*Treble*	ALAN A. POTTS	6
BASIL JONES	2	PETER LAFLIN	7
JOHN WORTH	3	ALAN J. BROWN	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	EDWARD JENKINS	9
HENRY O. BAKER	5	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by B. JEALOUS. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
Rung in honour of the enthronement this day of the Right Rev. Gerald Alexander Ellison, M.A., as Bishop of Chester.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt.

*DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Treble*	ALLAN SIMPSON	6
JOAN E. HOODLESS	2	JAMES W. RAITHBY	7
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	BARRY HOLLAND	8
CLEMENT GLENN	4	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	9
*HERBERT T. ROOKE	5	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
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SOUTHOVER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in E.

*MICHAEL A. CAUSLEY	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	‡DORIS E. COLGATE	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	3	ROBERT COLLINS	8
LEONARD STILWELL	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	9
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Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ First of Yorkshire Royal 'inside.'
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Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
RONALD F. DISERENS	2	*BRYAN C. STIRLAND	7
JOHN N. DISERENS	3	*DAVID BEACHAM	8
J. MICHAEL LAKIN	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	9
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Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. The first peal of Surprise Royal in the county of Dorset.
A birthday compliment to David Beacham.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
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On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 34. Tenor 37 cwt. 13 lb. in C sharp.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT	*Treble*	DAVID HOARE	6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	2	RONALD G. BECK	7
GWILYM SALMON	3	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	8
WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	9
*FREDERICK SAVAGE	5	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of Caters. First peal on ten bells as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURGH LE MARSH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

GEOFFREY PAUL	*Treble*	DONOVAN R. WHITE	5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	6
MARGARET A. SWANN	3	JOHN E. COOK	7
WILLIAM R. PARKER	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
The first peal on the bells.

BATHWICK, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part, No. 13. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

DORA EVANS	*Treble*	ERIC NAYLOR	5
*GEORGE J. HAWKINS	2	†S. ARTHUR READ	6
PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	3	WILLIAM F. J. COPE	7
*WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	4	HERBERT J. MERRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Triples. First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.
In memoriam Albert E. Baverstock.

MERE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM C. SHUTE	*Treble*	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	JOHN HARTLESS	6
*MICHAEL J. BEST	3	FRANK L. HARRIS	7
LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
* First peal in the method.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*STEPHEN LAYLAND	*Treble*	ROBERT W. HINDE	5
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	2	RICHARD D. LANGFORD	6
†‡JOHN E. BROUGH	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	7
†GEORGE A. PACKER	4	IVOR R. NICHOLS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by IVOR R. NICHOLS.
* First peal of Major. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*DOROTHY J. CLARKE	*Treble*	†MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5
JOHN E. S. MORETON	2	JAMES DRAYCOTT	6
RONALD POCKLINGTON	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † 100th peal for the Guild. First of Surprise as conductor.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	SYDNEY A. WARWICK	6
ELSIE K. FULTON	3	PETER D. BEEDIE	7
DAVID J. TAYLOR	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by HAROLD G. CASHMORE. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of the sixth and tenor.
A farewell to Sydney Warwick on embarkation leave for Singapore.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans' Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*JACK H. BRETT	*Treble*	*HILDA G. SNOWDEN	5
FRANK B. LUFKIN	2	*BRIAN J. HOWARD	6
ALBERT CATTERWELL	3	*THOMAS BIRD	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	*ARTHUR R. RUFFLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. Treble ringer 'circled tower' in eight peals.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ruffle.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Apr. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

COLIN HARRISON	*Treble*	PAUL LEA TAYLOR	5
*CECILIA COWLEY	2	DENNIS BURNETT	6
LESLIE W. STEVENS	3	*RALPH F. LOWINGS	7
*LEONARD J. HALL	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.
* First peal of Bob Major.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., Apr. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

DONALD H. NIBLETT	*Treble*	JOHN H. SMART	5
*DAVID HODGSON	2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	6
†PETER R. SANDERS	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
†DAVID A. EDWARDS	4	GLYN F. JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Grandsire and of Triples.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,344 Rutland, 1,280 London, 1,152 Bristol, 576 Yorkshire, and 384 each of Cambridge and Superlative, with 128 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN E. ROOTS	*Treble*	*REGINALD ROWLEY	5
*SYDNEY A. WARWICK	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	6
*PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
*D. KAY ADKINS	4	*THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Spliced in six methods. First peal of Spliced in six methods as conductor.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

PAUL J. RIGBY	*Treble*	JOHN McDONALD	5
WILLIAM J. V. CONDUCT	2	ANTHONY AGER	6
*BRIAN DOWNIE	3	MICHAEL G. MORTON	7
RICHARD C. INGRAM	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

REGINALD C. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	5
FREDERICK C. LYNE	2	C. ARTHUR MANNING	6
GERALD C. HEMMING	3	E. TREVOR NEWBURY	7
CLARENCE R. STEED	4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.

EWHURST, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED PLAIN & LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Being 3,840 changes in Plain Bob and 1,248 changes of Little Bob, with 263 changes of method. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	*Treble*	GEORGE FRANCIS	5
ANN M. COX	2	W. LESLIE WELLER	6
JAMES F. DODSON	3	ROLAND W. MORANT	7
ALAN E. HARTLEY	4	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
First Spliced peal by all the band, and on the bells. First peal of Spliced Plain and Little Bob for the Guild. The conductor's 75th peal for the Guild.

GUISELEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	†GEOFFREY DIXON	5
*JEFFREY P. COOPER	2	ARTHUR C. WALSH	6
MARGARET S. RHODES	3	*ALLAN WEAR	7
*PERCY WHITAKER	4	WILLIAM DIXON	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES PLATT. Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.
* First of Kent Major. † First of Kent 'inside.'
Rung for the 45th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Simpson. Also a birthday compliment to Jeffrey Cooper, ringer of the second.

HANSLOPE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5024 HANSLOPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM A. YATES	*Treble*	GEORGE E. GREEN	5
RICHARD F. ROE	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
*BARRY SAUNDERS	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	4	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by RICHARD F. ROE.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

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ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	DAVID K. WALKLATE	5
JOAN BERESFORD	2	GORDON A. HALLS	6
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
DENNIS R. CARLISLE	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	Tenor

Composed by DENNIS R. CARLISLE. Conducted by JOAN BERESFORD.
First peal of Major as conductor.
Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to Vivienne M. Horton.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GT. WYMONDLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*STANLEY H. ASHTON	*Treble*	GEORGE CHERRY	4
MARION JACKSON	2	PETER W. CROFT	5
ROY S. HEAD	3	FRANK W. CROFT	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK W. CROFT.
* First peal. First peal in seven plain methods by all.
A 17th birthday compliment to Peter W. Croft.

BASSINGBOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 20, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Forty-two six-scores in nine methods: two each of Stedman and St. Simon's, four each of New Bob, Plain Bob, St. Nicholas and Winchendon Place, six of Grandsire, and eight each of St. Martin's and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*A. REX AGG	*Treble*	*STEPHEN J. IVIN	3
MICHAEL ORME	2	PHILIP MEHEW	4
DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Doubles. The first peal on the bells.
Rung in memoriam Frank Warrington.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Four extents of St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob, rung alternately.
Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. E. GRAY	*Treble*	CHARLES H. BAKER	4
*JEAN BLACKBOURN	2	G. LESLIE A. LUNN	5
*ALAN GILBERT	3	GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal in two methods. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylors.

HARPFORD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of College Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*L. K. DAWE	*Treble*	HAROLD P. BURTON	4
FREDERICK WREFORD	2	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	5
SIDNEY SKINNER	3	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.
* First peal in seven Minor methods.
A birthday compliment to H.M. The Queen.

LLANFIHANGEL-RHYDEITHON, RADNORSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Apr. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	*Treble*	MOLLIE TILBURY	4
WILFRID F. MORETON	2	*FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
JOSEPHINE GREEN	3	LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* 25th peal together. The tenorman has now 'completed the circle.'

OFFLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Apr. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 WEARMOUTH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents (C.C.C. 58, 59, 64, 65, 66, 73, 74).
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

KENNETH C. TIMBURY	*Treble*	ROY HEAD	4
MICHAEL ORME	2	STEPHEN J. IVIN	5
PHILIP MEHEW	3	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ASH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 different callings). Tenor 6¼ cwt.

*MRS. C. BOYCE	*Treble*	ALBERT W. DYER	4
WALTER H. POOLE	2	†WILLIAM TURK	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	*RICHARD BOYCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. SELWAY.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.
Rung for St. George's Day. Also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BEENHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*IAN TAYLOR	*Treble*	MICHAEL H. MAISEY	4
PATRICIA A. GAUNT	2	C. JOHN CASTELL	5
REGINALD W. REX	3	HAROLD P. REED	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.
* First peal of Minor.

BLACKWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTINGHAM ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent Kent Treble Bob and six extents Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt.

*KENNETH DUROW	*Treble*	WILFRED RILEY	4
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	2	J. PHILLIP EASTLAND	5
FRANK BRADLEY	3	ALBERT WHEELER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.
* First peal.
Rung for wedding of Miss Enid Key and Mr. Albert Tideswell, married that day.

BROCKWORTH. GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being ten 120's and eight 240's each of Morris' and Pitman's arrangement. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

*ROGER FRY (14)	*Treble*	MICHAEL GILBERT	4
GEOFFREY NORMAN	2	ALFRED LYNALL	5
†LESLIE BARRY	3	PETER CLARKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal. † 300th peal and has now called a peal from each bell.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and a welcome to the Vicar, Rev. L. Stewart-Bruce.

CLEEVE PRIOR, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ROBT. C. HALL (17)	*Treble*	*PATRICK L. HATCHER (16)	4
*COLIN B. LONGMORE (17)	2	†ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	5
*HARRY J. WHEATLEY (16)	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor. The first peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung for St. George's Day.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Ivan J. M. Saunders	*Treble*	Terry Earle	4
John Warner	2	Peter J. Came	5
Denis A. S. Symonds	3	Joe E. G. Roast	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.

First peal of London Minor by all the band except the ringer of the 4th, and first peal in the method on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George J. Saunders, father of the treble ringer.

EVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven 720's, two standard callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

Herbert T. Rooke	*Treble*	*John R. Ketteringham	4
*Alec Wilson	2	George Challans	5
*Harold Denman	3	Douglas H. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Douglas H. Rooke.

* First peal in the method.

Rung for St. George's Day.

GREAT ELLINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat. Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, St. Simon's, St. Martin's and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Charles E. G. Banham	*Treble*	Cedric F. W. Phillippo	3
*William M. Mann	2	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
		*John S. Barnes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cedric F. W. Phillippo.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

Allen Colcombe	*Treble*	Thomas J. Gundy	4
Tracey H. Young	2	Reginald G. Powell	5
Leslie H. Colcombe	3	Richard A. Colcombe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tracey H. Young.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Iris Colcombe, daughter of the treble ringer, and sister of the ringers of the third and tenor, also a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. D. Young, sister-in-law of the conductor.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being four callings. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

Roy Owen	*Treble*	John Couzens	4
*David Emmerson	2	*Alan Leete	5
Tony Owen	3	Robert Allcock	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tony Owen.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal in the method by all the band.

Rung for St. George's Day.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Alec T. Denson	*Treble*	Donald Peacock	4
Frank Elsom	2	Geoffrey A. Lucas	5
Keith F. Bonas	3	Mansfield Ginn	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mansfield Ginn.

Rung half muffled in memoriam Frank Warrington.



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THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield & District Society.)
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*JOHN CHETTLEBURGH .. *Treble*	H. DAVID HOLLAND 4
BARRY HOLLAND 2	GORDON K. CHADDOCK .. 5
DENNIS HOLLAND 3	IAN M. HOLLAND .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

Rung on St. George's Day.

SUTTON, ISLE OF ELY.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Apr. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

STANLEY SHIPP .. .. .. *Treble*	LESLIE LIGHTFOOT 4
*MARCUS C. DARBY 2	CLAUD GIMBERT 5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS .. 3	ARTHUR YARROW .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

* First peal.

Rung fully muffled in memory of Frank Warrington, of St. Ives, formerly General Secretary of the Ely District, who died on April 17th.

HATCH BEAUCHAMP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Apr. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 15 extents of Stedman (ten callings); 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings); and 15 of Grandsire Doubles (ten callings).
Tenor 9 cwt. approx

FRANK MATRAVERS .. .. *Treble*	HARRY CHURCHILL 3
WILLIAM H. TARR 2	ARTHUR H. REED 4
WILLIAM G. GIGG .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

First peal on the bells.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Tarr. Also the 28th wedding anniversary of the treble ringer.

ST. EVAL, CORNWALL.
(R.A.F. Station.)
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Apr. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EVAL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt.

*JOHN ROBERTS .. .. .. *Treble*	HARRY STACEY 4
A. HUBERT EPLETT 2	CHARLES SANGWIN 5
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.. 3	REV. W. H. R. TREWHELLA *Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD.

* First peal

Fastest peal rung for the Truro Guild.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., Apr. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS .. .. *Treble*	MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING .. 4
PATRICIA M. BOURN 2	DAVID J. MARSHALL 5
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT 3	FRANK D. MACK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Ivor H. Trueman and Heather J. Tesson, former officers of the Society.

TILNEY, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Apr. 27, 1955 *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 of St. Clement's, 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN WILSON .. .. .. *Treble*	LESLIE HOUGHTON 4
TOM GREENACRE 2	NORMAN V. HARDING .. 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON .. 3	WILLIAM ROSE .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.

Rung half muffled as a token of respect to Frank Warrington.

DUNKERTON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 18 lb. in C.

*ERIC NAYLOR .. .. .. *Treble*	*COLIN A. C. CONWAY .. 4
*S. ARTHUR READ 2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS .. 5
ROGER O. FRY 3	ALFRED F. BUTT .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.

* First peal of Stedman Doubles. First peal of Doubles as conductor.

Arranged and rung to mark the 28th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Archibald Jones, B.A., as Rector of Dunkerton.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

MICHAEL FINCH .. .. *Treble*	ROLAND MORLEY 4
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.. 2	JAMES MORLEY 5
ROGER PALMER 3	*FREDERICK TALBOT .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN.

* First peal.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

*MICHAEL GILBERT .. .. *Treble*	†DAVID A. KAYE 4
†ROBERT H. C. JOHNSON .. 2	ROBERT J. STOKES 5
HAROLD J. YARDLEY .. 3	R. ROGER SAVORY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. The first peal for the Society.

ETWALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

*DOREEN M. MURFIN .. *Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR 4
PETER J. SKINNER 2	ALFRED MOULD 5
†JOHN F. MURFIN 3	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM *Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED MOULD.

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

Rung as a welcome to Canon N. S. Kidson, prior to the induction service.

KIRBY BELLARS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's, Reverse Bartholomew, Northrepps, Southrepps, All Saints', April Day, Canterbury, Plain Bob and six of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

HAROLD T. BONSHOR .. *Treble*	*ALFRED E. HINMAN .. 3
CHARLES E. COOPER 2	J. HARRY COOK 4
*GEOFFREY BOWCUTT .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by HAROLD T. BONSHOR.

* First peal in ten methods. First in ten methods on the bells.

H. T. Bonshor, A. E. Hinman and J. H. Cook have now 'completed the circle' together.

HANDBELL PEAL

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., Apr. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes.*
AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN A. SMITH 1-2	ALFRED BALLARD **5-6**
*JOHN VERNON 3-4	MICHAEL VERNON **7-8**

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' First peal of Major as conductor.

100 YEARS WITHOUT BELL FOUNDERS' ATTENTION

The peal at Dunham Massey, Cheshire, in honour of the enthronement of the new Bishop of Chester, was the second peal on the bells, which were hung in the tower by John Taylor and Co. in 1854. Since that date no work has been done on them by the bell founders, but the bells were only chimed for a period of about 50 years.

It is a tribute to the workmanship of the original hangers and the unknown person who carefully greased and protected the bearings when the bells were stopped ringing, that with the exception of two new wheels fitted by and various repairs carried out by local ringers and those of Bowdon, the bells are as they were first hung, and go sufficiently well for a good peal to be rung.

The first peal on the bells was 5,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal, rung by a band from Ashton-under-Lyne on February 20th, 1875, and conducted by John Thorp.

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24 TOWERS IN A DAY

A party of 24 ringers and friends from Hampshire, Essex, Kent, Middlesex, Sussex and Staffordshire established a record by ringing at 24 towers in a day on Easter Monday!

The start was with Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal on the bells of All Hallows', Twickenham. The following towers were afterwards visited: St. Mary's, Twickenham (8), Hampton (8), Thames Ditton (6), Esher (8), Hersham (8), Walton (8), Sunbury (8), Shepperton (5), Oatlands Park (8), Weybridge (8), Chertsey (8), Staines (both towers), Egham (8), Old Windsor (8), Clewer (6), Horton (6), Stanwell (6), Bedfont (6), Feltham (8), Heston (8), Isleworth (10), Brentford (8). It was planned to ring at Wraysbury, but the belfry door was locked and neither the Vicar nor the local captain could help. A collection to cover expenses enabled a surplus of 7s. 6d. to be sent to 'The Ringing World.'

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY RINGING SOCIETY

After an abortive attempt two years ago, a ringing society has now been formed at Birmingham University. The Society held its first general meeting on March 8th, when the following officers were elected: Ringing Master, R. Roger Savory; hon. secretary and treasurer, Michael Gilbert. The Society has a membership of 23.

Past members of the University who are interested in being associated with the Society are asked to contact the hon. secretary during university session at Guild of Undergradutes Union, Edgbaston Park Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15, or at any other time at Candys, St. George's Road, Brockworth, Glos.

The Society practises at Edgbaston Parish Church with the local band and has already rung its first peal.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Eastern District and the Lindoff Cup competition was held at Arklow on Easter Monday, the function being attended by 50 members.

Officers elected at the business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. McManus, were:—Chairman, Mr. McManus; Ringing Master, Mr. R. McKenzie; treasurer, Mr. W. D. Graham; secretary, Mrs. F. E. Dukes; assistant secretary, Mr. R. Haber; vice-president on Executive Council, Mr. S. J. Evans; Executive Council, Mrs. Dukes, Mr. McManus and Mr. R. W. Smyth.

An appeal for co-operation in raising ringers for the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Wexford (10, tenor 31 cwt.), met with offers of help and promises to spend part of holidays there. The meeting unanimously supported the proposed invitation to the Central Council to hold its meeting in Ireland in 1958 the final decision resting with the Executive Council.

Five teams competed for the Lindoff Cup, the winners being Drogheda (conducted by Mr. F. E. Dukes). The cup was received by Miss Jean Taylor, who had been off ringing for a year and filled a place in the team at a week's notice. Other competitors were Arklow 'A' and 'B,' Bray and St. John's, Dublin.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rossendale Surprise was rung at the Northern District meeting at Barley on April 23rd, a tower almost in Cambridgeshire and Essex. Ringing was supervised by Mr. R. Howard (Ringing Master).

The Rector (the Rev. E. A. Gurney) conducted evensong. At the business meeting Masters Daniel and Michael Hulton, of Baldock, were elected ringing members, and Mr. H. Barratt and Mr. H. Howard, of Barley, re-elected members.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Honourable mention should be made of Mr. Donald H. Niblett's extremely capable and creditable performance when he joined the select band of conductors who have called Holt's Original. The younger generation in Oxford felt it intolerable to let Mr. G. E. Symonds' week-old challenge lie longer unanswered.

Congratulations to Mr. R. W. Rex, who has recovered from the recent amputation of his arm and was able to ring a peal at Beenham, Berks.

An inscribed beer mat from Holland has been received by Mr. W. A. Theobald. He assures the sender that it has been suitably framed in a room of his lodgings.

Mr. J. C. Macbeth, the newly-appointed tower captain of Nayland Parish Church, Suffolk, asks for information regarding the last peal rung on these bells, as no local records are kept.

Somerton, Somerset, bells rang merrily on April 28th for the wedding of Miss Jill Williams. The bride's mother was largely instrumental in getting a band together in 1951, after ringing had lapsed for some time. To encourage others she learned to ring herself.

With reference to Mr. G. Symonds calling his first peal of Holt's Original at St. Margaret's, Barking, on February 5th, 1898. Mr. Caleb Fenn states the footnote reads that it was rung by all bachelors. He adds: 'I don't think any of them are bachelors now.'

Mr. Frank C. Price, youngest son of Mr. Tony Price, rang two bells and conducted a quarter peal of Plain Bob Royal at Hillingdon on May 1st. Is this the first time in a quarter peal of Royal on tower bells that double-handed has been introduced?

Burgh le Marsh, near Skegness, Lincs, has had a ring of eight for 60 years, but the first peal was not rung on the bells until April 16th. This was the only eight-bell tower in Lincolnshire that the late Mr. Rupert Richardson had not rung a peal at.

Mr. E. J. Chivers, who has rung no peals for a year owing to a long indisposition, is welcomed back into our peal columns.

Errata.—The quarter peal at Huish Episcopi on April 14th was the first of Minor for Miss B. J. Stevens and Miss P. M. Stevens, and not the first of Minor for C. J. Stevens.

Publow, Somerset, band have lost a member of long standing by the sudden death of Mr. Harry Baber, aged 70. He was on his way to work when he dropped dead in the road.

At Duxford, Cambs, there is an interesting list of belfry rules, one of which limits the number of Nonconformist ringers to one-third of the band, and insists that they attend their own church for service!

Six of the ringers in the peal of Yorkshire at Caldicot, Mon, are resident members of the Association. The only peals of Yorkshire previously rung for the Association have been on ringing tours.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Portsea on April 23rd was Marion J. Parker's first Surprise peal (on the treble) and first of Surprise Major 'inside' for her father, Mr. R. H. R. Parker.

The band which rang the peal at Thornbury, Glos, on Easter Monday, would like to express their thanks to Mrs. W. J. Cook for entertaining them to a wonderful meal after the performance.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

29 Members Rang Their First Peal

THE 72nd annual meeting was held at Worcester on Easter Monday, and a good congregation assembled for the special service at All Saints' Church at 11 a.m., at which the Assistant Bishop of Worcester (the Rt. Rev. C. E. Stuart) and the chaplain (the Rev. L. J. Birch) officiated.

The president, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, Dean of Worcester, presided at the general business meeting held in College Hall, and it was a great satisfaction to the members to have him present, as he had only a few days previously left hospital after a serious illness.

Letters of thanks were read from the incumbents of Mickleton and Bidford-on-Avon for a grant of £10 to their restoration schemes, and from the County Playing Fields Association for the arrangements made for demonstrations of a model bell and handbell ringing at a county fair at Madresfield Court last summer.

MEMBERSHIP DROP

The annual report stated that all branches showed a falling off in paid up performing members, the net result being a drop of 55 to a total of 480. This could look serious, but Branch secretaries seemed to have a happy faculty of collecting back subscriptions and they trusted this would be the case in 1955. The Belfry Repair Fund had increased to a total of £210 2s. 11d.

Fifty-six peals were rung during the year, of which five were rung on handbells, and probably the outstanding feature of these was that no less than 29 members rang their first peal. A combination of Brierley Hill and Kingswinford bands under the conductorship of the Master, Mr. C. Skidmore, continued their advance in Spliced Triples by ringing the first ever in 11 methods.

'Tune ringing may not perhaps, strictly speaking, be within the scope and aims of the Association, but there seems to be an increasing public demand for this, and all Branches are constantly being asked for their services at charity concerts, and they are always well received. Compared with more industrial areas we do not meet with any undue amount of opposition or complaints to the ringing of our church bells, and anything we can do to reach the general public must ultimately enhance the prestige of our Association.'

The secretary reported that the Guildhall had been booked and the annual dinner would be held on Saturday, October 22nd, while the report of the librarian stated that Morris' 'Towers and Bells of Britain' had been added to the library.

Worcester was selected for the next annual meeting and arrangements for the annual peal were left to the committee.

FACULTIES

It was decided to make a grant of £15 to the restoration of the bells at Great Comberton. Arising from a discussion on restoration schemes and faculties, it was resolved to approach the Bishop's Advisory Committee and ask if all matters relating to bells could be referred to the Association.

The secretary pointed out that a panel within the Association had already been appointed to give advice, and that one of their honorary members, the Rev. F. C. Champion, was a member of the Bishop's Advisory Committee. In any case of a contentious nature he invariably referred the specifications to the Association before a faculty was granted.

The Dean of Worcester was unanimously re-elected president, while as a gesture of thanks to Bishop C. E. Stuart for welcoming the members for the annual service at All Saints', of which church he is Rector, he was added to the list of clerical vice-presidents. Mr. C. Skidmore was re-elected Master, the Rev. L. J. Birch chaplain, and Mr. J. D. Johnson general secretary and treasurer.

In proposing a comprehensive vote of thanks the Rev. L. J. Birch said how grateful they were to the Dean for presiding, and included in his thanks Bishop Stuart, Dean and Chapter, headmaster of King's School and incumbents whose bells were used that day—Cathedral, All Saints', Claines, St. John's and Kempsey.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to the young band at Badsey who rang their first peal at Cleeve Prior (reported in our last issue). The band were afterwards entertained to tea by the Vicar of Cleeve Prior (the Rev. A. Webb), who is a ringer. His kindness was much appreciated.

Mr. S. H. Hoare inquires whether Aldridge and Umberslade Surprise were rung with 2nds or 8ths place at lead end.

The peal at Bishampton, Worcs, on May 8th, 1954, was a non-Association peal, and not rung for the Worcestershire Association.

The band who rang the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Wimborne Minster had an average age of 22 years seven months. They are anxious to learn of a younger band who have rung a peal of Surprise Royal.

Mr. John A. Hilton, Tunbridge Wells, requires information regarding the small bell placed just above the main entrance to Queen Elizabeth Castle, Jersey. The bell bears an inscription 'G. R. (crown) 1797.'

The Northern District of the London County Society had special ringing on St. George's Day at St. George's, Barkingside, which was attended by Mr. T. H. Taffender (Master) and Mr. J. H. Crampion (Ringing Master, S.W. Essex District). The ringing was for a Scout service attended by the Mayor of Ilford. The ringers would also like to couple with it 87th birthday greetings to Mr. W. Nelder, of Ilford.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Sible Hedingham on April 28th was the first rung in the Northern District of the Essex Association for nearly 21 years. The peal included five 'first,' and particular congratulations to Hilda on a 'first.'

The band that rang the peal at Bassingbourn regard it as the toughest peal they have yet undertaken. This was the first peal on the bells, and unless the bells receive attention it will probably be the last.

Within four days of work starting on the restoration of Dallington, Northampton, bells, two quarter peals have been rung in which seven members scored their first 'inside' in more than one method, and one a first of Minor on the treble.

His many friends and acquaintances in the S.W. District of the Essex Association will join with the local band in wishing bon voyage and Godspeed to Dr. C. E. Wright, of Hornchurch, who is embarking shortly for a two-year spell of military duty in Hong Kong. It was specially pleasant for the local band to have the Doctor conduct his own swan song, with his wife also taking part, when 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung for Matins on April 24th by: Mrs. D. M. Wright 1, Miss J. Peacock 2, J. Carrott 3, J. Fowler 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, T. East 6, Dr. C. E. Wright (conductor) 7, D. M. Salisbury 8.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

'A Great Swing Back to Ringing' — Bishop

THE annual meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild took place at Chilvers Coton on April 16th. The ten bells were rung to various methods with rounds and call changes for the learners during the afternoon until 4.30, when a short service was held and an address on 'Churchmanship' given by the Vicar, the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby.

After tea in the Parish Hall the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, and apologies read from the Bishop of Coventry, the Assistant Bishop, the Rev. W. C. Maggs, the Rev. J. H. Dingley and also honorary member Mrs. Sibley. The Bishop, in his letter, assured the ringers that whenever the bells are rung they proclaim the Gospel and assist in the evangelism of the work of Christ. The Bishop continued: 'I would also say to the bell-ringers, take courage because all over the country there is going on a great swing back to the ringing of church bells.'

The balance sheet showed a balance of £32 3s. 7d., and the Bell Repair Fund £22 13s. 3d.

The hon. general secretary's report stated that the total resident membership for 1954 was 210, 19 life, 7 honorary and 184 ringing. Sixteen new resident and 20 non-resident members were elected. Twenty-four peals were rung. Mr. Adolphus Roberts had taken a rope in a peal of Yorkshire Major at Allesley on the occasion of his 84th birthday on July 8th, ringing it faultlessly. Allesley, again, was the tower where a half-muffled peal was rung on February 13th in memory of Joseph H. W. White, who had been a most active member of the Guild and of the Allesley band for many years, and also a Central Council representative. Towards the end of the year Mr. Sam Carter had passed on, much missed by his fellow ringers at Bulkington.

The two district secretaries, Messrs. J. L. Garner-Hayward and H. Windsor, reported good attendances at meetings and interest created in isolated towers.

The officers were elected en bloc, namely:—President, the Rev. W. C. Maggs; vice-presidents, the Right Rev. N. W. Newnham Davis, Canon N. Prentice, Canon F. S. Herbert, the Rev. F. W. Moyle, the Rev. J. H. Dingley, Councillor H. Weston and the five former Masters of the Guild (Messrs. E. H. Adams, A. Roberts, F. E. Pervin, F. W. Perrens and A. H. Beamish); Master, Mr. R. J. Edden; hon. general secretary, Mrs. D. E. Beamish; Northern District secretary, Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward; Southern District secretary, Mr. H. Windsor; hon. auditor, Mr. F. E. Pervin.

Rugby was proposed as the meeting place for July, as by that time the octave in the N.E. tower at St. Andrew's would be rehung in its new position.

New members elected were:—Messrs. R. A. Oram and F. S. Farmer (Leamington); R. Stott (Dunchurch); M. Tuffin (Keresley) and Miss E. Hardwick (Bilton). The election of Mr. C. E. Jefferies (Bedford), prior to a peal, was ratified.

The successful dinner held in Coventry in October was commented upon and a proposal, which was carried unanimously, was made to make it an annual event on the third Saturday in October.

The rule made when the Bell Repair Fund was inaugurated that application for a donation be made after the order was placed in the hands of a bellfounder, was rescinded, and it was resolved that the District secretaries make recommendations to the committee, who would report at the next general meeting. A collection made resulted in £1 7s. 9d. for the Fund.

A few minutes' silence was observed in memory of Mr. J. B. Fenton, of Rugby, who had recently passed on after a life of devoted service to ringing.

D. E. B.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY'S EASTER TOUR, 1955

THE Society was again favoured by fine weather when it visited Chesterfield for its annual tour. About twelve resident and seven former members arrived at the Clifton Hotel during the evening of Easter Saturday and on Sunday afternoon.

We were welcomed to the Parish Church at 7.30 a.m. on Sunday by Mr. Sam Scattergood and the local ringers and later during the day for other services, when our failings at raising and lowering ten were apparent. During the afternoon a handbell peal of Bob Minor was rung, conducted by Peter Border.

On Monday morning we set out by motor coach in the direction of Derby, our first stop being Clay Cross, where the bells were so good that we immediately asked the Vicar, who met us, for permission for a peal attempt on the Friday. On our return to the coach we learned Duffield Royal in readiness for Sir Arthur Heywood's fine tower. Some of us had our first opportunity to ring Yorkshire Royal here and again at Derby Cathedral in the afternoon.

Tuesday's ringing began at Bakewell, where we were met by the Rev. G. Gordon Graham, who joined us for a well-struck course of London. Youlgreave, our next tower, was deeply impressed on the minds of several of our members because of the low staircase. Due to a long delay over lunch we had insufficient time to ring Ashbourne College Bob Major at Ashbourne, where the long draught proved troublesome. A peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Winksworth in the evening, conducted by Peter Border. The remainder 'snatched' this tower before proceeding to Matlock and Darley Dale, where Spliced Surprise was rung.

Spliced was again rung at Dronfield on Wednesday morning, but without any outside aid. We began our tour of Sheffield at Ranmoor, where we were met by Mr. Ditcher. We failed to do justice to this fine ten. After lunch we visited Sheffield Cathedral, which proved to be a little heavy for a band that was attempting a peal later in the day. Having described our activities to the local Press, we moved on to St. Marie's. After a short ring here the peal band left to return to Chesterfield by train. The Society's first peal of Yorkshire Royal, conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton, was rung on this excellent ten, and it was the first peal of Yorkshire Royal for six of the band. The remainder visited Eckington and Staveley.

The last day was spent amongst the picturesque Derbyshire Dales and the Peak District. Wormhill, whose church has the lightest ring of bells in the world, was our first stop and provided the highlight of the day. The treble was the most difficult bell to ring as it was the only bell with a stay! Moving on to the fine eight at Tideswell we demonstrated the art of change ringing to an American clergyman with a course of Lincolnshire. The start of the ringing at Fairfield was delayed by a funeral. Many extents of Stedman Doubles were rung on the Rudhall six at Chapel-en-le-Frith, whilst the majority of our party were sightseeing from the top of the tower. Later we were assisted in a course of Primrose by Mr. Peter Laflin. We spent a long time over tea at Castleton and had only a short ring on the eight, where the long ropes and ragged sallies tested our bell control.

Those who remained on the Friday rang a peal in the four Oxford Minor methods at Clay Cross, our fourth peal success in four attempts.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Phyllis Holborn for her excellent organisation. G. F. J., D. H. N.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

Southern District

The feature of the quarterly meeting at Redhill on April 23rd was the talk by the District Ringing Master, Mr. A. P. Cannon, on 'How to learn methods.' This was intended primarily for those who had learned to handle a bell but were finding difficulty in progressing beyond that stage; it was of value, however, to all who heard it.

Mr. Cannon prefaced the main part of his talk by stressing the primary importance of handling the bell correctly, of counting one's place and of cultivating a sense of rhythm; without these essential preliminary qualifications no real progress could be made. He went on to explain the principles of hunting and, from that, how to learn the easiest of methods, Plain Bob. He emphasised the importance of study outside the belfry, of writing out courses of methods being learned and tracing from them the 'blue line' of an individual bell's work, and of using the treble as a 'signpost.' After Mr. Cannon had answered numerous questions, a hearty round of applause expressed the appreciation of all present for his most lucid exposition.

At the business meeting which preceded the talk, three new ringing members were elected, viz., Mr. and Mrs. Cracknell (unattached) and Miss R. Naylor (Coulsdon). The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. G. C. Dyer).

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Relations With Call Change Ringers

When the Mid-Devon Branch held their meeting at Tounstal, Dartmouth, presided over by Mr. J. E. Lilley, a letter was received from the South Devon Ringers' Association asking the Branch to collect a team to ring for their service at Dean Prior on June 25th in connection with their ringing festival. The meeting decided to accept the invitation. A considerable discussion followed on the question of closer relationship between the Guild and call change ringers. The chairman (the Rev. J. G. M. Scott), Mr. E. J. Taylor and Mr. Middleton all advocated a closer link.

Three certificates of full membership were presented, whilst six ringers from Babbacombe, six from Tounstal and two from East Teignmouth were elected members. The election of three non-resident members prior to starting a peal was also confirmed. Subject to permission, a joint meeting with the South West Branch will be held at Wolborough on June 18th.

The service was conducted by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, assisted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. D. Watkins), and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott gave an eloquent address. A sumptuous tea was provided for a company of 40.

THE LADIES' GUILD

At a quarterly meeting of the Central District at Stanford-le-Hope, Essex, on April 30th, thirty ringers and friends attended, 17 being members. The bells were soon found to be a 'real ladies' ring,' and altogether eight different methods were rung.

An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Chinnery and her helpers, and the gentlemen in particular seemed reluctant to leave the table.

At the business meeting, members were told of the death of Mrs. Kitty Matthews, a well-known and much-liked member of the Guild. The customary short silence was observed, and Mrs. Lock, president, gave a brief appreciation of Mrs. Matthews' loyalty to the Guild.

The Central District would like to thank the Rector of St. Margaret's for conducting the service, and also the organist for his help.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD

A New President

SEVENTEEN towers were represented at the 128th annual meeting of the Guild held at East Grinstead on April 16th, and the new Vicar (the Rev. H. C. F. Copsey) conducted the service and afterwards joined the company at tea. He was voted to the chair for the business meeting.

Three new members were elected—Miss French (Shipbourne), Mr. Colin Tester (Brenchley) and Mr. E. Brunger (Tunbridge Wells).

The annual report told members that the past year had been most successful, both in attendances and finances, the only pessimistic note being the falling off of vice-presidents' subscriptions, and members were asked to do what they could in their own towers to arouse interest and support.

The main interest in the election of officers was the election of a new president to succeed Dr. Golding-Bird, who had retired and left East Grinstead. Mr. E. J. Ladd proposed the Rev. H. C. F. Copsey, as he thought that the Vicar of East Grinstead should hold this office, and in seconding this proposal, Mr. Wellington said that he was sure Mr. Copsey would make a worthy successor to Dr. Golding-Bird. He said that everyone would miss the retiring president, especially at the annual meetings, where for 17 years he had entertained the Guild to tea and had conducted the business in his own humorous way.

In reply, Mr. Copsey said that he would accept the office, and while he was no comedian, he would do his best for the Guild. From the chair, he proposed that a letter be sent to Dr. Golding-Bird saying how much he was missed and wishing him a happy retirement.

Mr. E. J. Ladd tried once more to swap jobs with Mr. A. Relfe, the vice-chairman, who declined to do so. In seconding the proposal of Mr. B. Collison that Mr. Ladd be re-elected, Mr. Wellington said that Mr. Ladd's personality made him a worthy chairman, and his patience with learners, and others who were getting old and unreliable, was outstanding.

All the other officers were re-elected except Mr. A. Lewry, who is now living in London. His place on the committee was filled by Mr. K. Hohl.

The date of the outing was fixed for September 10th, and for the dinner December 12th.

Mr. E. J. Ladd said that the E. J. Oliver Memorial Fund was now in a position to make a grant, and proposed that £5 be given to East Grinstead tower towards new ropes. This was carried.

In reply to the votes of thanks, the Rev. H. C. F. Copsey said that he would like to carry on the tradition of his predecessor and entertain the company to tea. C. A. B.

ARMY EXERCISE II.

The exigencies of the Service and the fact that Pirbright bells were not available caused frantic rearrangements by Army ringers for their attempt for a peal in eight Doubles methods on April 26th.

Farnborough bells were secured and after 25 minutes the peal attempt was abandoned by the conductor. A quarter peal of 480 Winchendon Place, 480 St. Simon's and 300 Grandsire was then rung by Pte. John E. Clark, R.A.S.C. 1, Cpl. Peter Beresford, R.A.P.C. 2, Pte. George N. Orman, R.A.S.C. 3, Dvr. Alan E. Hartley, R.A.S.C. 4, L.-Cpl. J. Alan Ainsworth, R.A.S.C. (conductor) 5, Pte. Roy H. Jones, R.A.M.C. 6.

Undaunted, the Army hope to attempt a peal again in the next few weeks before certain members of the band are posted or 'demobbed.'

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HOLT'S ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Symonds' letter and share his regret that Holt's Original is not often rung nowadays. I do not, however, agree with him that it is because our present-day conductors are incapable. To memorise the calling is a simple matter, but the difficulty lies in having to spread it out over approximately three hours, and with Parker's 12-part at their disposal, it is not surprising that they think the concentration required in calling the Original is not worth the effort.

Mr. Symonds is older in years than myself, but our ringing lives are about equal. I think he will agree that in our young days compositions of Grandsire Triples were almost restricted to Holt's Original, Holt's six- and ten-parts, Penning's one-part, and the Bob and Single peals. (It is true that the Revs. C. D. P. Davies and E. Bankes-James had begun to produce some new compositions, but with the exception of Charles Jackson, of Hull, these were seldom rung.)

The six- and ten-parts were frequently rung and accepted, but there was always an uncomfortable feeling about the Singles. The Bob and Single peals were never very popular, partly because of their monotony to ring, but chiefly because of the ease with which an unscrupulous conductor (and they were not unknown) could 'cook' a peal (hence the term 'Bob and Swindle'). This, therefore, only left the Original of Penning's one-part if a conductor wanted to ring a peal which really satisfied him and his band.

It was, if I remember rightly, about the end of the last, or the beginning of the present century, that Parker's 12-part first made its appearance, but it was not until after the 1914-18 war, when conducting ceased to be the prerogative of the few, that it received the popularity and appreciation it deserves.—Yours sincerely,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford.

LAMBERT'S VARIATION

Dear Sir,—The peal of Bob Major in 'The Ringing World' (Lambert's Variation) was given to me at the annual meeting of the Essex Association, Whit Monday, 1897, by H. J. Tucker, of Bishop's Stortford, as his peal; he told me he had called it twice.

I called the same peal at Harwich, Essex, on September 8th, 1900, in 2 hours 58 minutes, and the Harwich ringers have, I believe, placed a board in their belfry recording the peal, with H. J. Tucker as composer. It was my first peal as conductor.

The quarter peal by R. Overy was rung at Barking over 50 years ago, conducted by A. J. Perkins, of Romford.—Yours, etc.,

CALEB FENN.

Barking, Essex.

Dear Sir,—The figures given on page 268 as 'Lambert's Variation' are well known as the composition of J. R. Pritchard, a peal which gives the conductor a choice of starting at three different points. Mr. Pritchard himself was the first to call the peal, which was at Ormskirk on December 10th, 1887.

In the Central Council collection, page 196, the original composition is given, and a footnote indicates two other starting points of the peal, which clearly shows Mr. Pritchard as the author of the peal, including the optional starting point.—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

A POINT FOR COMPOSERS

Dear Sir,—On page 238 of 'The Ringing World' for April 15th is published a 5,056 for the 8ths place variation of Evington Surprise Major. I would like to point out that this is a transposition of a peal of Superlative published by Gabriel Lindoff before the turn of the century.

It may not be generally realised that the calling for any composition for a 2nds place method with 4ths place bobs can always be transposed so as to be suitable for an 8ths place method with 6ths place bobs and the appropriate sequence of lead ends, the operation is simple; substitute O for R, I for W, F for M and H for B, then start the calling from the end and work backwards. For example, here is a little-known peal by Sir A. P. Heywood which is suitable for Superlative or Yorkshire:—

23456	B	M	W	R
45236			—	—
62534		—		—
53624			—	—
65324				—
42356		—	—	—
35426			—	—
35264	X			—
23564				—

Repeat twice.

When transposed for an 8ths place method this gives:—

23456	O	H	I	F
34256	—			
34625	—	X		
62345	—		—	
54326	—		—	—
43526	—			
52436	—		—	
64235	—			—
23645	—		—	

Repeat twice.

This composition is true for any 8ths place method with lead end 6482735 and f.c.e.'s 24365, 43265, 32465.

In a similar fashion peals in 8ths place methods using a 4ths place bob can be transposed to give peals in 2nds place methods using a 6ths place bob. For example, peals of Kent or Bristol will, if suitably treated and doubled with singles, give peals of Plain Bob with 6ths place bobs; it would be interesting to see if the peal of Plain Bob rung on this plan a year or two ago is actually a well-known peal of Bristol. Unfortunately I have not the figures available.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick.

BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—The appearance in recent issues of several peals of Bristol with various extent qualities prompts me to send the following composition which I put together about twenty years ago. The length is rather a drawback, but I have never been able to retain the same features in a reduced number of changes; however, the peal remains, so far as I know, the only one with double Wrongs and Homes throughout.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

5,280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

23456	M	4ths	In	W	H
34625	2	—	—	2	2
26435				2	2
32654	2			2	2
23645	1	—	—	2	2

Twice repeated.

PEALS AND 'THE RINGING WORLD'

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter of your correspondent, David M. Lees, on page 267, the temporary shortage of peal reports for the issue of April 15th obviously gave you an opportunity of getting quarter peal reports up to date. while the inclusion of more compositions than usual, also more letters and other items, made up an issue of very general interest, a fact which was remarked upon by more than one ringer with whom I was in contact during that week-end.

The aim of our paper is to make the greatest appeal to the greatest number. The question of paying for publication of peals was an expression of individual opinion (to which the individuals were perfectly entitled), but never the view of the Central Council, and it is difficult to detect any good purpose which may have been served by your correspondent's letter.—Yours faithfully,

BERNARD C. ASHFORD.

Stourbridge, Worcs.

Dear Sir,—It seems that from time to time someone must, through your correspondence columns, give us a reason why ringers should not pay for the publication of their peals, the last letter on this subject being that from Mr. D. M. Lees.

Is it not time we all faced up to the fact that a high percentage of peal ringers do so for their own pleasure and self-gratification only? They should bear in mind that the bells are not there for their amusement, and that in most cases the ringers have not subscribed a penny towards the maintenance and care of the bells.

Though they cheerfully pay to go to football or cinemas, when it comes to paying for the two or three hours' enjoyment they have had from the bells, that is quite another story.

I enjoy ringing in a peal as well as any ringer, and I have my own opinion of those who show a reluctance to pay for the privilege. Indeed, if I were an incumbent, I should make a charge of at least 6d. a rope towards maintenance, and the conductor or organiser should collect at least another 6d. a rope towards publication. If, as Mr. Lees suggests, this decreases the number of peals, it will just go to show how much our hearts are really in our craft.—Yours faithfully,

MONTAGUE G. SOPER.

Monken Hadley.

'RINGING WORLD' SPACE

Dear Sir,—I cannot let David M. Lees' statement that 'the publication of peals is the backbone of "The Ringing World"' pass without comment. He is implying that without three or four pages of peals you would not normally be able to get enough suitable material to fill 'The Ringing World.' I cannot believe this, and would be glad if you would tell us what the true position is.

As for his other statement that payment for peal publication would discourage peal ringing, the sooner this type of peal ringer goes out of existence the better. Just fancy a man ringing a bell for three hours in order to get his name in print. Some peals, no doubt, would not be published, which would be a pity. I think they should all go in 'The Ringing World,' but not take up quite so much space as they now do, then we should have room for a few more of those interesting articles which I am sure you have tucked away in your bottom drawer.—Yours sincerely, E. F. FOSBERRY.

Horsham.

[Note.—For the ten weeks following Easter there is material for another eight pages of 'The Ringing World.' Except for about eight weeks in the year, another four pages could be provided: at holiday weeks it is at times difficult to fill 16 pages. To create a larger 'Ringing World' would require a full-time Editor. Peals are news, and by some of our readers are read with the same avidity as cricket or football results.—Ed.]

LETTERS—Continued

'ALDRIDGE,' 'UMBERSLADE,' 'KIRKLINGTON' AND 'IMBERHORNE'

Dear Sir,—In the issue of April 22nd you published two new methods under the names of Aldridge and Umberslade. It was not, however, stated what place was made at the whole pull of the treble. I should be glad if this information could be given. It would also help those who, like myself, keep a record of new methods, if the type of bob used was stated. The position is the same for the method published as Kirklington, although as Middleton's was rung to this, it seems almost certain that 2nds place was used. Could someone confirm this?

It is of great importance to the Exercise that new methods which are rung are published in these columns and, furthermore, that they are stated fully. Unless we take care to see that this is done, the situation will be quite chaotic in years to come.

I think it is also desirable that these methods should be published as soon as possible after they are rung. I hope the recent publication of a number of methods, in place notation, in the same issue as the peal itself, will be continued. If the publication of a method is long delayed there is a chance, admittedly small, that it will be rung again under a different name; alternatively, it is possible that it has been rung previously, and when it is finally published the correspondence pointing out either of these errors will appear many issues later than the original peal, which unfortunately still bears the incorrect name. In such circumstances future mistakes are made much more likely. The method I have in mind which prompts these remarks is Imberhorne. It is now over a year since this method was rung, and the figures were asked for about two months ago. Could we have them without delay? — Yours faithfully,

JOHN R. MAYNE.

Harrow.

SILENT TOWERS IN MIDDLESEX

Dear Sir,—With reference to peal ringing in Middlesex, under long silences, Christ Church, Poplar (8), from what I can gather, is being pulled down or has already been pulled down.

St. Andrew Undershaft (6) has just recently had a ring of six installed, but these bells are rung dead, the reason stated being that the tower is unsafe for a ringing peal.

St. Katherine Cree (6) is at the moment out of action owing to war damage and deathwatch beetle in the roof. It is hoped to restore this church in the future.—Yours faithfully,

J. W. BULLOCK.

Romford, Essex.

CHESHIRE BELLS

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. Glenn, asks for information concerning the word 'Northern' in the jingle quoted by the Rev. G. S. Tyack in 'A Book About Bells.' It should, of course, be Northenden, but village names often were and sometimes still are, shortened in the speech of the neighbourhood. In this case, too, the rhythm is improved by the shorter form.

Mr. Tyack was misled by this contraction and wrote, 'Some genius of Northern in Cheshire . . .' whereas no such place exists. There are a number of similar jingles about Cheshire bells, although most of them concern this part of the county.—Yours sincerely,

J. W. CLARKE.

Mollington, Chester.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On May 1st, 1,296 Minor (720 Cheviot Treble Bob and 576 Cambridge Surprise): M. Fuller 1, A. S. Richards 2, L. W. G. Skinner 3, Mary Fuller 4, J. E. Cannell 5, R. Bird (cond.) 6. First extent of Cheviot for all.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A Financial Recovery

WELL over 100 members attended the annual meeting held at Watford on April 16th and the towers opened for ringing during the day were filled to capacity by cycling, car and coach parties.

The service at Watford Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. A. St. John Thorpe, who gave the address. A special feature of the service was the touch of Stedman Triples on handbells by H. Hodgetts, C. W. Woolley, H. G. Cashmore (conductor) and F. W. Brinklow. Tea at the Parish Hall was presided over by the Vicar who was warmly thanked on behalf of the members by Mr. E. H. Lewis.

The President of the Association (Mr. J. Hobbs) welcomed the members and visitors and opened the business meeting. He referred to the passing of Messrs. C. P. Chalk (Much Hadham), G. H. Griggs (Northaw), J. E. Jones (Rickmansworth), H. Tharby (Hatfield), John Foster (Hitchin), E. J. Gale (St. Albans), R. P. Crump (Hornsey), F. White (ex-Oxhey), F/O A. Hunt (Sandridge), B. Patmore (Gt. Munden), and Mr. Radley (Broxbourne), and the meeting stood in silence as a mark of respect.

New members elected included 12 probationers from St. Albans Cathedral, A. Boyd (Northaw), A. M. Warris and R. G. Ouston (Edgware).

SUPPORT FOR 'RINGING WORLD'

The annual report, read by the hon. general secretary (Mr. H. V. Frost), stated that the year had been one of steady progress, and there was evidence of new recruits to the art of church bell ringing all over the county.

Messrs. B. Barker, E. G. Buck, G. Dodds and K. Dunstan had been appointed 'Ringing World' representatives for their districts and the Association had headed the list, so far, in getting the highest number of members to become postal subscribers to that paper.

There had been more bell restorations again this year at some of the six-bell towers. Essendon bells had been rehung, Great Amwell's new ring of five was augmented to six, while Elstree bells were to be recast and Kimpton bells were to be rehung.

A total of 54 peals had been rung during the year, but for the first time since 1928 none were recorded on handbells. The calling of the peals was divided between sixteen conductors, of whom Mr. Derek P. Jones took the lead with a total of eleven peals; 13 members had rung their first peal and one his first as conductor.

'Painswick Surprise, Loughborough Bob and Beretun Bob Major have been new methods for our records, while Double Oxford Bob Major has not been rung in this county except on handbells. Several Minor methods were rung to peals for the first time through the enthusiasm of Mr. D. P. Jones and his young band.

'On the financial side, all but £25 of the very generous loan of £150 made three years ago has been repaid. We are now in a position to completely repay this loan, but we shall have to concentrate on raising our Reserve Fund to at least £100 in order to cope with future emergencies. We must never again allow this association to get into such a low financial position.'

The report was adopted.

The financial statements were presented by the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Debenham). The Benevolent Fund had a balance of £22 1s. 1d. with £63 8s. 7d. on deposit. The Voluntary Bell Fund after a grant of five guineas to Great Amwell showed a balance of £41 19s. 2d. The General Accounts showed an excess over expenditure of £18 7s. 4d. on the year.

On the recommendation of the committee, the President proposed that the balance of £25 on the loan of £150 be repaid. This was agreed upon and the thanks of the Association were expressed by Mr. E. G. Buck to the generous person who had made it possible for the association to carry on over a most difficult period.

A grant of five guineas to the Elstree Bell Fund was agreed upon.

Mr. B. Barker's propositions, relating to various aspects of Association work, were put to the meeting and after much discussion Mr. Barker withdrew certain propositions entailing demands on the funds; the remaining items were put to the vote and defeated.

Mr. C. W. WOOLLEY NEW PRESIDENT

Mr. C. W. Woolley was elected President with acclamation and thanked the members for his election. He also congratulated Mr. J. Hobbs on his successful year of office.

The remaining officers were re-elected: Hon. General Secretary, Mr. H. V. Frost; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. W. Debenham; Assistant Secretary, Mr. T. J. Southam; Hon. Librarian, Mr. C. F. Sayer; Hon. Auditor, Mr. H. H. Hole, C.A.

The next item on the agenda concerned peals of Bob Triples and as the Association had rung such peals since 1887, including several in recent years, the hon. secretary explained that this item was included in order to give members the opportunity of expressing their views on the matter for the guidance of the Central Council representatives.

After considerable discussion it was resolved 'that this meeting is in favour of peals of Bob Triples being included in the Central Council's "Peals Analysis."' The hon. general secretary was further instructed to forward the resolution to the hon. secretary of the Central Council.

Mr. J. M. Page gave notice that arrangements had been made with the Diocesan Authorities for ringing to be included on the Church stand at the Hertfordshire Show at Willian on May 25th and invited further support.

The proposed Festival at Benington on May 28th would have to be postponed as the bells were likely to be undergoing restoration.

An omnibus vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. Ayre to all who had shared in the work of the meeting arrangements. The meeting then closed, several members taking the opportunity of inspecting the work of Mrs. G. Dodds in the new peal book.

H. V. F.

THREE COUNTIES AT BAMPTON MEETING

About 70 ringers from the Devon Guild, Bath and Wells Association and Salisbury Diocesan Guild attended the N.E. Branch meeting at Bampton on April 23rd. The president (Preb. E. V. Cox) said how pleased he was to see so many ringers from three counties present. Canon C. C. Cox, of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, gave an account of the Clerical Ringers' tour of North Devon.

The Rector of Bampton conducted the service and in his address gave an account of the history of the 500 years old stained glass window which was restored when the Guild President was Rector of Bampton.

Ringing to suit all was controlled by Mr. A. G. Selley.

QUARTER PEALS

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On April 13th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss M. Disney 1, Miss J. M. Simpson 2, P. R. Johnson 3, R. Elkington 4, D. S. Harris 5, A. Disney 6, G. H. Arguile 7, R. F. Elkington (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1 and 3. A wedding compliment to Michael D. Staniforth (ringer at this church) and Margaret Pulling, whose marriage took place at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Acomb, York, on April 9th.

ASH-IN-MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): R. J. Vardy 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, D. Sweet 3, F. T. Locke (first in 3 methods) 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. A loyal tribute to H.M. the Queen on her birthday.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On April 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Ann Shiels 1, H. Wingrove (cond.) 2, Dorothy Fletcher 3, Kathleen Fletcher 4, R. Buckland 5, D. Lamb 6, J. Harrison 7, A. Bridges 8. A 15th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

BETHNAL GREEN, E.—On April 24th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss B. Nolder 1, T. H. Taffender 2, W. D. Grainger 3, A. C. Chaplin 4, J. Hales 5, Dr. D. G. Hollis 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, F. R. L. Blewer 8.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Tunbridge 1, P. P. Brown 2, Miss J. Cox 3, Miss M. R. Andrews 4, Miss D. M. Ward 5, J. L. Morris (cond.) 6. Rung for Matins on Easter Sunday.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Line 1, E. Geeves 2, R. Line (first as cond.) 3, R. Daniels 4, E. Smart 5. Rung to celebrate the birthday of H.M. the Queen.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker 1, Lucy Allen 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung by local band for early morning service. Also on April 23rd, 2,520 Grandsire Doubles: R. F. Baker 1, Lucy Allen 2, M. S. Dyer 3, E. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung for St. George's Day. Also on April 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: R. F. Baker (cond.) 1, E. Whiting 2, Lucy Allen 3, M. S. Dyer 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Frank Warrington, late ringing master of the Huntingdon district.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On April 24th, 360 Double Court, 360 Cambridge, 240 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: D. Sims 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, E. Deacon 3, G. M. Rouse 4, K. Everett 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. Rung for St. George's Day.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On April 14th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. E. Rootes 1, S. H. Hoare 2, C. W. Woolley (cond.) 3, T. J. Clark 4, R. Rowley 5, A. Cutler 6, G. W. Seaman 7, T. W. Sheppard 8. Also on April 28th, 1,280 Ealing Surprise Major: J. E. Rootes 1, S. H. Hoare 2, W. Wenban 3, T. J. Clark 4, R. Rowley 5, A. Cutler 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, C. W. Woolley 8.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.—On May 1st, 1,320 Doubles (240 Kennington Pleasure, 1,080 Plain Bob): Miss M. Crosier 1, C. H. Newell 2, H. Willis (first 'inside') 3, D. W. James (cond., Plain Bob) 4, F. E. Crosier (cond., Kennington) 5. First quarter in two methods by all the band. Rung for Sunday service by the local band.

DOVER, KENT.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. George 1, J. Chittenden 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. George (cond.) 4, G. Gray 5, C. J. Walker 6, P. Westwood 7, D. J. Thomas 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. G. Golding, J.P., churchwarden of St. Mary's.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Edmunds 1, E. Geeves 2, R. Line 3, R. Daniels 4, E. Smart (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Margaret Penn, daughter of churchwarden.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): D. Small (first of Triples) 1, E. B. Crowder 2, B. Aldridge 3, J. Hurrell 4, E. Coode 5, F. Hurrell 6, G. Daynes (cond.) 7, J. Sims 8. Rung for Easter carol service.

GLOUCESTER.—At St. Mary-de-Crypt, on May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, C. Martin 2, W. Cox 3, W. Jones 4, J. Whiting 5, T. Borcham 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, F. Blowen 8.

HEDDINGTON, WILTS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss S. Huband (first quarter) 1, Miss Maundrell 2, Mrs. Winkless 3, J. Parsons 4, W. Hacker (cond.) 5, H. White 6. Rung for Evensong, and a farewell to the Rev. R. Wood, curate of Calne, who is shortly leaving for South Africa.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On April 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Peacock 1, L. Fisher 2, F. Elsome 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papworth 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Frank Warrington.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Drake (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 3, J. V. Temple 4, P. G. Butler 5, J. Delahoy 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam T. W. Ball, an old ringer and chorister, who was interred this day.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): R. J. Vardy 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, D. Sweet 3, A. Bown 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. First in five methods for 1, 2 and 6.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On May 1st, 1,260 Doubles (180 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 600 Grandsire): J. Uden 1, A. Tapley (first in three methods) 2, H. Allen 3, W. E. Eveleigh 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, N. Small 6. Rung to celebrate the birth, in Uganda, of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. E. T. Allen, and a grand-daughter of the ringer of the third.

NEMPNETT THRUBWELL, SOMERSET.—On April 28th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Norfolk, 240 Old, 240 April Day and 540 Plain Bob): Miss R. Strong (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Fray 2, L. Derrick 3, C. Kortright 4, M. Horseman (first as cond.) 5, H. Hardwidge 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

OFFWELL, DEVON.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A Hodge 1, B. Tozer (first 'inside') 2, W. Sparks 3, C. Webb 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, G. Ackland 6.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading): A. Twiddle 1, Miss M. Rideout 2, D. Pollard 3, Miss P. Drury 4, Miss D. Gibbons 5, D. Wright 6, J. Martin (cond.) 7, G. Cole 8.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Whitemore 1, K. Cobb 2, R. W. Treasure 3, L. B. Coles 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. W. Ball 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Harry Baber (70), an old Publow ringer, whose funeral took place that day.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On April 11th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. Stilwell (cond.) 1, Miss P. Holmes 2, E. Treagus 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller 5, R. P. Wood 6, H. C. Weaver 7, W. T. Beeson 8.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On April 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cooper (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Stella Allen 2, Mrs. L. Crocker 3, A. Bown 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, G. Jeans 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Jill Williams, elder daughter of the Vicar's warden, to Mr. David Carswell.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTS.—On April 13th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): Miss E. Warren 1, Miss R. Cheesley 2, H. Pope 3, M. Looker 4, J. Stone (cond.) 5, J. Hill 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss O. Cheesley, member of this tower.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. G. Warwick (cond.) 1, J. M. Jelley 2, Miss G. R. Bodycote 3, B. S. Chapman 4, G. H. Bray 5, N. Mayes (first of Stedman) 6, A. E. Bodycote 7, J. Norman 8. Also for Evensong, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss G. R. Bodycote 1, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 2, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 3, B. S. Chapman 4, N. Mayes (first of Surprise Major) 5, A. E. Bodycote 6, E. J. Jelley 7, J. M. Jelley 8. Both by the local band.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Dunn 1, A. L. Dunn 2, Jill Tombs 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, F. B. Cookson 6, D. H. Watson 7, R. Cooper 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, who is home on leave from the R.A.F., serving in Gibraltar.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Easter Sunday, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Steed 1, R. Chapman 2, A. Print 3, V. Hunt 4, J. Findon 5, J. Lyne 6, G. Ingram (cond.) 7, W. Cocking 8, F. Lyne 9, E. Smith 10.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.—On April 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. T. Cherriman (first of Minor) 1, Marian Skinner 2, Helen Skinner 3, C. B. Skinner 4, B. J. Luff (cond.) 5, B. W. Farhall 6. Rung by the Sunday evening service band as a farewell to Marian Skinner, who is taking up an appointment in Leeds on May 2nd.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On April 14th, 1,344 Spliced Yorkshire, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise: D. M. Knox 1, J. G. Newman 2, J. W. V. Sinfield 3, A. C. Sinfield 4, R. J. Sharp 5, P. Mchew 6, C. E. Jeffries 7, S. J. Ivin 8.

WESTONING, BEDS.—On April 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. A. Culpin 1, T. P. Harris 2, P. J. Lawton 3, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 4, J. F. Olney 5, D. R. Brazier 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. W. Watts, a ringer at Houghton Conquest for 52 years.

DEDICATION

A NEW IRISH TEN

A new ring of ten bells was dedicated at St. Mark's Church, Dundela, Belfast, on April 23rd, by the Lord Bishop of Down and Dromore. The new ring is a light ten with a 12¼ cwt. tenor, the contract having been placed with Messrs. John Taylor and Co. This is the first parish church in Ireland to have a ring of ten.

At the conclusion of the service the following picked band rang a touch of Grandsire Caters: Messrs. P. L. Taylor (Loughborough), F. E. Dukes (Drogheda), W. Pratt, R. Stringer, T. E. Smeltzer, J. T. Dunwoody, H. Brown, J. Savage (Holywood), W. Hall and Miss Jean Stewart (St. Donard's).

About 150 visitors were entertained to tea by the local band, after which Mr. J. M. Benn (chairman of the local society) thanked Messrs. Taylor and Co., Mr. Dukes, the St. Donard Society and the Holywood ringers, particularly Messrs. Dunwoody and Brown for their valuable advice and assistance in the training of the ringers. He presented the Holywood Society with a framed illuminated bell-ringers' prayer as a token of his Society's thanks for the use of Holywood bells and the training of their ringers.

Afterwards visiting ringers put this very nice ring to good use and various methods were rung.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bicester Deanery Branch

In his report to the annual meeting of the Bicester Branch at Ambrosden on April 30th, the Branch secretary (Mr. C. H. Kinch) reported that membership was down but Sunday service ringing had been well maintained, and ringing had started again at Brill, Ambrosden and Stratton Audley.

The Branch president (the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse) was in the chair, and he was re-elected. Other officers elected were:— Vice-presidents, Mr. F. Sharpe and the Rev. J. H. Elkerton; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Kinch; representatives to Central Committee. Mr. E. G. Jones (Piddington) and Mr. W. Baggett (Bicester). Elected new members of the Guild were:—Mr. A. Sharp (Fritwell), Miss Angela L. M. Greenway (Piddington), the Misses Joan Roberts, Margaret J. Stocklil, Eileen Chapman, Mr. G. Taylor, Mr. J. Turner, Mrs. Wallis (Ambrosden), Mr. D. Penn (Launton) and the Rev. J. Pickering. The Branch meeting was arranged for July 9th.

Thanks were accorded to the president for conducting the service, the Rev. J. Pickering for preaching the sermon, Mrs. Harper, organist, and the Ambrosden choir. A sum of £2,000 is required for repairs to Ambrosden Church, and the collection, which amounted to £1 11s. 10d., was for this object.

LATE NOTICES

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting at Lymm (8), Saturday, May 21st, 3 p.m. Tea.—D. W. Kirkpatrick, 3, Crouchley Lane. 6351

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Two Districts combined meeting, May 21st. Bells available, Broughton (6) 2.30–4. Service at Broughton Church, 4 p.m. Tea 5 at the Butcher's Arms, Nether Wallop. Nether Wallop (5) after tea. Names by previous Tuesday to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 6352

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Combined meeting at Puttenham, Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. 6354

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Stowmarket District.—Meeting at Cotton (8), May 28th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Bells 2 p.m. Please send names for tea by 23rd.—B. Chilvers, Cotton, Stowmarket. 6353

OBITUARY

MRS. C. J. MATTHEWS

With the death of Mrs. Kitty Matthews at the Middlesex Hospital on April 29th following a short illness, the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the ringers of St. Martin-in-the-Fields have lost one of their most loyal and respected members.

The funeral service was at Putney Vale Crematorium on May 3rd, when ringers of the London area were well represented by members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the Ladies' Guild, the Ancient Society of College Youths, the London County, Middlesex and Surrey Associations.

Among the many beautiful floral tributes were those from the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, the ringers of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, the Ladies' Guild, the ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, and Isleworth and other ringing friends.

Learning to ring at St. Anne's, Highgate, during the first world war under the tuition of her father, Frank Smith, and other well-known Cumberlands, Kitty Matthews rang her first peal, one of Bob Major, in October, 1920. Prior to her marriage, in 1923, she rang only five peals, and it was not until 1936 that she again began to take an active interest in peal ringing. In that year she rang her first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and it was at about that time that she became a member of the band at St. Martin's.

Of recent years she had been looking forward to, and had almost realised, a modest ambition to ring her 100th peal. Her closest friends will remember how she approached that landmark with an eagerness typical of her youthful enthusiasm.

The peal of Erin Cinques at St. Martin's, in February of this year, was her 97th, and her 56th for the Cumberlands. In her total she numbered the married couples' peal of Stedman Cinques at Leicester in 1948, and the mothers' and sons' peal of Bob Major at Feltham in 1951.

She was for two years secretary of the Cumberlands; that Society will be the poorer for the passing of a devoted servant.

Kitty Matthews was greatly loved at St. Martin's. Her cheery smile and infectious enthusiasm will be sadly missed. May she rest in peace.

MR. GEORGE HUGHES

Mr. George Hughes, of Stanmore, passed away at the age of 80 in Harrow Hospital on April 29th. He had been a chorister and ringer at Stanmore Church for more than 50 years and was tower master from 1922 until his health began to fail in 1946.

Not a great peal ringer, he was one of those who form the backbone of our Exercise, a most faithful Sunday service ringer. At one time a register of attendance was kept at the tower; from this it was found that out of 1,764 possible occasions he had only been absent 29 times, always owing to illness or absence from Stanmore on holiday. Truly a remarkable record.

He was elected a member of the Middlesex County Association in 1899, having just missed being a founder member, and was made an honorary life member after 50 years' membership, a fact of which he was very proud.

He was cremated at Golders Green on Wednesday, May 4th, after a short service at Stanmore Church, at which the local band was represented by the wife of the tower master.

A peal of Stedman Triples in his memory was rung at Stanmore last Saturday, the bells being left unmuffled, as was his wish. E. J. L.

NOTICES

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BIRTH

SOAR.—To Winnie (née Hodgkinson) and Walter G., on May 2nd, 1955, at the Queen Mary Maternity Home, Derby, the precious gift of twin daughters. 6346

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mr. Cecil J. Matthews and family wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all ringing friends for floral tributes and letters of sympathy in their sad loss. 6308

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. J. D. Rock is now: The Avenue House, The Green, Richmond, Surrey.

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

FOR SALE.—An octave of (8) handbells in E flat, in good, clean condition. £18 or nearest offer.—Apply Mr. P. Barnes, 14, Dunthorne Road, Colchester, Essex. 6318

HANDBELLS WANTED

SET of 8 (preferred) in good condition.—D. Prickett, 38, Lanser Road, Stanwell, near Staines, Middlesex. 6342

PUBLICATION

CHESHIRE BELLS, PART IV. Contains details of a further twenty-one rings in the county. Fully illustrated. PART III also available. Copies, 2s., from J. W. Clarke, Mollington, Chester. 6261

MISCELLANEOUS

ST. MARY'S, ABERGAVENNY. — Please note, when making inquiries: Mr. M. O. Roberts, 76, St. Helens Road, is now secretary for the above band, following Mr. George Ward, who has been elected captain. 6320

RINGERS on holiday in the Broads district will be welcome at Acle Church. Sunday ringing 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Acle Church is on the main Norwich road, one mile from Acle Bridge. Practice night Thursday, 7.30, or by arrangement.—H. W. Lidbetter, Captain. 6341

MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD — Crewe Branch.—Joint meeting with Shropshire Association, Market Drayton, May 14th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on May 14th at 3 p.m.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 6313

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Dronfield (8), Saturday, May 14th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Parker, The Green Dragon, Church Street, Dronfield. 6300

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Caxton, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at Bricklayers' Arms.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6278

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Meeting, Chigwell, Saturday, May 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to C. Willmington, 79, Wallwood Road, Leytonstone, E.11. 6257

GUILDFORD GUILD—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Bagshot (8) on Saturday, May 14th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Dis. Sec. 6288

HERTS ASSOCIATION—Eastern District—May 14th, Little Hadham, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service, Much Hadham, 6.30 p.m. Ringing 7 p.m. Badges and reports available. — T. J. Southam. 6286

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Donington (8), May 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. 6335

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, May 14th, St. Stephen's, Ealing (65 bus from Broadway) 3 to 5 p.m. Choral Evensong and handbells 5 p.m. Tea and business, Parish Room, 5.45. Ringing, Christ the Saviour's, 7.30. Everyone welcome. Names for tea, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth (HOU 3921). 6233

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting, Clerkenwell, May 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Ringing: St. Mary's, Holloway Road, 2-4; Clerkenwell 3-4.30; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 8-9. Names for tea to Ernest Turner, 73, Braithwaite Gardens, Stanmore (WORdsworth 5109). 6235

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern Division.—Practice meeting Rusper (8) Saturday, May 14th. Please bring own tea. —E. Rapley, Hon. Div. Sec. 6281

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION—Western Division. —Quarterly meeting at Heene (8) on Saturday, May 14th. 6290

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Ubley, May 21st. Bells 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6322

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Puckington, Saturday, May 21st. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 6330

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Maulden on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 3. Tea at 5. Rounds to Surprise.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 6312

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bosley, May 21st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 6326

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Neston, May 21st. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea, free, for those notifying by 17th at latest.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6345

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch.—Meeting, Arley, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please advise for tea as early as possible to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 6328

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Brassington (6), near Wirksworth, May 21st, 3 p.m. Bus dep. Matlock 1.55 p.m., Wirksworth 2.15 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 6336

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Bishopwearmouth, Saturday, May 21st, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, May 19th, to Mr. R. Bell, 47, Toward Road, Sunderland. 6317

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, South Wingfield, Saturday, May 21st. Own food.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6334

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, May 21st, at Spaldwick (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6323

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.E. District.—Meeting, Thorington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, please.—J. H. Gould, Fir Tree Cottages, Great Bromley. 6232

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.W. District.—Meeting at Chrishall (6) on Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Schoolroom. Names please to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6272

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting at Dyrham, Saturday, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 17th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 6329

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Stinchcombe (6), May 21st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by May 18th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 6321

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Hastings, May 21st. All Saints' 2.30–4.30; St. Clement's 5.45-7.30. Names for tea, by May 18th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 6315

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting at Ledbury, Saturday, May 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 6310

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton Districts. — A combined practice, Bromfield, Saturday, May 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—G. Randle, Hon. Sec. 6314

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern and St. Albans Districts.—Joint meeting, Knebworth, May 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Knebworth House open 2-5.—E. Buck, S. Huckle, Dis. Secs. 6311

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Names for tea to me by Wednesday, May 18th. —Cyril S. Jarrett, 1, Blenheim Avenue, Chatham, Kent. 6333

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Mary's, Eccles, May 21st, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. Bus from Piccadilly or Victoria Bridge. All welcome.—R. Benson. 6344

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next Rossendale Branch meeting will be held at Radcliffe on Saturday, May 21st. Tower open for ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6. Members and non-members cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 6307

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch Annual, Sleaford, May 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Wednesday previous to Mrs. D. Wray, 16, Eastgate, Sleaford.—F. Lord, Hon. Sec. 6275

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Desford, May 21st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5. Names, please, by Wednesday, May 18th, to Mr. J. Bennett, 27, Manor Road, Desford, Leicester.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District. — Meeting at Countesthorpe and Willoughby Waterless May 21st. Names for tea, by the 18th, to Miss Elsey, 9, Peatling Road, Countesthorpe, Leics. 6338

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Packington, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (5 p.m.) for those who notify, by 19th, G. Brown, The Banks, Packington, Ashby-de-la-Zouch. 6318

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District. — Meeting, Medbourne, May 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Outing fare (£1) to be paid this day.—L. W. Allen. 6339

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton and Syston Districts.—Joint meeting, Hoby, May 21st. Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea (at 4.30), by the 18th, to Mr. Burnham, Elm Cottage. 6331

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—On Saturday, May 21st. Ringing at Ruislip (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by business meeting. Tea available in the district. Ringing at Pinner (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m.—J. D. Rock. 6341

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Leek, May 21st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Names for tea, before May 19th, to E Sharatt, 13, Lowther Place, Leek, Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 6309

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—Eastern Branch.—Meeting, Pakefield, May 21st. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, to Mr. P. Kindred, 102, Morton Road, South Lowestoft, Suffolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 6298

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — North Berks Branch.—Annual meeting at Cholsey, May 21st. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Important—notify by 17th, A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen St. Abingdon, Berks. 6267

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—V.W.H. Branch.—Annual meeting at Faringdon, on Saturday, May 21st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, May 18th, please, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon, Berks. 6292

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 21st. Ringing Goring and Streatley 3 p.m. Service Goring 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing Goring and South Stoke after meeting. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 18th, to L. G. Haines, Whyteleaf, Elvendon Road, Goring.—Burton. 6332

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Culworth and Towcester Branches.—Joint meeting at Potterspury, on May 21st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Saturday previous to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham.—A. E. R. Walker, W. A. Yates, Branch Secs. 6266

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Brafield (6), Saturday, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Committee meet after business meeting. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 17th, to Mr. P. Jones, 2, Denton Road, Brafield, Northants.—G. F. Roome. 6304

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Guild Festival, Marlborough, Saturday, May 21st. Annual general meeting, Town Hall, 2.15 p.m. Service in Church of St. Mary, 4 p.m. High tea, Town Hall, 5 p.m. Tickets 4s. (before Wednesday, May 18th, from Hon. Sec.). Bells available from 12—2 p.m. and from 5.30 p.m. Aldbourne (8), Marlborough St. Mary (6). Preshute, Overton, Pewsey, Everleigh, Ramsbury, Burbage, Ogbourne St. Mary, St. George, Chilton Foliat, Melksham (8), Devizes (8), and Bishop's Cannings (8) will be open if necessary. —W. C. West, Hon. Sec., 584, Semington Road, Melksham (Phone 2297). 6282

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Spring meeting at Rugeley, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea not later than May 18th to Mr. J. H. Joyner, Wedgnock, Anson Street, Rugeley, Staffs. 6274

SUFFOLK GUILD—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Elveden (8) Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Miss E. M. Peckett. 6287

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—75th anniversary dinner will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on Saturday, May 21st, at 7 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Immanuel, Streatham (8), 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Peter's, South Croydon (10), 3 to 4.30 p.m.; Beddington (10) 3.30 to 4.30 p.m.; St. John's, Croydon (12), 4.30 to 5.45 p.m. Tickets, 15s., now available from W. F. Oatway, 233, Thornton Road, Croydon. 6289

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting Ringmer, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by 18th, to: C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 6241

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Southern District.—Annual joint meeting at Thrybergh, Nr. Rotherham, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names to Miss D. J. Shaw, Deer Park Farm, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, by 19th. New annual reports, also badges will be available.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 6297

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting on May 28th at Wadhurst, Sussex, when it is hoped to dedicate the new trebles to the recently rehung and retuned six. Service 2.45. Tea 5. in the Institute. Names to me by May 26th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. Everyone welcome. 6327

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Egerton May 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Saham Toney on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to S. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford.—C. Tovell. 6343

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Chelmford, Whit Monday, May 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. conducted by the Provost; address by Canon M. N. Lake, M.A., Vicar of Stansted Mountfitchet. Annual meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m.-11 a.m. and from 5 p.m.; 3 p.m.-6 p.m., Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6); from 6 p.m., Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6). Light refreshments available at popular prices in the Cathedral Hall from 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost to members 4s., non-members 5s.). Tea, served as a running buffet, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (cost 1s. 6d.). Applications for lunch and tea tickets, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope, must reach me by May 25th.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 6316

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual Festival at Exmouth, Whit Monday, May 30th. Service Holy Trinity Church 12.15 p.m. Luncheon, Forte's Channel View Cafe (next the Pavilion on the sea front) 1.15 p.m.; prepaid tickets 5s. each. Bells: Littleham (8) and Withycombe Raleigh (8) 10-11.45 a.m. and after the meeting. Remittances for lunch tickets, not later than May 24th, from E. J. Taylor, Gen. Sec., Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 6305

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival and annual meeting at Much Wenlock, on Whit-Monday, May 30th. Service, Holy Trinity, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m. Much Wenlock (8), Coalbrookdale (10), Broseley (8), Madeley (8).—W. R. Thomas, Gen. Sec. 6273

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) on Whit-Monday, May 30th, at Peterborough. Service in the Cathedral with address by the Lord Bishop at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. Committee meeting in the precincts at 1.45 p.m. Applications for tea at 2s. 6d. each cannot be accepted after May 21st. Apply to Mr. G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. Towers for ringing: Oundle, 10.30 to 12.0; Alwalton, 11.0 to 1.0; Whittlesey, St. Mary's and St. Andrew's, 12.0 to 2.0; Fletton and Stanground, 12.0 to 2.30; Woodston, 11.0 to 12.15; Yaxley, 12.0 to 1.30; Glinton, 11.0 to 12.30; Peterborough St. John's, 12.0 to 2.45; St. Mary's, 11.0 to 2.30. All open after tea.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 6293

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival at Frodsham, Saturday, June 4th. Service 4 p.m. followed by tea and annual meeting. Towers available: Frodsham from 11 a.m. and after the meeting; Daresbury and Runcorn 2-3 p.m. and after meeting.—J. Kingdom, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next meeting of the Branch will be held at Minehead on June 11th. The usual coach will run from the Bath-Bristol district. Other towers available. Lunch at Dulverton. Names for coach and applications for further details as soon as possible, please, to Mrs. de Jong, Vanaarken, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol.

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LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY

FORMED in 1889, the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society of Change Ringers has 25 affiliated church towers in membership, all of which are within a 12-mile radius of the city. The meeting of the Society recently at Christ Church, Armley, was the subject of a special article in 'The Yorkshire Evening Post' by Alfred Taylor in the series, 'Treasure in Leisure,' and it was an article which gave an admirable insight into our craft.

The author describes what to most of our readers is a familiar scene: 'Inside the whitewashed ringing chamber six men and two girls stood at the ropes. Behind them stood a dozen men, and seated round the walls another 12. A notice said, "No Talking," so I stood and watched. The ringers' eyes were on each other and the circle round the wall sat silently engrossed, listening to the ringers from St. Peter's and St. Michael's, Holy Trinity and St. Paul's.

'The bell ropes, £4 apiece when new, flashed smoothly up and down. Now and then the leader (they call him the conductor) cried 'Bob' and changed the sequence, starting to weave a new pattern of sound. The ropes have long woollen hand grips and end knobs in red, white and blue. The end knob, peculiar to Yorkshire, is known as Billy, or Yorkshire End. The hand grip is known as the sally.

'The life in the bell runs down the rope to the hands of the ringer and each bell has its individual character. Experts from one church have to get acquainted with the bells when they ring in another. It is like making new friends.

'The ringers come from all sections of society—schoolmasters, miners, housewives, schoolgirls, engineers, clerks. They range from teenagers to men like Mr. Harry Lofthouse, of Christ Church, Armley, who served 30 years as secretary to the Society before he handed over to Mr. I. Slack. The physical part is not strenuous. Miss Sheila Schofield, a Leeds High School girl, rings at Leeds Parish Church and can handle the 17 cwt. tenor bell of the light eight.

'The mathematical part is difficult. You take a year to get the hang of it, after which you are learning all your life. It is not a case of counting numbers and memorising things, but more of watching all your partners and understanding the pattern you are tracing in sound.

'For centuries church bells have been linked with national and local events, and the books in some towers are historic documents. Leeds Parish Church record book, for instance, tells of ringing for Queen Victoria's visit to the Town Hall, for Parliamentary elections, and for the opening of the first Assize held in Leeds. It also records the hanging of two men at Armley Jail in front of a crowd of 10,000. . . .'

The Leeds Society should certainly get some inquiries about ringing from such an entertaining article. 'Bell-ringing is not a dying art,' Mr. Slack told Mr. Taylor. 'There is a lot of young blood in it and women are taking it up in increasing numbers.' This is perfectly true. The difficulty, however, is of retaining all but the very enthusiastic. At Liverpool Mr. Ernest L. Humphriss in a letter this week states that for his next bunch of learners he is thinking of calling for half a dozen over fifties and adds that the youngsters have too many attractions. There are, fortunately, towers famed for their young ringers, and Mr. Harry Sanger tells of the youngsters of Evercreech. Here a band of an average age of 15 rang the service touch of Grandsire Caters. The secret is to make the young ringer enthusiastic. Judging from reports received from many parts of the country, the youth of Britain are interested in our art, and many of our leading ringers of to-day look to the future of change ringing with confidence.

LINES BY AN OLD RINGER

By James Young, a member of the Boreham band in the last century.

My old mate Joe and I were ringers you'll hear
We rang in Boreham tower over fifty long years,
When ringing was due we strove to be there
And tried to ring with hand and ear.

Change ringing was our hobby from the time we were young
And we liked to be where change ringing was done,
We travelled these Dioceses far around,
To country villages and large towns.

We rang at Colchester, West Ham and Leigh,
Chelmsford, Harwich, Halstead and Braintree,
Maldon, Baddow, Bentley and Barking,
Coggeshall, Kelvedon, Stanford and Bocking.

Our Company all went to Hornchurch one day
And rang a good peal I am happy to say,
We were well received by the people there,
From the Brewery they sent us a bushel of beer.

To drink it all we were not able, for at dinner
Another half bushel was placed on the table,
So we shared it round with jokes and fun
Then showed them how good ringing was done.

It was on my 81st birthday
I attained the desire of my heart,
In our tower was rang a three hour peal,
In which I took a part.

My mates have all been called to rest,
And I am now the last one left,
In the old churchyard neath the bright green sod
They sleep till awaked by the Angels of God.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., May 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 37 cwt. in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	7
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	10
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	11
GEORGE E. FEARN	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert Walker (79th) and Sidney O'C. Holloway (39th).

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	*DAVID HOARE	7
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	8
ALBERT W. COLES	3	HENRY J. SANGER	9
ARTHUR G. MASON	4	HAROLD W. CLARK	10
SIDNEY T. HOLT	5	JOSEPH T. DYKE	11
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6	†WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal on 12 bells. † 675th peal.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
Ou Mon., May 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5050 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

BROOKE K. LUNN	*Treble*	ALFRED B. PECK	7
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	2	JOHN H. CRAMPION	8
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	JAMES G. A. PRIOR	9
JAMES PHILLIPS	4	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	10
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
JOHN CHILCOTT	6	CYRIL G. J. WATTS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
To the Glory of God and to commemorate the golden jubilee of the Diocese of Southwark. Rung by request of the Provost.

TEN BELL PEALS

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 24 lb. in E flat.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	6
GIBSON JACKSON	2	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
JOHN J. L. GILBERT	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	8
HOWARD SCOTT	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	9
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung in memory of Frederick Tingle, Richard Duffield and James Metcalf, all former members of the local band.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 13 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

ANN BARR	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	7
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	8
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5093 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	*DAVID A. CARPENTER	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	7
TOM W. SHEPPARD	3	†RAYMOND WINTER	8
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	*HUBERT E. ASHLEY	9
*LEONARD TREVOR	5	FRED C. LYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD. Conducted by DAVID A. CARPENTER.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Caters. First peal of Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HAGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 21 cwt.

HENRY BISHOP	*Treble*	JOHN CASTELL	5
ALFRED GREENOUGH	2	ROBERT BLOND	6
FREDERICK JAMES	3	MALCOLM CLOKE	7
FREDERICK SMITH	4	WILLIAM GILKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.

BENSON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK REED	*Treble*	C. JOHN CASTELL	5
ERNEST GARRARD	2	*PETER G. DAVIES	6
FREDK. S. SMITH	3	†WILLIAM L. GILKS	7
JACK BERRY	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal of Major and in the method 'inside.' † First peal of Major and in the method.
Rung half muffled in memoriam Mrs. L. Butcher, interred that day at Benson.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*MICHAEL J. DYER	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	WILLIAM THORNLEY	7
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan E. Jacques on the birth of a daughter.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Apr. 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5152 JAFFRAY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MICHAEL G. MORTON	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
The first peal in the method.

ANDOVER, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

REGINALD A. REED	*Treble*	RICHARD SMITH	5
NESTA SMITH	2	OSCAR SMART	6
ALICE REED	3	ARCHIBALD L. MITCHELL	7
NORMAN HAYES	4	NORMAN V. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by REGINALD A. REED.
First peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to Rev. M. P. Simcock and Rev. W. T. Davies, curates at the above church, who have recently left to take up duties elsewhere.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sun., May 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
*ANN BARR	2	J. EDWARD CAWSER	6
JEFFREY B. WEBB	3	PETER BORDER	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

DORIS E. COLGATE	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
PETER N. BOND	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
*IAN H. ORAM	3	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	7
E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by M. S. LANCEFIELD. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., May 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

MAUREEN M. FELLOWS	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BENENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 4, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in E flat.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	†ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
*†JOHN R. COOPER	2	*GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
FREDK. G. HUCKSTEPP	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method. † 50th peal together. First in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5312 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	MRS. H. J. POOLE	5
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	MRS. B. G. WARWICK	6
JOHN A. ACRES	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 6).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' Composition rung for first time.

JAFFRAY SURPRISE MAJOR
38, 14, 12, 36, 12, 38, 56, 5
Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, April 28th, 1955.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., May 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5152 WEATHEROAK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	PETER BORDER	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method. (Tipler's D 11/3.)

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 JERSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
MARY LAWRENCE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
C. EDWARD JEFFERIES	3	THOMAS J. LOCK	7
MRS. T. J. LOCK	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Association.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. C. J. Matthews.

ERITH, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Fri., May 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	FRANK E. WALKER	5
GEORGE J. BUTCHER	2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	6
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
*JOHN R. COOPER	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
In memoriam Mrs. C. J. Matthews, for many years an esteemed member of the Society.

BRAUNTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRANNOCK,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

MARIELLA MUNDY	*Treble*	DEREK JEWELL	5
FRANK WILLS	2	FRED WREFORD	6
DAVID GAY	3	ARTHUR TRUMAN	7
DAVID BEACHAM	4	NORMAN MALLETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by NORMAN MALLETT.
The first peal on the bells.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELENA AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS J. BOISSARD (Girton)	*Treble*	*B. J. STAFFORD (Queens')	5
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	2	*R. BEAUMONT (Selwyn)	6
*J. D. L. RICHARDS (Corpus)	3	W. T. COOK (Jesus')	7
*J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	4	J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. T. COOK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

WEATHEROAK SURPRISE MAJOR
38, 14, 12, 38, 14, 58, 34, 5
Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, May 5th, 1955.

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HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	†DENIS A. FRITH	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
*GEOFFREY PAUL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
GWEN I. RUSBY	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. † First peal of London Surprise Major 'inside.'
In memoriam Mrs. Kitty Matthews.

HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

MRS. A. DISERENS	*Treble*	JOHN N. DISERENS	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	*BRYAN C. STIRLAND	6
R. GEORGE MORRIS	3	FRANK W. LEWIS	7
GEOFFREY K. DODD	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of London. A birthday compliment to Geoffrey K. Dodd.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

ROLAND BIGGS	*Treble*	PERCY NEWTON	5
*DAVID CORNWALL	2	WALTER AVERY	6
JOHN D. KAPE	3	ANTHONY E. COX	7
DOREEN COKER	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER LEE.
* First peal of Cambridge Major 'inside.'

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

DENIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	5
MARY DOWSETT	2	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	6
MAURICE T. SYMONDS	3	WILFRID JARVIS	7
EDWARD W. ROAST	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
50th peal as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to John Symonds, son of the treble ringer and also to E. W. Furbank, of Brentwood. Denis A. S. Symonds has now 'completed the circle' at the tower.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

HORACE BENNETT	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	5
*JOHN E. ALLEN	2	GEORGE W. MOODY	6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3	C. HAROLD WHITTON	7
AUBREY D. MILLS	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.
* First peal in the method.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	ROY WILKINSON	6
*THOMAS J. CLARK	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
WILLIAM WENBAN	4	†JOHN E. ROOTES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 25th peal on the bells.
Rung in memoriam George A. Hughes, for many years captain at this tower.

WICKEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	FREDERICK C. CASE	5
†BARRY SAUNDERS	2	WILLIAM J. CHESTER	6
WILLIAM A. YATES	3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS	7
*MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method.
A birthday compliment to Betty Mansfield, of Green's Norton.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

HENRY N. VAUGHAN	*Treble*	JOHN W. MEADE	5
*EDWARD J. JENNER	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	6
†COLIN A. TESTER	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
* 25th peal. † First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

NELSON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	JOHN PILKINGTON	4
GEOFFREY F. GARNETT	2	WALTER WILKINSON	5
BRIAN TOMLINSON	3	GORDON R. WHEWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER LEIGH.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Apr. 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being a 2,160 and four different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	4
MRS. S. H. JONES	2	DOROTHY T. GARDINER	5
†GEOFFREY W. HAIR	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell compliment to Dr. W. J. Beale, Rector of Seale, and Mrs. Beale, who are leaving the parish.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HAROLD POPE	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY DOWN	4
JOYCE MORSE	2	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	5
†THOMAS F. STONE	3	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal of Minor. † First of Plain Bob Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. Cockell, licensed as priest-in-charge of South Marston and Stanton Fitzwarren.

STANFORD-ON-AVON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Grandsire, April Day and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt. 24 lb. in F sharp.

W. JOHN KINCHIN	*Treble*	*DAVID L. BROWN	3
DAWN V. ELSON	2	ROBIN WILSON	4

MICHAEL F. AMOS .. *Tenor*
Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.
* First peal.

WILLINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MARTIN WEBSTER .. .. *Treble*	†PETER G. SMITH 4
*FRANK C. BRISCOE 2	HENRY HARDING 5
STANLEY H. WALLIS .. 3	BRYAN F. SIMS .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's Kent Treble Bob and four Plain Bob, each differently called. Tenor 6¾ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON .. .. *Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD 4
MICHAEL VERNON 2	JOHN VERNON 5
ERNEST MORRIS 3	JOHN A. SMITH .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon E. B. Redlich who is retiring from the ministry. It also marks the 27th anniversary of the dedication of these bells.

PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PIRAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents (called differently). Tenor 12 cwt.

MARGERY A. BIRCH .. .. *Treble*	CLEMENT W. JOSE 4
MRS. J. M. SIMPKIN 2	ALAN CARVETH 5
DOUGLAS BURNETT 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
A 9th birthday compliment to David Jose, and a farewell to Robert A. Southwood.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*BABARA SPICER .. .. .. *Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER 4
E. JACK PARISH.. 2	HAROLD S. PEACOCK 5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD .. 3	STANLEY GILBERT *Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.
* First peal.
Rung with muffled clappers in memory of Frank Warrington, Hunts District ringing master 1948-1955. R.I.P.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Double and Single Oxford.
Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY HALL .. .. .. *Treble*	*JACK BRAY 4
RONALD CHAFER 2	GEORGE W. MOODY.. .. 5
C. AUBREY HARRISON .. 3	*PHILIP BARNES .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* 150th peal together First peal in seven methods on the bells.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri.. May 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

JOHN GIPSON .. .. .. *Treble*	DANIEL RICHARDS 4
RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN .. 2	JOHN HENRY FIELDEN .. 5
J. DESMOND PAINTER.. .. 3	WILLIAM T. COOK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.



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ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Single Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

*ALFRED E. HINMAN .. *Treble*	RICHARD E. MANTON .. 4
G. RONALD EDWARDS .. 2	*J. HARRY COOK 5
*BERNARD S. PAYNE 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First of Minor in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

Rung as a compliment to Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Jackson for the birth of their second daughter, Frances Bronwin Judith

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE DECOLLATION OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents of Reverse St. Bartholomew, three of April Day, four of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, four of Plain Bob, eight of Old (each called differently) and twenty of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MERVYN DAY .. .. .. *Treble*	*GEOFFREY DOWN 4
JOYCE MORSE 2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN .. 5
RALPH E. W. WENBAN .. 3	GILBERT W. BURGE .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal in six methods.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Joyce Morse.

COULSDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Southern District.)
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Consisting of 42 extents, with four different callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A flat.

*GILL A. STANTON .. .. *Treble*	†DAVID J. PARR 3
*ROGER A. DAVIDSON .. 2	†JOHN P. CRAWLEY 4
‡A. PATRICK CANNON .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Doubles. The conductor's 375th tower for a peal.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb. in A flat.

*RICHARD J. COLES (14) .. *Treble*	GEOFFREY E. WATSON .. 4
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN .. 2	JOHN KING 5
*DAVID W. JAMES (15) .. 3	BARRIE HENDRY (15) .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BARRIE HENDRY.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent Mixed Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. .. *Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS 4
JEAN C. BROWN 2	NORMAN HOUGH 5
RUTH M. JACKSON 3	NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

Rung for the Royal May Day Festival. Also as a compliment to S. Hough, Sen., who first rang for May Day 60 years ago and who has rung for it on fifty occasions. He conducted the conductor's first peal 21 years ago (May 5th, 1934) when the arrangement of the extents was the same as in this peal.

MONK'S ELEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents each of Hereward Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

THOMAS BIRD .. .. .. *Treble*	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT .. 4
ROSEMARY SEABROOK .. 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY 5
ROBERT E. LESTER 3	RONALD W. STEWARD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being an extent of Single Court and three different extents each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

J. CHRISTOPHER RIGG .. *Treble*	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD .. 4
WALTER G. SOAR 2	ALAN G. FOSTER 5
JOSEPH WM. COTTON 3	DEREK P. JONES .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

Rung to celebrate the birth of twin daughters for Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Soar, ringing master of the Guild.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 13 cwt.

*NORMAN A. HUMPHRIES .. *Treble*	ALBERT J. DUNK 4
†EMILY B. P. WALKER .. 2	FRANCIS J. CHEAL 5
‡TERENCE BARTON 3	CHARLES GRANDSEN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANCIS J. CHEAL.

* First peal, first attempt (age 15). † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Doubles. First of Doubles as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Emily B. P. Walker, also to Trevor A. Cross, both of Rainham.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., May 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

FREDERICK WATSON .. *Treble*	MICHAEL VERNON 4
JOHN A. SMITH 2	*GRAHAM T. BALL 5
JOHN VERNON 3	C. ROGER HAYWARD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. ROGER HAYWARD.

* First peal of Surprise.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Marian James, of Stoncy Stanton.

HANDBELL PEALS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sun., May 1, 1955, in 1 Hour and 51 Minutes.
AT 7, PENNINGS AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

*FREDERICK A. MUNDAY .. 1-2	HARRY POYNER 3-4
JACK R. WORRALL .. 5-6	

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

* First peal of Minor 'in hand.'

ORPINGTON, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Mon., May 2, 1955, in 1 Hour and 47 Minutes.
AT 1, ABBOTS CLOSE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, called differently Tenor size 15.

*MRS. T. H. FRANCIS 1-2	*THOMAS H. FRANCIS 3-4
WILLIAM L. B. LEESE .. 5-6	

Conducted by WILLIAM L. B. LEESE.

* First handbell peal of Minor.

Rung in memoriam Mrs. C. J. Matthews, former secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

Buckingham Ringers Visit the Cotswolds

For their tenth outing Buckingham ringers spent Easter Monday in the grey-stoned villages of the Cotswold country.

Ringing took place at Burford, Fairford, Leckhampton, Prestbury, Charlton Kings and Stow-on-the-Wold. It was the recently-rehung bells of Stow that the visitors pronounced were the best of the day. Miss Dorothy Palmer, of Southam, was the first feminine ringer to ring the tenor since rehanging.

All regretted the absence of Maids Moreton's veteran captain, 84-year-old Mr. Benny Jones. There were 34 in the party, including visitors from Maids Moreton, Helmdon, Wicken, Cosgrove and Southam. The methods rung included Grandsire, and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise. The admirable arrangements were made by Mr. W. A. Yates, assisted by Mr. W. Townsend.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The Chew Deanery Branch Corporate Communion was held at Long Ashton on April 24th, towers represented being Clutton, Long Ashton, Marksbury, Nailsea, Wrington and Yatton.

Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung before the service, when the celebrant was the Vicar (the Rev. H. Knapman). An excellent breakfast, ably arranged by Mrs. Knight and Mr. Pullin, was afterwards enjoyed in the Parish Hall.

There was further ringing for morning service by those members who did not have to return to their own towers. M. J. H.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentation to Mr. W. Poston

Mr. W Poston, until recently Ringing Master of the Ross District, was the recipient of a handsome presentation of an oak clock, suitably engraved, in recognition of his leadership of the District. The presentation took place at the quarterly meeting of the District at Upton Bishop on April 23rd.

In making the presentation Mr. J. J. Webb spoke of the great work Mr. Poston had done for the Guild, and said that under his leadership the Ross District had led the way in the ringing of difficult methods not previously rung in the diocese.

Other tributes to Mr. Poston were paid by Mr. A. T. Poulton (Much Marcle), who had rung more than 100 peals with him; Mr. H. Powell (Weston), who expressed his gratitude for the training he had received at Bridstow; and Mr. A. E. Gwynne.

Mr. Poston thanked Mr. Webb for arranging the presentation, and the ringing members for their generosity.

The Rev. W. N. Tavernor (Vicar), who presided at the meeting which followed tea, had previously conducted the service.

Subject to permission, the next meeting will be held at Much Marcle.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Thirty-two ringers and friends attended the Devizes Branch meeting at Bromham on May 7th, including visitors from Bristol, Swindon, Nailsea and Chippenham. Apologies were received from the chairman (Mr. Weeks).

Thanks were expressed to the Rector for the use of the bells and for taking the service, and to Mr. Minty for making the arrangements. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Welcome visitors to the annual meeting of the South Oxon Branch at Benson on May 7th were the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg), the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), the librarian (Miss Cross), Mr. A. E. Lock (secretary of North Berks Branch) and Mr. C. Kinch (secretary of Bicester Branch). Eleven new members were elected.

Officers for next year are:—Chairman, the Rev. J. E. Lewis (Vicar of Watlington); Ringing Master, Mr. F. Absalom; secretary, Mr. H. Badger.

At the service the Vicar of Watlington gave the address and the lessons were read by the Master and Deputy Master of the Guild. Members of the Branch formed the choir.

JOINT MEETING AT APPLETON

A joint meeting of the Oxford City and North Berks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Appleton on April 23rd. Between 40 and 50 members and visitors were there, and those who were unable to squeeze into the ringing chamber were able to sun themselves outside the tower and listen to the well-struck and not-so-well-struck Caters.

The Rector (the Rev. A. C. Joyce) conducted a shortened form of Evensong in the charming little church and afterwards the party made their way to the barn at the Plough, where a most enjoyable tea was laid out. Even here the evidence of the Whites was not missing, as lettuces had been provided by the market gardening member of the well-known family.

Several ringers took the opportunity of inspecting the Warborough bell frame that was being completed in Dick White's workshop, and afterwards the ringing was continued until well into the evening.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Rev. Gilbert Thurlow will be instituted as Vicar of St. Peter's, Great Yarmouth, on June 21st at 7 p.m. This is a parish of 50,000 people with seven churches, one of which is roofless. The prayers and best wishes of the Exercise will be extended to him in this call to great service.

The number of bookings received indicates a bumper meeting of the Central Council at Bristol this Whitsuntide.

Ten young ringers, average age exactly 15 years, rang a very good course of Grandsire Caters at Evercreech for Sunday service.

To-day is the 90th birthday of Mr. E. Alexander Young, a former secretary of the Central Council. Our warmest congratulations.

The peal of Cambridge Royal at Birmingham Cathedral on April 11th (page 274) was rung for the Coventry Diocesan Guild and not St. Martin's Guild.

There are still vacant seats in the coach tours for those attending the Central Council at Bristol. Immediate contact should be made by those interested with Mr. A. M. Tyler, 32, Hengrove Lane, Knowle, Bristol 4.

Many, we feel sure, would like to join in Birmingham's congratulations to Mr. Albert Walker on his 79th birthday, and note with pleasure his performance in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus for the occasion. For fitness in middle-age, peal ringing is to be commended.

When doubt was expressed at the Middlesex Association annual meeting of having ten ringers regularly at Feltham, where an augmentation to this effect is proposed, Mr. Tony Price commented: 'You must look at it like a piano. You don't always play every note when you play "Home, Sweet Home."'

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Gray are sailing from Australia on July 2nd and hope to arrive at Tilbury on the 'Strathnaer' on August 6th. They have not yet decided in which part of England to settle.

Congratulations to the members of the West Midland District of the Ladies' Guild who rang a quarter of Stedman Triples at St. Edburgha's, Yardley.

Mr. Reginald W. Rex took part on May 7th in the first peal of London Surprise on the bells of Highclere, Hants, the tower where he learned to ring.

A correspondent writes: 'Perhaps those who think that seven 720's cannot be rung at Monk's Eleigh in three hours will now bury the axe, as the peal on May 7th was rung by a band who have all conducted peals of Minor.'

Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society enjoyed their tea so much at their meeting at Harrietsham on May 7th that they were described by the Rev. F. W. Phillips as 'human incinerators.' Ringing is hungry business, judging from our observations at meetings.

'Ringing Towers' understands that the Dean and the Chapter of St. Andrew's Cathedral, Sydney, are giving consideration to the installation of a ring of bells. A legacy has been left for the purpose. Sydney ringers hope for a light or medium weight ten.

Many unusual things have happened in a punt on the Cherwell at Oxford. Miss P. J. Holborn will remember her experiences on May 8th when, with two other members of the Oxford University Society, she rang her first quarter. The band was: Miss Holborn 1-2, D. H. Niblett 3-4, D. Hodgson (conductor) 5-6, and they rang 1,440 Plain Bob Minor.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

New Officers Elected

THE main feature of the Norwich Diocesan Association annual general meeting, held in Norwich on May 7th, was the election of a completely new team of Diocesan officers.

All towers with ringable bells in Norwich were open, including Mancroft, St. George Colegate, St. Giles', St. Miles', and St. John-de-Sepulchre.

The service was held at St. Andrew's. The Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, the Vicar, preached, and told us that 'standing three hours pulling a rope,' in however pitying a tone of voice it is said by the non-ringer, is a quite true description of our art, from his point of view; in fact our description of any aspect of ringing, and of all things in life, is true to us, according to whatever level of perception we have achieved. We never know 'all about it,' there is always more to learn and a higher level of perception to reach; this is most deeply true of God, and anyone who thinks he has learnt all he need know about God, does injustice to Him Who is always beyond us, however clever we become, even though paradoxically He is able to become friends with the smallest child.

Mr. Thurlow spoke of the disgracefully unringable state of St. Andrew's ten bells, and paid tribute to those who rang there in the past, including the heroes who rang the first peal of London, when the ropes did not even fall in a true sequence.

The tea and meeting were held in St. Andrew's Parish Hall. Because of the regretted death of the president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, Mr. Arthur Bason, chairman of the North Norfolk Branch, was elected chairman. He was supported by the secretaries of the four branches, chairmen of the E. and S. Norfolk branches, the Association ringing master and general secretary.

The general secretary led the meeting in prayer, after which Mr. Nolan Golden spoke about our late beloved president, in whose honour members stood in silence.

Arising out of the minutes it was agreed that the £20 honorarium due to the general secretary, never taken by him and proposed to be added to the bell restoration funds of St. George Colegate and St. Andrew's, Norwich, in turn, be now added to St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth, bell restoration fund. It was also agreed that the £2 2s. before voted to St. Nicholas' bell restoration fund be added to this. Mr. Golden said the Association badges would be ready by the end of May at 3s. 9d. each.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Rev. H. G. Lillingston, Rector of Marsham, and the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow were proposed and seconded for the office of president. Mr. Thurlow said that though he greatly appreciated the honour, and though his interest in ringing and in the Association was as great as ever, he felt the Vicarage of Great Yarmouth, with seven churches (one roofless) and 50,000 people, would take up too much time for him to fulfil the duties of president as he would like, and that therefore he would stand down. The chairman thereupon declared Mr. Lillingston president, and he took the chair amidst applause. He promised to do his best for the Association, and said that ringers ought to show more initiative in encouraging clergy to take up ringing.

It was unanimously agreed that the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Mr. George Fletcher be added to the list of vice-presidents. The other vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

The Rev. Gilbert Thurlow said that with great regret he must not seek re-election as general secretary and treasurer. He would be instituted Vicar of St. Peter's, Great Yarmouth, on June 21st, at 7 p.m., and would be delighted to see any ringers at the service. Mr. Bason proposed and Mr. Golden seconded that the new general secretary and treasurer be Mr. W. Love, 52, Spencer Street, Norwich. Mr. Thurlow said he knew the Association would continue to prosper under such a president and general secretary.

Mr. Nolan Golden announced that he must retire from the office of ringing master, although his interest in ringing was as great as ever—greater if possible. Loud applause followed Mr. Goate's expression of the Association's appreciation of all Nolan Golden had done for it. Mr. H. W. Barrett, of Loddon, was elected the new ringing master.

Another resignation was that of Mr. George Fletcher as hon. auditor. Mr. Arthur Bason was elected his successor, and the Association's gratitude to Mr. Fletcher was expressed in glowing terms.

The retiring general secretary and treasurer presented the accounts as audited by Mr. Fletcher. These showed for 1954: Income, £106 18s. 9d.; expenditure, £87 6s. 2d.; cash at bank, £144 4s. 10d.; cash in Belfry Repair Fund, £78 16s. 6d. Discussion followed on the cost and method of printing the annual report. This was agreed to be referred to the Standing Committee, and the accounts were adopted.

Votes of thanks were passed to the clergy for the use of the bells, Gilbert Thurlow for the service at St. Andrew's and use of the Parish Hall, Reginald Bolton, the organist, for playing, and kind folk from St. Andrew's parish and from ringers' families, who had arranged such a splendid tea at such a popular price. Ringing continued till 9 p.m. Altogether a highly satisfactory meeting, auguring well for the Association's future with its new officers.

G. T.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Gainford, which has its roots in Saxon England, was the venue of the April ringing meeting of the Southern District. The new Vicar, the Rev. I. Samuel, had the pleasure of hearing his bells rung to changes for the first time since his arrival. He conducted the service and also joined the ringers at tea. Visitors from North Yorkshire were very welcome. Although a very noisy belfry, the ringing was enjoyed from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

OLD SHEFFIELD CUSTOM REVIVED

An old tradition was observed in Sheffield, on April 20th, when the Cathedral bells were rung prior to the annual Feast of the Cutlers Company. The Company has an unbroken existence since 1624, and originally consisted of master cutlers only, but now many of the allied trades are represented, and they also maintain standards of quality. As in the past the Cutlers Company plays a big part in the City's business and social life.

Each year a new Master is elected, and a part of the ceremony of his installation is a service in the Cathedral, the members being attired in their traditional dress of morning coats and tall hats.

The Cathedral bells are always rung before and after the service.

The Cutlers Company gave the Parish Church a bell which was recast in 1745, and bore the inscription of its predecessor, viz.: 'Donum Sociatates Cutlariorum. Anno Domini 1688 John Spooner Master Cutler 1745.'

The present Master Cutler, Mr. W. G. Ibberon, whose family have been cutlers since the early 1700, has taken an unusual interest in the bells, and along with his Senior Warden, spent a whole evening viewing the tower and bells, watching the ringers, and reading to them notes relating to the bells and ringers, extracted from the records of the Company. One item taken from the 'Sheffield Courant,' 1771, reads:

> 'The Cutlers Feast was observed as a great holiday. Bells were kept constantly ringing during three days; booths were erected in the Churchyard, High St. and Church St., and all business was generally suspended.'

He was unable to see the original bell, the gift of the Company, as in later recasting the inscription was omitted, but he asked for and has received a list of the present inscriptions of the twelve, also of 'Tom Tinker,' cast in 1598 by Godfrey Heathcote, of Chesterfield.

The Master Cutler remarked how the sound of the bells, as he was preparing for his installation, had impressed him, and asked that the old custom of ringing as the guests arrived at the Cutlers Hall across the roadway, for the 319th annual Feast be revived. This, the ringers promised, and duly carried out. The Master Cutler sent a letter of appreciation together with a beautiful menu booklet, signed by himself and his wife. Thus the ancient custom suspended during the period of trade depression was again revived.

H. C. C.

BELFRY GOSSIP

A North Devon male ringer successfully controlled his mass of curls in a recent successful peal attempt by the use of hair clips. Other members of the band wonder what remedy awaits him when he joins H.M. Forces shortly.

The peal of Plain Bob Doubles at Coulsdon conducted by Mr. A. Patrick Cannon was specially arranged to enable four members of the local band to ring a peal in their own tower.

It is 87 years since a baby has been born in Asfordby new Rectory, Leicestershire. A well-struck peal of Minor in seven methods on the Parish Church bells conveyed the congratulations of the village to the Rev. S. A. and Mrs. Jackson.

Members of the band of St. Margaret's Church, Rainham, extend a very warm welcome to both Mr. and Mrs. Carey, who have joined the company. They were married at Melksham, Wilts, on April 23rd. Jean has induced her husband to learn our art

On April 27th, as the liner S.S. 'Orsova' passed Gravesend, the bells of St. George's Chapel of Unity rang out in farewell to the Rev. Robert W. Constant, who was sailing in her to take up an appointment in Australia. Before his ordination he was a keen ringer and the steeple-keeper at St. George's for some years. Old friends from Milton, Northfleet and Gravesend towers were there to wish him Godspeed with the music of the bells.

Three of the ringers who rang in the peal at Andover as a farewell to the Rev. Michael Simcock live in the borough of Eastleigh, where he has accepted an appointment. They are Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Reed and Mr. Norman Hayes.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung at Netherseale, Derbyshire, after the attempt for a peal of Major had failed. Messrs. J. W. Cotton and E. Morris were in the Major attempt, but as Ernest had a bus to catch it was too late to start an eight-bell attempt.

THE GEORGE WILLIAMS DINNER

Bournemouth Gathering Gains Popularity

The Vicar and Rural Dean of Bournemouth, Canon A. L. E. Williams, presided over a company of 90 ringers and friends at the ninth George Williams Commemoration Dinner at Bournemouth on May 7th.

He was supported by the Deputy Mayor of Bournemouth (Cclr. H. P. E. Mears) and Mrs. Mears, Mrs. A. L. E. Williams, the Vicar of Christchurch (Canon R. P. Price) and Mr. George Pullinger (Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild) and Mrs. Pullinger.

The loyal toast having been honoured, the company settled down to an evening's entertainment and speeches. Canon Williams read a letter of apology for absence from the Mayor owing to a prior engagement that evening. However, they were all very delighted to have the Deputy Mayor and Mrs. Mears with them. Councillor Mears attended the dinner in 1953 when the Central Council met in Bournemouth, it being his first official duty as Mayor.

The Deputy Mayor recalled the occasion and remarked that his attendance that evening would probably be his last official duty as Deputy Mayor but he hoped it would not be the last occasion upon which the bellringers would invite him and Mrs. Mears to join them at dinner.

RINGING THE SPIRIT OF ENGLAND

The Vicar of Christchurch, in proposing the toast 'The Bells and Bellringers,' paid a warm tribute to the work of the bellringers of England. He felt that the bells stood for England and for the churches of England. 'I am sure,' he said, 'that church bellringing is very much a part of the spirit of England and that a spirit of pride and achievement amongst a group in any activity is a real and vital part of the tradition of England.' After a tribute to the work of the ladies in the belfries and reference to the long service still being given by Mr. George Preston at Christchurch, Canon Price said, 'The sound of the bells reaches further to remind people of the Lord's Day and His Resurrection than any sermons. I do hope you will continue to be as unperturbed by criticism of the bells as we parsons are of our sermons.'

Mr. George Pullinger, Master of the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, responded and expressed the gratitude all ringers felt for the co-operation of the clergy and thanked Canon Price for his glowing tribute.

The Guild, formed in 1879, he said, had three objects: (1) united co-operation and fellowship; (2) furtherance of church bellringing as church work and the recognition of bellringers as churchworkers; and (3) the encouragement of the English art of changeringing. Mr. Pullinger claimed some success on the part of ringing guilds in attaining these objectives and urged the instructors to continue to recruit and teach young people. 'As long as interest in bellringing amongst the young is sustained the future of our Exercise is secure.'

GREAT PIONEERS

'The Memory of Mr. George Williams' was proposed by Mr. Arthur Davis, who felt that the guests present that evening, upon reading the toast list, would probably fall into three groups: those who knew the late Mr. George Williams well; those who knew of him and those who had never met him at any time. All would, perhaps, ask why they commemorated him. There were in that room that evening several ringers who were possibly more advanced in the art than George Williams. In the north they held the Snowdon Dinner, although they could splice scores of methods into a peal of Minor. In the Midlands, where they rang a peal in a new method every week they still honoured the memory of Henry Johnson. Why did they honour those men? Surely it was because they recognised their work, their laborious work, and the work of their contemporaries. That changeringing had advanced so rapidly during the past 50 years was due to the pioneer work of such men as the late George Williams.

The chairman concluded the proceedings by proposing the toast of 'The Visitors' and Mr. William B. Cartwright responded. Mr. Cartwright said he was somewhat disappointed at being asked to respond as a *visitor*. As he came so frequently to Bournemouth he was beginning to hope he had got his foot in and was on the way to being considered a resident. On behalf of the visitors he would like to say that they had had a most enjoyable evening in a very delightful room. He had always held the view that if the committee would persevere with it the Bournemouth dinner would be one of the most successful functions held in the country.

During the evening the company were entertained by Mr. Charles Beresford (baritone) and Mr. Brian Taylor (pianist), of Canford School, Dorset.

The Bournemouth handbell band rang a course of Grandsire Caters and the St. Peter's handbell ringers gave a selection of tunes under the direction of Mr. Arthur Davis.

The company present included the Rev. K. W. H. and Mrs. Felstead, Col. F. A. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dykes, Mr. and Mrs. F. Price, Mr. and Mrs. D. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. H. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Hems, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. and Mrs. Laker, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Galton.

Messrs. H. H. Abrahams, M. Best, M. Butler, E. Booth, M. Bazelly, W. E. Chester, J. Coles, J. E. Daniels, A. Dallaway, D. Frewer, D. T. Matkin, R. Marlow, R. Peckham, R. and T. Pike, G. Preston, A. F. Martin Stewart, R. O. Street, B. Taylor, H. Gillard, R. Hurst, J. A. C. King, D. Laker, R. Whitney, E. Wisden, and W. Young.

The Misses Barnes, D. Battersby, P. Barnett, F. Broom, V. Crouch, N. Crofts, S. Day, K. D. and E. Fletcher, N. Leahy, B. Lindeman, M. and S. Parker, S. Pearmain, G. Rea, Stewart, S. Savage, R. Ventress, V. Willard, J. Gray, J. Hare.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at St. Peter's and St. John's, Surrey Road.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The 66th annual general meeting of the Society was held at Leeds Parish Church on April 30th. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening with a break for tea at 4 p.m. and again at 7 p.m., when the business meeting was held.

The retiring secretary, in his report, stated that ten meetings had been held during the past year, and that once again there had been a slight increase in membership. The finances of the Society continued satisfactory.

The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. H. Lofthouse; vice-presidents, Messrs. S. Barron, W. Dixon and T. W. Strangeway; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Drake; secretary, Mr. J. F. Hodson, 78, Ash Road, Leeds 6; auditors, Messrs. F. Rayment and C. Suttcliffe.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens of Leeds, to the local company and to the retiring officers. The election of four new members (all from Ossett) concluded the business.

The next meeting will be held at Batley.

ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, YORK

The Treatment of Mediæval Bells

'The Ringing World' for April 23rd, 1954, carried an article, 'The Silent Bells of York'; this described a ring of eight and three rings of six in the city which had been silent for some years. Since then one of the sixes has been transferred to a 'live' church and is silent no longer. Now, 12 months afterwards, steps are being taken to restore another 'silent six.'

The church concerned is that of St. John-the-Evangelist, Micklegate, which after many years of disuse has been saved from destruction by the York Civic Trust. It is now being restored and converted into the York Institute of Architectural Study.

Work is being carried out under the supervision of Dr. W. A. Singleton, architect, and director of the Institute. Several interesting discoveries have been made including a Norman window in the west wall of the tower, which had been covered by plaster; this is the only Norman window still existing in any church within the city walls.

The base of the tower is Norman. A previous tower fell in the 16th century, and that part which now houses the six bells is a timber framed and brick structure built in the time of the Commonwealth.

Four of the bells are pre-Reformation, one bding dated in Roman numerals—1408, it being one of the few dated mediæval bells.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe, Convener of the Towers and Belfries Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, has been consulted with regard to the restoration of the bells. Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been appointed to take down the bells and to restore them in such a way that, among other things, they can be used to show students how mediæval bells should be treated. This is in connection with the Institute's special course on the care of churches. Mr. Sharpe has previously lectured in York on the subject of church bell restorations at special summer schools for architectural students.

It is good to know that in future another organised body is to take an interest in the correct method of bell restoration.

An appeal to the public has been made to raise £12,000 so that the work of restoration and alteration may be completed and the Institute formally opened at Easter, 1956. Subscriptions may be sent to the Secretary, St. Anthony's Hall, York.

HAROLD WALKER.

NAILSEA WEEK-END

Members of the N.S.T.G. with friends, notably from the Langport district, and one from Leicester, held a successful week-end on April 16th-17th. On the Saturday the party rang at Churchill, Clevedon St. John, Weston-in-Gordano, Clapton-in-Gordano, Tickenham, Backwell and Long Ashton.

Sunday ringing was at Wrington for the Communion service, and at Nailsea for Matins. A most enjoyable week-end was organised with customary efficiency by Michael Horseman.

ST. ANDREW'S, KINGSBURY

An enjoyable tour of Bedfordshire was arranged on April 16th by members of St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, joined by ringers of St. Mary's, Hendon, and St. Mary's, Harrow-on-the Hill.

All the towers were well chosen and included Cardington, Bromham, Kempston, Northill and Henlow. A hearty lunch was taken at Bedford, and tea at Northill. The help of Mr. J. B. Long, at Cardington, and Mr. Wagstaffe, at Northill, was much appreciated.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ST. BARNABAS', PIMLICO

Dear Sir,—Following Mr. Rowe's letter re ringing in Middlesgex, some further information on two of these towers might not be out of place.

At St. Barnabas', Pimlico, the clergy take little or no interest in the bells. The frame at this tower is quite sound and little is wrong with the bells apart from a few missing latchet sliders and the birds' dung caked thick on everything. The excuse is given that the tower is unfit for ringing, despite the fact that it has recently been restored, as anyone can see from the appearance of the spire. A chiming apparatus (apparently unused) has been installed, with the cords attached to the clappers; and, to be quite sure that no one tries to raise the bells, a new clock-chamber ceiling without rope-holes has been fitted.

As regards St. Luke's, Nutford Place, all that remains is the tower, standing detached and crumbling in front of a bomb-site.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN J. BLAIR.

London, W.3.

Note.—The chiming apparatus was used quite recently for a wedding.—Ed.

PEAL RINGING IN THE COUNTIES

Dear Sir,—I am sorry I made the mistake of saying that South Wigston was a six-bell tower last century. I think I must have been temporarily mixing it up with Wigston Magna, for that was a six-bell tower originally and I had been recently asked whether I had come across any peals on the six bells (there was one in 1894).

I shall be very pleased to compare notes with Mr. Gobey re Ilkeston. I still make the total 99. If he would care to write to me at St. Michael's Vicarage, Southampton, we can soon settle the matter.—Yours faithfully.

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

RINGING IN WEYMOUTH

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read in Dr. Slade's letter that the four bells at Preston are now augmented to six. I well remember a very pleasant holiday spent at Weymouth four years ago, made the more pleasant by the hearty welcome extended to me by the Preston ringers. I thoroughly enjoyed the four-bell ringing which I experienced there, and the visit, later in my holiday, to Wyke Regis, where the methods were more complicated and the welcome no less hearty. I hope that the bands in both these towers are prospering as they deserve. I know that Wyke Regis is, for I visited it during the latter part of last year again, but had no opportunity to go to Preston. —Yours sincerely,

DAPHNE R. CASTELL.

Oxford.

IN PRAISE OF YOUTH

Dear Sir,—I should like to use 'The Ringing World' to express my admiration and thanks to the young ringers of both sexes of our tower on completing five years' Sunday service ringing without a break.

Just over five years ago my brother and I started a young band, aged between 10 and 17 years, and they have now all rung peals, and we have two peal conductors. In these days it is good to know that the younger generation when started on a job that is shown to them to be worth while can stick to it and even be an example to some of the older members.—Yours truly,

E. W. ROAST.

Danbury, Essex.

COMPOSITION OF HUNT-CONTROLLED METHODS

Dear Sir,—Mr. York-Bramble questions how many of the 200,000 I examined and the time taken to test them for falseness. I made out and examined not more than 278 methods, and anyone with the slightest knowledge of Treble Bob Major would know that it is but a few seconds' work to determine whether or not a method is c.p.s.

If he will refer to my previous letter he will see that I did not refer to method extension and that I acknowledged that peals and principles (omni-working) are composed. What I was challenging was the right of certain persons claiming to have composed individual hunt-controlled methods, when all such methods can be written down. Peals and principles have to be checked for internal falseness, but hunt-controlled methods do not. Therefore peals and principles are composed, but hunt-controlled methods are just written down. The list of c.p.s. Surprise was submitted to show that methods conforming to specifications can also be churned out.

As for Regina Major the fact is that his specification did not provide a new method in this class (Plain Major) because although Driver did not work out those with double changes, I find that I have the method in my own collection, written down in 1950. Also, I await with interest for his reply to the letter on page 613, 'Ringing World' of 1953, that his extensions to Royal and Maximus are not extensions of the Major.

Although his challenge bears no relation to the question, in view of the fact that principles (omni-working) are composed, it does fetch out some interesting points, viz., double triples principles must have an odd number of changes in the half-lead (hence there is no such thing as Double Stedman Triples), doubles triples principles cannot have the bells in natural coursing order at the division end, except for Original, and also, a question for the Methods Committee, must a double principle extend into a double principle?

The simplest answer that I can find to his problem, assuming the answer to the above to be 'yes,' is as follows, where I give the places of the whole division.

Stanwell (a double principle for odd numbers).

Triples.—7, 5, 7, 5, 3, 1, 3, 1, 7, 1, 3, 1, 3, 5, 7, 5, 7, 1.

Caters.—9, 7, 9, 7, 3, 1, 3, 1, 9, 1, 3, 1, 3, 7, 9, 7, 9, 1.

Cinques.—E, 9, E, 9, 3, 1, 3, 1, E, 1, 3, 1, 3, 9, E, 9, E, 1.

The bob is, like that of Stedman, viz., move the middle 7ths, 9ths or 11ths to 5ths, 7ths or 9ths respectively.

I doubt whether any band could ring it to a peal at the first attempt.—Yours sincerely,

W. Bedfont. F. T. BLAGROVE.

RINGING IN MIDDLESEX

Dear Sir,—Mr. E. J. Rowe is doubtless correct in saying that the bells of St. Luke's, Nutford Place, are hung dead, but this has not always been the case, as the following extract from the 'Bell News,' which I came across some years ago, will show. I remember noting this at the time (it was before 'Dove' was published) as it was the first mention of the church I had seen, and I do not recall any other account of ringing there.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford, Kent.

From the 'Bell News,' November 25th, 1882:—'Paddington (Middlesex): On Sunday morning, November 19th, at St. Luke's, Nutford Place, a 720 of Bob Minor in 24 minutes: G. Thurlow 1, T. Titchener 2, J. Hannington (conductor) 3, J. Nixon 4, A. Jacob 5, D. Griggs 6. Tenor 9 cwt.'

METHODS OF TEACHING

Dear Sir,—While it is always a pleasure to read a letter, or a leader, from the pen of J. T. Dyke, the circumstances he quotes in his comments are not those which I interpret the topic of the month article as being intended to cover, and certainly not those which a standard procedure manual should cover. In thanking Mr. Dyke for the care and courtesy with which he comments on my original letter an all too infrequent complimentary of Press letter writers in general—I regret I cannot agree with many of his comments.

It has been my experience that the striking of rounds is most difficult, and only after considerable plain hunting—on which Mr. Dyke does not comment—with the bells silent in the early stages, can a young band ring rounds. I also maintain that handbell ringing for the purpose of introducing rhythm, with, of course, an open hand-stroke, 12's or 16's, is an improvement on rounds—open presumably—on tower bells, and can be taught in the rest periods during initial instruction. May I also maintain my preference for plain hunting rather than call-changes, to cause the learner from the start of his ringing life to think ahead,

Mr. Dyke does not comment on a main issue —the instruction of the learner in the order of bells to follow while counting the place he is in. Where difficulty still exists, a competent ringer standing behind pointing to the bell to follow while counting the place the bell is in, is a great help.

Plain hunting leads to Plain Bob, which is easier to manage than Grandsire. The Grandsire down dodge requires a check into 4ths and 6ths when the treble and hunt bell are checking their backstroke lead. The checking stroke in Plain Bob, 3rds and 5ths comes on the open hand-stroke lead. Because the check strokes are more severe in Grandsire than in Plain Bob, I teach Plain Bob first. I do not think Grandsire is easy to strike, anyway; true if an individual pupil is of the true University type, it doesn't matter, but with a mixed group of five or six learners and only occasional help, it matters very much when progress without heartbreaks must be uniform.

Standing behind was not introduced by me, but in reply the learner should stand behind the expert as often as possible, not vice versa. It requires a quickness and knowledge which few people have to anticipate the conductor's calls.

Many years ago the late George R. Newton whispered to me, a youthful learner, 'I'll lend you a book.' It was, if my memory serves me well, written by J. T. Dyke for beginners. I digested it and returned it and can only remember the excellent illustrations. If still in circulation I would purchase half a dozen copies and do with them what my old friend used to do. Could this plan grow? Apart from individuals, Associations have hundreds of £'s lying like buried talents. I feel that a supplement might be added: we must move faster to-day.

The teaching of inside rather than treble depends, with me, on the learner. If a youngster, then the treble first; but if an older person, then it is better to concentrate on one bell. So much ringing is spoilt by ringers swapping around, though a conductor should be able to spot a fault and give positive direction to 'close in' or 'open out' or 'you're too near the heavy bells' without giving offence to the individual.

For my next bunch of learners I'm thinking of calling for half-a-dozen over 50's. The youngsters have too many outside attractions.—Yours very faithfully,

ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS.

Woolton, Liverpool.

Note.—The book to which Mr. Humphriss refers is probably 'Hints for Beginners,' a Central Council publication, advertised on the back page.—Ed.

CLERICAL RINGING WEEK

Five Days in North Devon

THIS year's clerical ringing week was held from Monday, April 18th, to Friday, April 22nd, in North Devon, with headquarters at the North Cliff Private Hotel, Lynton, where the society was most cordially welcomed by the resident host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Wood.

Ringing started on the Monday afternoon, the rendezvous being Bishopsnympton, a tower with a handy six bells. Afterwards North Molton (6, tenor 19 cwt.), South Molton (8, tenor 24 cwt.) where Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung, and finally after dinner the ground floor ring at St. Mary's, Lynton.

Tuesday commenced with a corporate communion service in Lynton Church at which the President, Canon C. C. Cox, officiated, assisted by Preb. E. V. Cox. Following breakfast the party proceeded to St. Peter's, Tavistock (8, tenor 16 cwt.), where the narrow staircase from the north transept to the central tower caused anxiety to certain members of the party, who expected to get stuck half-way. However, all was well in the end and the coach set off for Bideford (8, tenor 17 cwt.) where Stedman and Yorkshire (the first for the Guild) were accomplished. One member of the party on leaving the tower was rather surprised when a number of visitors approached and asked if they could go in the church, as they understood that the ringing was for a funeral!

After a picnic lunch half-an-hour's ringing was enjoyed at St. Michael's, Torrington (8, tenor 15 cwt.), and later at High Bickington (8, tenor 9 cwt.), where ringing suffered from a set of new ropes. One local was mystified at the tenor being turned in and said it would be very difficult to tell when one went wrong. In the Parish Hall we were hospitably entertained to tea by a party of ladies, in charge of the Vicar's wife. St. Mary's, Atherington (6, tenor 11 cwt.), has a lofty carved oak screen with rood loft, the only one in Devon, and here April Day was one of the methods rung.

The final tower of the day, the lofty St. Hieritha's, Chittlehampton (8, tenor 13 cwt.), is in charge of the Guild secretary, the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews. After ringing, the Guild was privileged to sing Evensong in this beautiful church. The Vicar was assisted in the service by the President, Canon C. C. Cox, and Canon R. F. Wilkinson. Later, in the Vicarage, we were most generously entertained to dinner by the Rev. J. H. B. Andrews and Mrs. Andrews, and were joined by the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge (Dartmouth) and the Rev. and Mrs. J. G. M. Scott (Wolborough). It was noticed on the homeward journey that at least five members were asleep in the coach, a testimony to the hospitality received.

Wednesday was probably one of the best days from the point of view of scenery, with the steep climb of Countisbury Hill and the descent of the famous Porlock Hill. Towers visited before lunch were St. Dubricius', Porlock (6, tenor 12 cwt.), Schoorthy (6, tenor 16 cwt.), where the south aisle is described as one of the great treasures of English architecture, and St. Michael's, Minehead (10, tenor 21 cwt.), the ringing here including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Royal. The luncheon interval provided an opportunity of a stroll round this famous seaside resort.

At St. George's, Dunster (8, tenor 22 cwt.), the first length of Oxford Bob Triples was rung by the Clerical Guild. Some good practice at Stedman was had at Timberscombe (8, tenor 12 cwt.), before moving to Exford (6, tenor 13 cwt.). Exford is the home of one of our members, the Rev. H. F. Warren, who generously entertained the Guild in his fine new vicarage to a substantial tea. A wonderful ride over Exmoor brought the party back to headquarters. The annual business meeting was held in the evening when it was decided to hold next year's week in the Peak District with Matlock as the centre.

On Thursday, a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at Combe Martin (8, tenor 10¼ cwt.). Unfortunately it was lost after an hour and a half's good ringing. Non-peal ringers visited the two Ilfracombe churches where they met Miss Boyle and two Combe Martin ringers and also Mrs. E. S. Powell and Miss Hartley. The afternoon's programme included visits to Georgeham (8, tenor 12 cwt.) and Braunton (8, tenor 16 cwt.), where we were also hospitably entertained by the Vicar's wife, Mrs. Owen, and her family. St. Mary's, Pilton (8, tenor 25 cwt.), was visited on the return journey. An evening of relaxation with darts, table tennis or skittles and television followed.

Friday, the last day, saw us proceed by members' cars to Taunton, ringing en route at Withypool (6, tenor 12 cwt), Dulverton (8, tenor 17 cwt.), and Brushford (6, tenor 9½ cwt.).

Grateful thanks are expressed to the clergy for the use of the towers (we regret that the holding of a Diocesan Synod at Exeter prevented us meeting them), to the incumbents and wives who provided hospitality and, last but not least, our secretary, the Rev. J. W. B. Andrews, for his efficient organisation of a memorable week favoured with beautiful weather.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Marple Church to be Demolished, But Tower to Remain

A meeting of the Bowdon, Stockport and Mottram Branch was held at Marple on May 7th, when the six old bells, which originally hung in the tower of Stockport Parish Church from 1731 to 1815, were in use from early in the afternoon until the usual service in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Carver). Some members were very interested in the old church in which the bells are hung and which it is expected will have been demolished to within five feet or so of the ground before the Branch pays its next visit. It is understood that provision will be made to maintain the stability of the tower, for the new church, which stands in the same churchyard, has no tower.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by the local ringers' wives and mothers, for there is a preponderance of youngsters at the tower who are very enthusiastic, and at the business meeting which followed the Branch complimented Mr. M. J. Pryor on the efforts he is making to re-establish a band there. Arrangements for the Guild festival at Frodsham on June 7th were announced and there was some discussion of the items which will then appear on the agenda.

At the conclusion of the business meeting further ringing was enjoyed on the bells until a late hour, ranging from rounds to London Surprise Minor.

A petition in the village arranged by a newcomer with a view to stopping the ringing of the bells was completely routed by the firm attitude adopted by the Vicar and the local band. The organiser now goes about saying that it has had the effect of improving the standard of ringing. We now know what to do when the standard of striking at a tower is not up to standard, or should we say it is an example of how to turn defeat into victory! C. K. L.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Tom Howell, who celebrated his 73rd birthday recently, is the 'grand old man' of All Saints', Parramatta, where he learned to ring. Tom is solely a tenor ringer; he never watches the ropes, but turns his back on the rest of the band and sets a beat of unfailing evenness.

St. Mary's Basilica rang 360 Ipswich Surprise Minor for service on February 13th.

Christchurch St. Lawrence ringers have seven beginners 'in harness' and for the first time in living memory look like being able to sport their own band. Anyone who has visited Sydney and can remember the 'go' of Christchurch bells will take off his hat to these young ringers. There has also been a spring cleaning session in the tower; this is a notoriously grubby one, being situated just across the road from Central Station, and all concerned were surprised to find that (under a generation's accumulation of dirt) the walls were a pale pink!

Catherine Hodge (nee Lamphee), of St. Andrew's, Walkerville, now has a son—Andrew Giffen. Cathie rang in the first peal on the bells at Walkerville, where her brother Richard also rings.

Ringing and scholastic attainments seem to go together when you look at Sydney's current pass list:—

Geoff Logan (St. Mary's) and Richard Bailey (All Saints') Pass, 5th year Medicine; Betty Herron (Christchurch), Pass, Arts 3, qualifies for Bachelor of Arts degree; Barry Rainsford (St. James'), Pass, Bachelor of Engineering examinations; Jann Edwards (Christchurch), Pass in Arts examination, including Pass with merit in Psychology I.; Walter Knight (St. James'), Pass, Leaving Certificate examinations. Congratulations to all these young people who seem effectively to have combined bells with books. J. H.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

Western District at Wylam

The lack of public transport did not in any way interfere with the success of the meeting at Wylam on April 30th. Beautiful sunshine and a lovely view of the West Tyne Valley greeted ringers from Benfieldside, Blaydon, Chester-le-Street, Fenham, Gosforth, Lanchester, North and South Shields and Whickham.

The bells, a rather heavy six, were a handicap to some but the tone left nothing to be desired. Stephen Thompson saw to it that all got a ring and Kenneth Arthur was to the fore instructing the less experienced ringers.

After tea Mr. Thompson presided over the meeting. Thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens were proposed by Mr. Brown, while the chairman expressed his gratitude to Mrs. Gordon and her helper for the splendid tea. The Rev. T. H. H. Hood, curate at Blaydon, was elected a ringing member of the Association.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District Say Farewell to Corpl. Wallace

On April 18th a combined practice at Gillingham Parish Church was attended by approximately 20 ringers. Methods ranged from Grandsire Doubles, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

At the end of the practice a farewell was said to Cpl. Gordon Wallace, R.E., who is leaving the area for duties in the Middle East. He thanked the ringers for an enjoyable stay in the Medway towns and hoped that he would be able to return again as a civilian when on holiday, his home town being West Hartlepool, Co. Durham. Mr. Len Harmer, of Gillingham, suitably replied.

On May 2nd the monthly combined practice was held at Sittingbourne. Approximately 20 ringers were present.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.—At St. Peter's Church, on April 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. F. Yates (first quarter) 1, Dorothy M. Heap 2, Joyce Halliday 3, R. G. Turner 4, A. W. Stone 5, W. L. Robinson 6, R. M. Edwards (cond.) 7, J. Coffey (first quarter) 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On May 8th, at St. Michael's with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hanney 1, J. G. Hobbs (first as cond.) 2, Miss B. Russell 3, G. J. Hawkins 4, J. G. Davis (first 'Inside') 5, J. Moses (first quarter) 6.

BEDFORD.—On May 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (one extent of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, four of Plain Bob and 5½ Grandsire): G. Graves 1, C. E. Jefferies 2, P. J. Shipton 3, R. A. Lennard (first in three methods) 4, J. R. Taylor 5, L. A. Clare 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung by the local St. Paul's Company on the anniversary of the first recorded peal at Norwich, 1715.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On April 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: N. Hill 1, Ann Fundrey (first of Minor) 2, D. A. Houghton 3, R. A. Lennard 4, P. J. Shipton 5, J. B. M. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung on the eve of SS. Philip and James' Day.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On May 1st, at All Souls' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Brown 1, E. B. Webster 2, C. Brownlow 3, R. Parkinson (first as cond.) 4, D. C. Holley 5, A. Heywood 6, A. Critchley 7, A. H. Heywood 8.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Newberry 1, I. Emery 2, P. Spice 3, Helen Thoday 4, A. Purdom 5, C. Cullen 6, R. Oakshett (cond.) 7, B. Holland 8. First quarter for 1, 4 and 8.

BROOKFIELD, N.—At St. Anne's Church, on May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): Roselyn Crewe 1, T. Bevan 2, A. W. J. Butler (cond.) 3, Caroline McNeill Love (first quarter) 4, G. F. Carter 5, P. G. Foote 6, J. T. Odell 7. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. C. J. Matthews, a former secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and one time ringer at this church, who was laid to rest on this day.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Goff 1, Mrs. M. Baughan 2, M. Baughan (cond.) 3, B. Wakefield 4, G. Hearns 5, C. Baughan 6. First quarter for 1 and 2.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Buckingham 1, R. Rayfield 2, A. E. Webb (cond.) 3, R. Harris 4, J. Harris 5, L. Maynard 6. Rung for Easter morning service. Also on April 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Buckingham 1, A. E. Webb 2, R. Harris (cond.) 3, W. Harris 4, J. Harris 5, L. Maynard 6. Rung for morning service.

ENMORE, SOMERSET.—On April 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cavill 1, R. Ford 2, H. Cavill 3, S. Parish 4, J. Ford (cond.) 5, W. Burland 6.

EXETER, DEVON.—At the Church of St. Mark, on April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Margaret Jeffs 1, C. P. Yates 2, F. Wills 3, W. A. Wills 4, C. E. Densham 5, F. Wreford 6, E. W. Biffin (cond.) 7, J. H. Langabeer 8. First quarter 1, 5 and 8. First quarter on bells. Rung for the festival of St. Mark.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Bagnall 1, J. Thornley 2, A. Lomas 3, T. Bratby 4, A. Pendlebury 5, O. Davies 6, N. Tompkins (cond.) 7, H. Prescott 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to O. Davies, of this tower.

FOOT'S CRAY, KENT.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Doubles (two 120s each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, and a plain course of Stedman): P. N. Bond 1, G. Fry 2, I. H. Oram 3, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 5, K. S. Hohl 5.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On April 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Borer 1, Miss J. Highley 2, P. F. Borer 3, S. T. Jarrett 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5, J. Benson 6, R. Burns 7, A. Hewitt 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering, for the Easter festival, and also a 21st birthday compliment to J. Harmer, a member of the local band.

GOUDHURST, KENT.—On April 30th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss D. M. Ward 1, T. E. Sone (cond.) 2, Miss M. Fuller 3, I. H. Oram 4, J. L. Morris 5, P. N. Bond 6, P. Beresford 7, D. Beresford 8.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Newland 1, S. Pugh 2, F. Tranter (cond.) 3, J. Green 4, G. Corby 5, D. Cobb 6. Rung for the treble ringer's wedding anniversary.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 1,260 Doubles (240 eachof St. Martin's, April Day, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): G. Shellard 1, B. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, H. Batchelor 6. A 73rd birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 1st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, A. Clements 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung before morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Abbott 1, Mrs. G. S. Mills (first quarter) 2, J. A. Taylor 3, G. S. Mills (first quarter) 4, I. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. A welcome home to Mrs. E. A. Mills, mother of the ringer of the fourth, and Mr. Godfrey Partington, son of a service ringer at the church, both of whom have returned from Canada; also to celebrate the 28th wedding anniversary of the conductor.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, On May 1st. 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: F. C. Price (cond.) 1–2, T. G. Bannister 3, Miss M. J. Skinner 4, E. W. Thurlow (first in the method) 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, A. Turley 7, N. Genna 8, H. Twinn 9, W. H. Coles 10.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On May 8th, 1,320 Bob Doubles: D. Peacock 1, E. J. Parish 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5. Rung before morning service.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Watson (first quarter) 1, R. Schofield (first 'inside') 2, R. Biggs 3, K. Biggs 4, D Cornwall (cond.) 5, Doreen Coker 6, A. E. Cox 7 V. Evans 8.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. L. Taylor (first of Plain Bob Minor) 1, F. T. Locke 2, L. M. Clark 3, P. Cox 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, E. V. Williams 6. Rung after Evensong to commemorate the 10th anniversary of V.E. Day.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): A. Vickers 1, F. Vickers 2, W. Insley 3, R. Piron (cond.) 4, C. Vincent 5, J. Edwards 6, F. Bloxham 7. With 5, 7 covering. Rung for Evensong to mark the 10th anniversary of V.E. Day.

LITTLE MISSENDEN, BUCKS.—On May 8th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Orchard 1, Miss M. I. Goodship 2, G. R. Goodship (cond.) 3, S. J. Orchard 4, F. Onions 5, H. Baldwin 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. H. Goodship, late verger, St. Giles', Reading, father of conductor and grandfather of Miss Goodship.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On April 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, W. H. Poole 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.—On May 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: P. Crowe 1, Mrs. H. G. Lillingston 2, Mrs. H. F. Carter 3, H. F. Carter 4, Rev. H. G. Lillingston 5, J. R. Smith (cond.) 6, W. C. Madler 7, K. Constable 8. Rung for the festival of SS. Philip and James.

NAYLAND, SUFFOLK.—On April 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen Macbeth 1, B. E. Gibbons 2, Evelyn Cansdale 3, A. W. Cansdale (cond.) 4, A. E. Leggett 5, J. C. Macbeth 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hill 1, G. F. Roome (cond.) 2, T. Hammons (first 'inside') 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, H. Capell 5, P. Lawrence 6. First quarter for 1 and 5. Rung for the festival of St. George.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTS.—On April 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Mead 1, D. Simpson 2, J. W. Raithby 3, F. G. Hooper 4, W. L. Exton (cond.) 5, D. N. Sellors 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. L. East, captain of this tower, who was interred earlier this day.

OXFORD.—At St. Giles' Church, on April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Walker 1, J. R. Chaundy 2, Miss E. M. Watts (first quarter 'inside') 3, D. O. Wilks 4, W. G. E. Collett 5, P. Newing 6, A. H. Gearing 7, J. Smart 8. Rung for Evensong. Also on May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. F. Jenkins 1, G. Harper 2, P. R. Sanders 3, K. W. Mackintosh 4, D. A. Edwards 5, W. H. Jackson (first of Stedman as cond.) 6, D. H. Niblett 7, D. Hodgson 8. First in method for 3 and 8.

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OXFORD.—On May 8th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Pugh (first of Triples) 1, M. H. R. Glover 2, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 3, D. A. Edwards 4, J. Ellams 5, P. R. Sanders 6, D. H. Niblett 7, D. Manning 8.

PARRAMATTA, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Feb. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 240 Old, 240 Norfolk and 300 Grandsire): P. Gates 1, H. Short 2, R. Bailey 3, G. Williamson 4, R. Ferris (cond.) 5, T. Howell 6. A 73rd birthday compliment to Tom Howell. Also on Feb. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Gates 1, H. Short 2, E. Fowell 3, L. Curran 4, T. Goodyer (cond.) 5, T. Howell 6. Rung for the wedding of Marjorie Ferris, sinster of the captain of All Saints', Parramatta, to Robert Black.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss K. Ballard 1, P. Foster 2, K. Sheldon 3, J. Foster 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, A. Kingston 6. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. Foster.

PAVENHAM, BEDS.—On April 21st, 1,260 Doubles (1 extent each of Stedman, St. Nicholas' Bob, Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Simon's Bob, two of plain Bob, and one Morris' 240 and 60 changes of Grandsire): Ann Fundrey 1, C. H. Harding 2, D. A. Houghton 3, P. J. Shipton 4, C. E. Jeffries 5. First quarter in seven methods for 1, 3 and 4. Rung on the Queen's 29th birthday.

PENSHURST, KENT.—On April 23rd, 3.296 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. Stilwell 1, E. J. Ladd 2, Miss D. Colgate 3, T. E. Sone (cond.) 4, W. Rogers 5, R. Overy 6, R. Collins 7, W. H. Dobbie 8.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On May 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. W. Lake (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Jackson 2, J. Church 3, R. Head 4, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 5. Rung for morning service on the 10th anniversary of V.E. Day.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On April 24th, at All Saints' Church, Hamer, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Lord 1, Margaret Buckley 2, K. Abbott 3, A. Taylor 4, I. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. Hanson.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Wright 1, B. Pike 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3, A. Livings 4, P. Bicknell 5, J. Terry 6. A compliment to Mr. H. J. Shaw, 42 years organist at St. Peter's, Roydon.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On April 24th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: T. H. Francis (cond.) 1, Miss S. Collins (first quarter on 10) 2, Mrs. T. H. Francis 3, W. Williams 4, F. D. Bishop 5, F. E. Hawthorne 6, A. P. Cave 7, A. F. Thirst 8, A. J. House 9, A. R. Ling 10.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On April 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. W. Lord 1, E. Wakeling 2, A. Clements 3, L. G. Skeggs 4, C. Goodyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. B. Bonnett, of Somersham.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On May 1st, at the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. Belcher 1, M. V. Chilcott (cond.) 2, Kathleen Weller (first on twelve) 3, B. K. Lunn 4, J. B. Sansom 5, A. B. Peck 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, James Phillips 8, R. F. Deal 9, P. A. F. Clark 10, John Phillips 11, C. G. J. Watts 12.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—At the Cathedral, on April 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Simpson (first of Stedman) 1, G. E. Foster 2, C. F. Briggs 3, F. Pickard 4, W. L. Exton 5, J. F. Milner (cond.) 6, F. W. Midwinter 7, C. J. Copp 8.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTS.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Doreen Bletsoe (first quarter) 1, Miss Y. Eloie 2, Ann Bacon 3, H. H. Abrahams (cond.) 4, H. Roper 5, G. Smith 6. First 'inside' for 3 and 5. A 21st birthday compliment to Bertha Smith.

STEPNEY, E.—On April 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean M. Powell 1, L. J. Fox 2, W. A. Hughes 3, T. G. Fox 4, H. G. Weedon 5, A. F. Lewry 6, W. A. Theobald (cond) 7, E. J. Rowe 8. First quarter on eight bells for 1 and 5. Rung for Evensong.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: D. K. Brady (first of Plain Bob) 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, R. K. C. Wilkings 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, J. Hales 7.

UPTON, LINCS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: D. A. Cole 1, Mrs. E. Gray 2, C. H. Baker 3, A. Gilbert 4, G. L. A. Lunn (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Noel B. Thurlby and Kathleen Mabel Thistleton.

YARDLEY, WARWICKS.—On April 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Dorothy J. Clarke 1, Maureen M. Fellows 2, Ann Barr 3, Evelyn M. Fletcher 4, Shirley V. Rymer 5, Margaret E. L. Beamish (cond.) 6, Dorothy E. Beamish 7, Stella Hughes 8. First quarter of Stedman Triples by members of West Midland District of Ladies' Guild.

OBITUARY

MR. J. C. ADAMS

With regret we record the passing of Mr. J. C. Adams, of St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on May 10th, his 69th birthday.

He started ringing nearly 50 years ago and was at one time a steward of the Ancient Society of College Youths. His peal record was not a large one—he rang perhaps 75, most of which were rung at St. Mary's, where he was the very efficient tower-keeper for some years.

Unfortunately 'Little Jimmy,' as he was affectionately called by most of his friends, recently had both legs amputated, which was probably a contributory cause of his death. He will be missed by his fellow ringers, although his ringing days ended about a year ago.

THE VERY REV. W. J. CONYBEARE

Probably the oldest member of the Cambridge University Guild, the Very Rev. W. J. Conybeare, Provost Emeritus of Southwell, died at his home at Warborough, Oxfordshire, on May 13th, aged 83 years.

MR. A. T. HOULDSWORTH

We regret to announce the sudden death on April 19th of Mr. A. T. Houldsworth, of Montmorency, 14, Aller Park Road, Newton Abbot, Devon, aged 71 years.

Mr. Houldsworth began his ringing career at Emmanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, and during the period between 1913 and 1923 he rang more than 40 peals, a good proportion being in Surprise methods. He afterwards lived at St. Annes-on-Sea, Lancs, where he was a ringer at the Parish Church.

The sympathy of many ringing friends is extended to his daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Philip Gray, who for the past four years have been living in Australia, and are due to return to this country on July 2nd.

MR. H. MULLARD

One of the oldest ringers in the Guildford District, Mr. H. Mullard, of Klondyke, Grayswood, Haslemere, died on May 2nd, aged 80. He had been in failing health for about a year.

Mr. Mullard was a representative of the Haslemere band on the Winchester Diocesan Guild as far back as 1900. He conducted the first peal of Bob Minor on the old six at Haslemere on September 18th, 1901, and this was believed to be the first peal on the bells. For a number of years after this he was a member of Chiddingfold tower and took part in many peals, mostly under the conductorship of Mr. A. H. Pulling. Mr. Mullard's favourite peal was Holt's Original. He was also an organist and had played the organ at the Guild services at Haslemere and Chiddingfold. By trade he was a carpenter.

The funeral service was at Grayswood Church on May 6th. The Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Roberts) officiated, assisted by the Vicar of Thursley (the Rev. H. G. French), and following the committal handbells were rung at the graveside by Mrs. F. Bowden (Haslemere) 1-2, F. Bowden (Haslemere) 3-4, P. Fuller (Chiddingfold) 5-6, R. Cooper (Chiddingfold) 7-8. Mr. A. H. Pulling represented the Guildford Diocesan Guild at the service.

In the evening 1,260 of Grandsire Triples (half-muffled) was rung on the bells of St. Bartholomew's, Haslemere, by J. E. Clark 1, J. Salter 2, Miss A. Martin 3, Miss M. Goode 4, Mrs. F. Bowden 5, H. Gauntlett 6, F. Bowden (conductor) 7, R. Cooper 8.

MR. W. H. PASMORE

We regret to announce the death of Mr. W. H. Pasmore, a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who died on Sunday. The funeral is at Streatham Crematorium on Saturday, May 21st, at noon.

MR. W. WALTERS

Monmouth Parish Church has lost a faithful servant by the death at the age of 91 of Mr. W. Walters. For over 75 years he was a chorister at St. Mary's Church.

When the late Mr. A. E. Barnett, sen., came to Monmouth in 1882 and introduced change ringing into the tower, Mr. Walters was one of his pupils. On July 1st, 1886, Mr. Walters rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part). He was the last surviving member of this all-resident band that rang the first peal on the bells.

On May 3rd, when the funeral took place, a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled to his memory by the following band: Miss K. Smith 1, G. W. Hollis 2, Mrs. D. Stafford 3, A. Goodwin 4, L. H. Jones (conductor) 5, S. Goodwin 6.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON. The ten bells may now be rung again. Times of ringing: Sundays, 10.15-11 a.m.; 5.45-6.30 p.m. Practice night (until September), Wednesday, 8-9 p.m. Visitors very welcome. 6378

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Puckington, Saturday, May 21st. Usual arrangements. Notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec., School Street, Drayton. 6330

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Bosley, May 21st. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 6326

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Peak District.—Meeting at Brassington (6), near Wirksworth, May 21st, 3 p.m. Bus dep. Matlock 1.55 p.m., Wirksworth 2.15 p.m.—H. E. Taylor, Dis. Sec. 6336

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, May 21st, at Spaldwick (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6323

ESSEX ASSOCIATION—N.W. District.—Meeting at Chrishall (6) on Saturday, May 21st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Schoolroom. Names please to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6272

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Hastings, May 21st. All Saints' 2.30–4.30; St. Clement's 5.45-7.30. 6315

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern and St. Albans Districts.—Joint meeting, Knebworth, May 21st, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Knebworth House open 2-5.—E. Buck, S. Huckle, Dis. Secs. 6311

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Quarterly meeting, Frindsbury (8) on Saturday, May 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. 6333

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Loughborough District) and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Packington, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6318

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—On Saturday, May 21st. Ringing at Ruislip (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by business meeting. Tea available in the district. Ringing at Pinner (8) 6.30-8.30 p.m.—J. D. Rock. 6341

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Culworth and Towcester Branches.—Joint meeting at Potterspury, on May 21st. Service at 3.30 p.m.—A. E. R. Walker, W. A. Yates, Branch Secs. 6266

SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Eastrington, Saturday, May 21st. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. (moderate charge), Church Institute.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6366

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD—Newark District.—Meeting at Ossington (6), 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. and Sutton-on-Trent (8), 4.30 p.m., on Saturday, May 21st. Service, Sutton, 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. 6356

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting Ringmer, May 21st. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 6241

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Two Districts combined meeting, May 21st. Bells available, Broughton (6) 2.30–4. Service at Broughton Church, 4 p.m. Tea 5 at the Butcher's Arms, Nether Wallop. Nether Wallop (5) after tea. 6352

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Southern District.—Annual joint meeting at Thrybergh, Nr. Rotherham, May 21st. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting in Church Hall, 5 p.m. New annual reports, also badges will be available.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 6297

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Shardlow, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service, 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. Names for tea by 26th to Mr. J. Foster, 14, Long Row, Shardlow, Derby. *Please note* change of programme: June now to read Ilkeston, and joint meeting with Midland Counties Guild, at Melbourne, on August 27th.—M. Bailey. 6376

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Misson (6), May 28th, at 2.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Young, The White Horse, Misson, Notts, by 27th. A better attendance, please, this time.—F. Jackson, Sec. 6381

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting on May 28th at Wadhurst, Sussex, when it is hoped to dedicate the new trebles to the recently rehung and retuned six. Service 2.45. Tea 5. in the Institute. Names to me by May 26th.—C. A. Bassett, 3, Pendrill Place, Wadhurst. Everyone welcome. 6327

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting, St. Mark's, Cheltenham, Saturday May 28th. Bells (5) available 6 p.m..—Mary Bliss, Branch Sec. 6379

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Chippenham Branch.—Meeting, Colerne (8), May 28th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by May 25th.—P. Wecks, 3, Box View, Colerne, Wilts. No names, no tea. 6359

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District), LADIES' GUILD (Southern District).—Combined meeting at Puttenham, Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. 6354

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District) AND LADIES' GUILD (Southern District). — Combined meeting at Puttenham, Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the Jolly Farmer, 5 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, 25th, to R. Kenwood, Hon. Sec., 7, Raymond Crescent, Dennisville, Guildford. 6354

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Egerton May 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Farnworth, Saturday, May 28th. Bells, 3 p.m. Evensong, 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. (cups of tea only). Business, 6 p.m.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 6350

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Batley, May 28th. Bells available, 2.30 p.m. Please bring your own food. Cups of tea provided.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 6360

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, May 28th. Further details next week.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6371

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Saham Toney on Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea. Names for tea to S. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford.—C. Tovell. 6343

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Chenies (6). May 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names before 24th.—W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 6384

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Battle, May 28th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Service. 4.20 p.m. Tea, 5.15 p.m. Names please by Wednesday, May 25th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 6362

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, May 28th. Bells, 4 p.m. Tea available.—G. Francis. 6375

ELY ASSOCIATION—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit-Monday, May 30th. Bells (6), 2.30 p.m. Service, 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6373

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Chelmford, Whit Monday, May 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. conducted by the Provost: address by Canon M. N. Lake, M.A., Vicar of Stansted Mountfitchet. Annual meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m.-11 a.m. and from 5 p.m.; 3 p.m.-6 p.m., Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6); from 6 p.m., Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6). Light refreshments available at popular prices in the Cathedral Hall from 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost to members 4s., non-members 5s.). Tea, served as a running buffet, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (cost 1s. 6d.). Applications for lunch and tea tickets, with remittance and stamped addressed envelope, must reach me by May 25th.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 6316

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual Festival at Exmouth, Whit Monday, May 30th. Service Holy Trinity Church 12.15 p.m. Luncheon, Forte's Channel View Cafe (next the Pavilion on the sea front) 1.15 p.m.; prepaid tickets 5s. each. Bells: Littleham (8) and Withycombe Raleigh (8) 10-11.45 a.m. and after the meeting. Remittances for lunch tickets, not later than May 24th, from E. J. Taylor, Gen. Sec., Westhayes, Post Hill, Tiverton. 6305

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Festival and annual meeting at Much Wenlock, on Whit-Monday, May 30th. Service, Holy Trinity, at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Annual meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 11 a.m. Much Wenlock (8), Coalbrookdale (10), Broseley (8), Madeley (8).—W. R. Thomas, Gen. Sec. 6273

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held (D.V.) on Whit-Monday, May 30th, at Peterborough. Service in the Cathedral with address by the Lord Bishop at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Hall. Committee meeting in the precincts at 1.45 p.m. Applications for tea at 2s. 6d. each cannot be accepted after May 21st. Apply to Mr. G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Park Road, Peterborough. Towers for ringing: Oundle, 10.30 to 12.0; Alwalton, 11.0 to 1.0; Whittlesey, St. Mary's and St. Andrew's, 12.0 to 2.0; Fletton and Stanground., 12.0 to 2.30; Woodston, 11.0 to 12.15; Yaxley, 12.0 to 1.30; Glinton, 11.0 to 12.30; Peterborough St. John's, 12.0 to 2.45; St. Mary's, 11.0 to 2.30. All open after tea.—G. W. Jeffs, Gen. Sec. 6293

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District—Combined meeting with the LADIES' GUILD at Biddenden (8), June 4th. Bells, 2.45 p.m. Service, 4.25 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. Frittenden (8) bells also available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. G. Payne, Curteis Cottage, 38, Headcorn Road, Biddenden, by Tuesday, May 31st. 6369

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, St. Peter's, Thanet, Saturday, June 4th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Service, 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Please notify Miss P. M. Taylor, St. Denys, 10, Dumpton Park Drive, Broadstairs, Kent, not later than Monday, May 30th, enclosing cash.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 6370

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Hever, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Service, 5.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 3d.), 6 p.m. Names for tea, with cash please, by Wednesday, June 1st, to Miss Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 6374

LADIES' GUILD—West Midland District.—Annual meeting at St. James', Bulkington (8), Nr. Nuneaton, on Saturday, June 4th. Details to follow.—S. Hughes, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6377

LADIES' GUILD—West Midland District and Midland District.—Joint meeting arranged for Tamworth on June 4th POSTPONED until September. 6363

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Pulham St. Mary, June 4th. Bells (8), 2.30 p.m. Service, 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the new president, Rev. H. G. Lillingston. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. Whiting, 25, Council Houses, Pulham St. Mary, Diss, Norfolk, by May 30th. Pulham Market bells (8), evening.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 6380

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Compton (6), June 4th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. East Ilsley (8) available after tea. Names by Wednesday, June 1st, to J. Butler, Westfield, Compton, Newbury. 6372

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Shenley, Saturday, June 4th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Service, 3.30 p.m. Address by the Bishop of Oxford. Names for tea, please, by May 30th. A good attendance desired.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 6368

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Meopham, Kent, Saturday, June 4th. (Train from Charing Cross or London Bridge.) Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service, 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Cricketers' Inn, 5.15 p.m. Wrotham bells (8) available after tea (6.30 p.m. bus from Meopham). Names for tea by Tuesday, May 31st, without fail, please.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 6361

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District).—Joint meeting, Nottingham, June 4th, St. Mary's bells (10), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. Peter's (10), after 6 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at St. Mary's Institute. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford.—C. W. Towers and J. H. Cook. 6365

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, King's Norton (10), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. Service, 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by June 1st, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 6367

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Preliminary Notice. The 332nd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Twelve bells. All visitors welcome. Book the date.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields, Saffron Walden. 6358

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual Shield Six-Bell Contest, at Ossett, June 11th. Entrance fee, 10s. All entries to reach me not later than June 4th. Names for tea to reach Mr. F. Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, not later than June 4th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, Nr. Barnsley. 6380

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Advance notice. The Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, 1955, at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds. Tickets, price 11s. 6d. each, now available from A. E. Marsh, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey, Leeds. 6384

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Leatherhead District

A successful meeting of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild, at which youth predominated over age by seven to one (the present reporter being omitted for the purpose of this calculation) was held at Ewell on May 7th.

The service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. J. M. Wilmot Brooke), who in an informal address, enlivened by illustrations, from his 42 years' experience in the ministry, spoke of the vocation of bellringers.

At the short business meeting one new member (from Ewell) was elected and thanks were accorded to the preacher, who had honoured the company with his presence at tea, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the organist, Mr. J. H. Miller. Ringing in methods up to Surprise continued until 8.30. J. E. B.

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RINGERS, RULES AND LOGIC

By T. R. BUTLER

IT is not unnatural that the Methods Committee's recommendations regarding Plain Bob Triples and irregular Minor methods have evoked a certain amount of criticism. The committee's proposals—brilliantly conceived and expounded—are rendered extremely convincing and conclusive, however, by the logic with which they are evinced.

The force of logical argument cannot be disputed. It is at once inestimable and inescapable.

Yet we Britons are not an exceptionally logical people. Our whole administrative system from Westminster and Whitehall downwards is, in many respects, piecemeal and patchy, though, on the whole, it functions reasonably well. Several of our laws are riddled with anomalies, nevertheless our general administration of justice is the envy of the whole world. Scattered throughout our history are causes and battles fought at the wrong time, often in the wrong manner, but usually won! In many of our institutions we frequently 'get round' awkward and difficult situations by adopting an inconsistent, but somehow workable and sensible approach.

On the other hand, our neighbours, the French, with their love of logic and possessing a written constitution, find it necessary to change their Government at an approximate average rate of once in every eight months. We have, also, seen some results of ultra logical dogma in Soviet Russia, Germany and a few other countries.

Writing about our police system in a recent issue of 'The Police College Magazine,' Brigadier P. D. W. Dunn, the distinguished Commandant of the College, uses the following inspired words — words which, perhaps, could well bear relation to our Exercise at the present time:—

> 'This illogical system, with all its faults, is a tremendous factor in the inherent stability of our country and is developing, and has developed, to keep pace with the changing scene and conditions in these islands. Perhaps this talent for compromise is another word for genius for practical development. The average Briton is rather wary of rigid plans and rigid sets of rules. We in Britain prefer an art, an art that is not carried out as a science with mathematical precision, and I think that the genius of the British people is not for compromise, but is for development and for a practical approach in almost everything we do. When other nations take some of our institutions, rationalise them, codify the rules, they lose something which can never be replaced. One has only to think of the world of sport to see how true this is. One can over-develop the rules of a game. Many people think that the rules of golf have now developed in so rigid a fashion that the game has suffered greatly. If anything is reduced to a mathematical science governed entirely by a set of code rules, it is far harder to develop and one may reach finality and, as Kipling once said, "Finality is death." It is also dull.'

It has often been emphasised that our Exercise is an art and not a highly competitive business or sport. It is also intimately associated with our Church and a State renowned for its fairness and flexibility, even in the application and enforcement of its laws. Yet there are those who believe we have already hampered this art with too many rules and regulations. Regardless of any palliative circumstances, peals on seven bells are not recognised, a conductor must participate in the ringing and use no visible aids to memory. While these and other like measures have doubtless been imposed in a genuine effort to maintain a high standard, it is doubtful whether similar stringent restrictions would be so readily accepted by, say, members of choirs or orchestras.

Let us, therefore, not be overawed or overwhelmed by complex logical doctrine. If we still retain an affection for Bob Triples or any irregular method, well knowing their faults, by all means let us keep them. Too little consideration, one feels, has been given to the musical issue or what our audiences prefer to hear, though it is a comparatively safe guess that many would prefer the sound of Bob Triples to that of some of the legitimate methods.

Let us, too, ask ourselves the question, 'Whither are we heading?' and endeavour to leave ample scope for adventure in the Exercise.

Above all, let us be tolerant in these matters and governed by our hearts rather than the attractive power of logic.

TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17½ cwt.

Walter F. Judge	*Treble*	William A. Yates	6
Claudia A. Critchley	2	Paul K. Williamson	7
G. William Critchley	3	Edgar J. Smith	8
Brian Bladon	4	George W. Holland	9
Edmund A. Pearson	5	Fredk. A. H. Wilkins	*Tenor*

Composed by Richard F. Deal. Conducted by Walter F. Judge.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.
On Sat., Apr. 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Reeves'. Tenor 35 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

Frederick A. Salter	*Treble*	*Charles W. Towers	6
Jeffery C. Birt	2	William Birmingham	7
William Butler	3	Walter Nichols	8
*James H. Pailing	4	Denis Mottershead	9
†George H. Clift	5	Walter Lee	*Tenor*

Adapted and Conducted by William Butler.
* First peal on ten. † First of Bob Royal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 30½ cwt.

Paul L. Taylor	*Treble*	Brian G. Warwick	6
Mrs. B. G. Warwick	2	Harry Poyner	7
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	Peter J. Staniforth	8
Shirley Burton	4	William J. Root	9
*Redvers F. Elkington	5	Harold J. Poole	*Tenor*

Composed by Chas. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Peter J. Staniforth.
* 100th peal for the Guild.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Constance Wendy Dixon and Alec G. F. Welstead, which took place earlier in the afternoon at this church.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

*Basil Jones	*Treble*	Edward Jenkins	6
Alan A. Potts	2	Leslie Boumphrey	7
John Worth	3	Robin Turner	8
*Graeme Hughes	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	9
C. Kenneth Lewis	5	Peter Laflin	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Haley. Conducted by John Worth.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
Rung in honour of the election of Ernest Boumphrey as president of the Scottish Association of Change Ringers.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON EXERCISE ROYAL
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

Peter Nash	*Treble*	*Adrian Tumber	6
Nelia M. Leahy	2	Rev. K. W. H. Felstead	7
Beryl R. Pittaway	3	Maurice J. Butler	8
Jessie M. Kippin	4	J. Michael Lakin	9
Margaret E. L Beamish	5	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. Darby. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal of Royal. The first peal of Exercise Royal.

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THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 11 lb.

*E. Alan Rawlinson	*Treble*	Alan N. Brown	6
*Robin G. Leale	2	Denis A. Bayles	7
Charles McGuiness	3	Kenneth Lawson	8
Frank G. Bloomfield	4	Roland Park	9
Charles N. Lea	5	W. Norman Park	*Tenor*

Composed by S. Thomas. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal on ten. The conductor's 100th peal as conductor for the Association.
The first peal of Pudsey Royal by all except the tenor ringer and for the Association.

WARWICK.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

Frank E. Pervin	*Treble*	Leonard Trevor	6
John Pinfold	2	David A. Carpenter	7
Frank W. Perrens	3	Hubert E. Ashley	8
Arthur H. Beamish	4	John A. L. Thompson	9
William Male	5	James L. Garner-Hayward	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Roberts. Conducted by Frank E. Pervin.
Rung in honour of the coming-of-age of Lord Brook, only son of the Earl of Warwick.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Apr. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

Chris. M. P. Johnson	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis	5
Cyril A. Hurst	2	William T. Cook	6
John G. Gipson	3	Mansfield Ginn	7
Richard J. W. Housden	4	William J. Ridgman	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
Rung in memory of Frank Warrington.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE. LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

E. Margaret Bryce	*Treble*	Albert W. Stone	5
C. Molly May	2	Alan Pendlebury	6
*Dorothy M. Heap	3	Leslie Boumphrey	7
Allen Twyman	4	Robin G. Turner	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Robin G. Turner.
* First peal 'inside' of Major.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the Mothers' Guild at St. Peter's Church.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

Arthur W. Dickerson	*Treble*	Nolan Golden	5
H. William Barrett	2	Herbert Howlett	6
Arthur G. Bason	3	Bert Gogle	7
Thomas R. Simmons	4	George Poyntz	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
Rung to commemorate the 10th anniversary of V.E. Day.

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NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.
On Mon., May 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

RODERICK J. LEES	*Treble*	HENRY HUBBALL	5
HOWARD HOWELL	2	DAVID M. LEES	6
HAROLD J. SHUCK	3	WILLIAM DAVIES	7
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	4	JACK TROMANS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM DAVIES.
Arranged for the ringer of the treble, on leave from H.M. Forces, and rung for the 10th anniversary of V.E. Day.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

*IVOR G. HUGHES	*Treble*	GORDON WALFORD	5
DAVID T. NORTH	2	GEOFFREY J. GAMMON	6
STANLEY N. BRISTOW	3	H. GEORGE SPARKS	7
ARTHUR H. REED	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Preb. J. H. D. Grinter, who has left the parish after 21 years.

BINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 16¼ in F.

*MIRIAM A. HIGDON	*Treble*	GEORGE P. ADAMS	5
JOHN S. BARNES	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE SAYER	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Major. First in method by all and for the Association.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-MORE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*ERNEST GARRARD	*Treble*	JACK BERRY	5
JAMES P. BLOND	2	*C. JOHN CASTELL	6
ROBERT B. BLOND	3	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
*WILLIAM L. GILKS	4	*FRANK REED	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal of Triples in the method.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HUBERT G. SUMMERS	*Treble*	FRANK W. PERRENS	5
A. ROBIN GUY	2	*L. MICHAEL CALLOW	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	PAUL R. WILLIAMSON	7
*JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 27 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	JOHN UNDERWOOD	5
*ALBERT E. THOMPSON	2	*ALAN TAYLOR	6
*GORDON A. HALLS	3	*JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
*HAROLD TAYLOR	4	*DENIS R. CARLISLE	*Tenor*

Composed by DENIS R. CARLISLE. Conducted by GORDON A. HALLS.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Soar on the birth of their twin daughters.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY	*Treble*	PETER LAFLIN	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
*ROBIN TURNER	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of London Surprise Major.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Fernley.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Sir A. P. Heywood's Transposition of Thurstans'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. YATES	*Treble*	ROGER CADAMY	5
FREDERICK J. STONTON	2	FREDERICK VICKERS	6
JOSEPH MARKS	3	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	7
*DONALD J. MEAGER	4	HARRY SEAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 12½ cwt.

PHILIP G. MORGAN	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES	5
*CHARLES G. JONES	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	6
†JOSEPHINE GREEN	3	LESLIE EVANS	7
MOLLIE TILBURY	4	ALBERT E. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by E. STITCH. Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal on eight bells.
Rung for the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Jones, who were married at this church on May 14th, 1930.

FELSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	JACK H. BRETT	5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	2	JOHN A. WARNER	6
FRANK CLAYDON	3	TERRY EARLE	7
*ALAN R. SYDER	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.
* First Surprise peal.
Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Mr. W. T. Farrow, tower-keeper at this church for over 50 years; also for the 13th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brett.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part Tenor 10 cwt. in G sharp.

*MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	*HAROLD STEVENSON	5
*DENNIS SIMPSON	2	JAMES W. RAITHBY	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	7
FRANK W. VERNON	4	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal of Triples. First of Triples as conductor.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. C. J. Mathews.

MEOPHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., May 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	HARRY SPRINGATE	5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	2	ALBERT E. BEANEY	6
TREVOR A. CROSS	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	4	THOMAS E. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

MIDDLEHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Alkelda and Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 8 lb. in E.

*M. P. Hammond (14)	*Treble*	N. David Robinson	5
Doris M. Killingley	2	Dennis R. Airey	6
*John Hemstock (15)	3	Thomas Cooke	7
Harry Parrish	4	Brian Harris	*Tenor*

Conducted by Doris M. Killingley.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Harry Parrish, who has been a ringer at this church for 52 years.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in E.

Robert Collins	*Treble*	William Rogers	5
Doris E. Colgate	2	Raymond Overy	6
Leonard Stilwell	3	Frank H. Hicks	7
*Thomas E. Sone	4	*A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by William Rogers.
* 50th peal together.
Specially rung to welcome the Rev. F. R. K. Hare, who was inducted Rector of this parish December 18th, 1954.

SOUTH MOLTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (6th Observation).
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in D.

Mariella Mundy	*Treble*	David Beacham	5
*Norman Mallett	2	John L. S. Glanvill	6
Rev. J. H. B. Andrews	3	Frederick Wreford	7
David Gay	4	S. G. Sully	*Tenor*

Conducted by John L. S. Glanvill.
*75th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to the South Molton ringers on winning the Devon Championship Shield for call change ringers.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	John E. Bibby	5
*William G. Bibby	2	Ernest Gower	6
Ronald Kenrick	3	Alexander J. Martin	7
Doreen Dutton	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal of Surprise Major

STAINES, MIDDLESEX,
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Mary the Blessed Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*Laurence U. C. Knowles	*Treble*	Walter A. Peck	5
Frederick R. Scott	2	Peter R. Aslett	6
Alan F. Thirst	3	Martyn W. Harbott	7
†Meriel L. Hawksley	4	James F. Dodson	*Tenor*

Composed by John Carter. Conducted by Alan F. Thirst.
* First peal. † First of Bob Major.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

Joan E. Hoodless	*Treble*	*Nathaniel T. Moxon	5
*Katharine Burchnall	2	Allan Simpson	6
*Grace Burchnall	3	*W. Allan Wilson	7
Clement Glenn	4	Arthur E. Hoodless	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by Clement Glenn.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., May 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

Nun L. Walker	*Treble*	John A. Smith	5
Alfred Ballard	2	*Michael Vernon	6
John H. Bailess	3	John Vernon	7
Graham T. Ball	4	C. Roger Hayward	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
* First peal of Triples.
Specially arranged and rung by members of the local band as a compliment to Mrs. Sarah Peters, of Stoney Stanton, who was 100 years old this day.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Apr. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents of Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Court, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

Louis Willders	*Treble*	John F. Pearson	4
John Worsdall	2	Ronald Applewhite	5
Amos Ingall	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
Rung in honour of St. George's Day. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower.'

LOCKING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

Allen Morgan	*Treble*	*Marjorie Legg	4
*Ronald D. Short	2	George Prescott	5
Reginald Woodyatt	3	Thomas W. Lewis	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal in seven methods. First in seven methods as conductor.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

Frank T. Blagrove	*Treble*	William Birmingham	4
Walter W. Wolstencroft	2	Sidney J. Woodcock	5
Walter Lee	3	Frank C. Price	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.
Believed to be first peal of Minor on the bells.

KIMBOLTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., May 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Charles G. Jones	*Treble*	*Josephine Green	4
Leslie Evans	2	*Denis F. Jaine	5
Philip G. Morgan	3	Reginald T. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.
* First peal in five Minor methods. First peal in five Minor methods as conductor and 100th peal.
Rung as an 85th birthday compliment to Mrs. Evans, mother of the ringer of the second.

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Ten callings. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*David Knight (12)	*Treble*	*Archibald Knight	4
Frederick S. Slatford	2	Laurence E. Hitchins	5
Herbert J. Hunt	3	Percival W. J. Harding	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick S. Slatford.
* First peal.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Southern District.)
On Mon., May 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven 720's, each called differently.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

*Arthur R. Clarke	*Treble*	†Thomas H. Bird	4
*Frederick W. Bird ..	2	Colin J. Champion	5
George Olliver	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by Colin J. Champion.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.
Rung to mark the retirement of the Rev. T. P. Owen, Rector of Nutfield, and Mrs. Owen, both good friends to all ringers.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
On Tues., May 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*L. Kenneth Dawe.. ..	*Treble*	Sidney Skinner	4
*Harold P. Burton	2	John L. S Glanvill ..	5
*Robert Perry	3	†John Quick	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.
* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor. † 50th peal.
A 96th birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the second, whose birthday was on May 8th.

SWAFFHAM PRIOR, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Cyriac,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six six-scores of St. Simon's, 12 of Grandsire and 24 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*Frederick Talbot	*Treble*	†Roland Morley	4
†Roger Palmer	2	†James Morley	5
*Richard J. W. Housden	3	‡Dennis Pollard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard J. W. Housden.
* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael-on-the-Mount,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Frank D. Mack	*Treble*	Reginald G. Hooper ..	4
Michael T. Sprackling ..	2	Tudor P. Edwards	5
Brian Grinter	3	David J. Marshall	*Tenor*

Each ringer conducted an extent and part of the seventh.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

E. Jack Parish	*Treble*	*Oliver Norman	4
*Donald Peacock	2	Donald E. R. Knights..	5
Frank Elsom	3	Stanley Shipp	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stanley Shipp.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

MABE, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laudus,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (called differently). Tenor 8 cwt.

*Peter Rowe	*Treble*	Gerald A. Uglow	4
Mrs. J. M. Simpkin ..	2	†Harry Harper	5
Alan Carveth	3	David Penrose	*Tenor*

Conducted by Alan Carveth
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.



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LUPPITT, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's and 10 six-scores. Tenor 14½ cwt.

BRIAN TOZER .. .. .. *Treble*	*JEFFERY COOMBS 4
*ALBERT CRABB 2	WILLIAM WEBB 5
CHRISTOPHER WEBB .. 3	JOHN REAL .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.

* First peal.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Sparks, of Cotleigh, on their 25th wedding anniversary.

OAKS-IN-CHARNWOOD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JEFFREY W. LOWE .. .. *Treble*	BERNARD S. PAYNE 4
ROYSTON WILMORE 2	JOSEPH W. COTTON 5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 3	ROLAND BENISTON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

Specially arranged as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bowley, who were married this day.

OTTERTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents of Plain Bob, 14 extents of Reverse St Bartholomew, 14 extents of Grandsire. Callings: Ten 120's and two 240's of Morris' arrangement. Tenor 12 cwt.

CECIL PARKER .. .. .. *Treble*	JOHN QUICK 4
SIDNEY SKINNER 2	ROBERT PERRY 5
L. KENNETH DAWE 3	NORMAN SKINNER .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.

First peal in three Doubles methods for all.

WESTON TURVILLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising eight extents of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Plain Bob, and ten of Grandsire. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ROY WOODRUFF .. .. *Treble*	BERNARD C. COLLINS 3
†MARY HOBBS 2	WALTER LEE 4

ARTHUR J. WHITE .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR J. WHITE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents.

MAVIS WILSON .. .. .. *Treble*	ROBERT B. SKELTON 4
ERIC OLIVER 2	RICHARD OLIVER 5
WILLIAM TYSON 3	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. DRAFFAN.

Rung with the bells half muffled in memory of Mrs. Jean Draffan, a devoted member of this church and mother of the conductor.

STAMFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MAURICE BENNETT .. .. *Treble*	STANLEY E. BENNETT, ... 4
ERNEST BRITTAIN 2	JOHN G. AMES 5
JOHN H. BLUFF 3	FRANK TAYLOR .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

Rung as a welcome to Rev. E. F. WRIGHT.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*GEOFFREY P. CAIRNS .. *Treble*	‡KATHLEEN SOFTLEY 4
†MARGARET GIBSON 2	STEPHEN THOMPSON .. 5
KENNETH ARTHUR 3	†PHILIP DRAFFAN .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal (aged 14). † First peal in seven methods. ‡ First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Thelwall and Double Oxford, (2) Childwall and St. Clement's, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Oxford Treble Bob, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (7) Fulbeck and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*ERNEST J. JELLEY .. .. *Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS 4
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN 2	*JOHN M. JELLEY 5
*MRS. B. G. WARWICK .. 3	*BRIAN G. WARWICK .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in ten methods.

A 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. B. S. Chapman.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 9, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Miles', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Columb, Old April Day and Plain Bob Doubles.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY .. 1-2 | EDWARD M. BRADLEY .. 3-4
ALAN SHEPPARD .. 5-6

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 10, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 58 *Minutes,*
IN THE SCHOOLROOM OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*RAYMOND W. BALLS .. 1-2 | †JOHN R. SMITH 3-4
CYRIL POOLEY 5-6

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'in hand.' First peal 'in hand' as conductor.

BRISTOL.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., May 11, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 11 in G.

*PATRICIA M. BOURN .. .. 1-2 | DAVID J. MARSHALL 3-4
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT .. 5-6

Conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL.

* First handbell peal and 25th peal.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Fri., May 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours exactly.*
AT 23, SOUTHDALE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Four callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

*PHYLLIS J. HOLBORN (St. Anne's) 1-2
†DONALD H. NIBLETT (Pembroke) 3-4
‡DAVID HODGSON (Brasenose) 5-6

Conducted by DAVID HODGSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'in hand.' ‡ First peal 'in hand.'

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 9, PEMBROKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

JOHN AMBLER .. .. .. 1-2 | WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON .. .. 3-4 | GORDON BENFIELD 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

After 59 years as a member of the Kent County Association Mr. E. Barnett made his debut as chairman when he presided at the Lewisham district meeting at Cudham, attended by 55 members. Twenty-two new members were elected and the election of one non-resident life member ratified. The new band (11 members) at Greenwich and the revived band at St. Mary Cray were warmly welcomed.

Mr. J. Dafters moved that the congratulations of the meeting be extended to the chairman on the two anniversaries he was celebrating this year—70 years as a denizen of this world and 60 years as a ringer in one tower, Crayford. This was carried with acclamation.

Mr. J. Cannell urged that at all meetings the more experienced ringers should ensure that there were sufficient of their number in the belfry to assist effectively beginners in the first difficult steps in change ringing and advancement to new methods. It was very disheartening, he said, to find a preponderance of 'prentice bands in the ringing chamber whilst a wealth of instructional talent was otherwise engaged in the vicinity.

Other business included: West Wickham on July 23rd for the next meeting, the joint meeting with the Surrey Association at Croydon on October 8th, support for the proposed 75th anniversary dinner of the K.C.A. and an application to the committee to publish the agenda of the annual general meeting in 'The Ringing World' notices of that event.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev, Dr. H. J. Burgess) who gave a refreshing address. The lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett and Mr. Burgess acted as organist. Mr. J. Cannell directed the ringing.

Ashford District at Ruckinge

As it was Cup-final day, and as Ruckinge is not so easy of access as are some of the towers we visit, it was with a few misgivings that we made our way through the charming spring countryside to that pleasant village for our meeting on May 7th. But, as so often happens, our forebodings were quite unnecessary, as we found that between 30 and 40 visitors had arrived and been met by Mr. S. Sillibourne and Mr. H. G. Hill, the captain and secretary respectively, of the local band.

Ringing began about 3 o'clock, and whilst it was in progress the Rector (the Rev. H. Hammond) entertained the unoccupied ringers by showing them over the Norman church and by exhibiting the old registers (dating back to 1538) and an Elizabethan I. chalice.

A good proportion of beginners was present. It is a good sign when the learners, and more particularly the younger ones, lose their shyness and realise that our meetings are held to enable them to mix in with the more experienced, who are only too anxious to help them.

The Rector conducted the service at 4.30 and the Rev. G. Luckett (Rector of Pluckley and secretary of his band of ringers) read the lesson. A collection realised £1 18s. and was given to the Association's Belfry Repair Fund.

A lavish tea at the Blue Anchor Inn preceded the business meeting, at which the Rector presided. The feelings of the meeting were taken on several points in connection with the proposed 75th anniversary dinner of the Kent County Association.

A nucleus of members was elected from the Ruckinge band, bringing that tower in union with the Association (with a promise of more members to come). W. P. G.

A VETERAN LEADER RETIRES AT ABERGAVENNY

Captain of St. Mary's, Abergavenny, since 1937, and a member of the band from 1923, Mr. George Lewis has retired from the captaincy and has been succeeded by Mr. George Ward.

Ringing in the tower flourished greatly under Mr. Lewis' leadership. He did much to get the old eight bell ring recast and rehung by public subscription, and through the generosity of a well-known local ringer and his wife the bells were augmented to ten in 1947-8.

First and foremost a Sunday service ringer, Mr. Lewis was not averse to the bells being used for peal ringing. He had the ideal personality for his position and all ringers, irrespective of class or standing, were given the same warm welcome to the tower. While retiring from office Mr. Lewis has assured the local band that his interest in its welfare is unabated.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

For the first time ever the Llandaff branch held a quarterly meeting at St. Bride's Major on May 14th.

Early arrivals quickly took the opportunity to ring on this delightful six, which has a tenor 11 cwt., in G. They were kept going until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. H. A. James.

A very bountiful tea was provided by the ladies of the church. To them, a very hearty vote of thanks was given by the Branch secretary.

Sixteen new members were elected at the business meeting. Place of next meeting was provisionally arranged for Llanbradach.

R. E. C.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The £100,000 appeal for the restoration of St. Martin's, Birmingham, has now been fully subscribed and the additional new flat sixth bell will be dedicated by the Rector of Birmingham, Canon S. W. Bryan Green, on Thursday, June 2nd, at 6.30 p.m.

Another 'Kippinsian' is the first peal of Exercise Royal rung at Southampton on May 14th.

We are informed that the tenor at Dunkerton, Bath, weighs 5 cwt. 18 lb., and not as recently published.

Mr. Harold P. Burton has now completed the quartet of Kent Treble Bob—Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus.

Mr. Albert Walker, who recently rang in a peal for his 79th birthday, informs us, with the optimism of youth, that he only wants 1,180 more peals for his 2,000.

With reference to the 'Lines by an Old Ringer' published in our last issue, Mr. Ben Thompson, of Lowestoft, who forwarded them to us, suggests that a collection of such verses should be made. The Boreham company had a considerable reputation in the 1880's and early 1890's.

Mr. George Poyntz, of Saxlingham Nethergate, returned to peal ringing on May 8th after an absence of five years. During this time he has undergone a series of operations and now may be the only peal ringer with plastic hips!

Five new members were introduced to the 'Society of Roving Owls,' at Harmston, Lincs, on May 14th when, during a thunderstorm, the lights went out. Luckily they came on three-quarters of an hour later, when the conductor was wondering whether the peal would be completed.

The Yorkshire Spliced Surprise band attempted on May 14th a peal of 53 Spliced Surprise Major methods. The attempt failed about four courses from the end after a wonderful performance of fine ringing.

In reply to Mr. J. C. Macbeth, the last peal was rung at Nayland, Suffolk, in 1938.

Mr. Archibald Knight and his 12-year-old son, David, rang their first peal together at Hilperton on May 9th. This was the first peal on the bells since rehanging.

A bell fund is being started at Chevington, Suffolk, where there are five bells now unringable. It was here that Mr. A. W. Rolfe, of Whipstead, Bury St. Edmunds, started to ring about 50 years ago.

With the peal at Stockton on May 14th, Mr. Denis A. Bayles has conducted 100 peals for the Durham and Newcastle Association. This feat has only been accomplished by the late Mr. W. H. Barber and Mr. T. T. Gofton.

Mr. A. W. Rolfe informs us that it was at Hartest-in-the-Clare, Sudbury District, that he was able to give six young ladies a start some two years ago. They are now ringing five or six different methods of Doubles and also Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

One of the few peals on the bells of St. Mary's, Warwick, took place on May 14th. The band included Mr. John Pinfold, who rang his first peal here in 1910, and regarded St. Mary's as his home tower. Mr. W. Collett acted as 11th man to the peal and the band would like to associate his name with the performance.

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BRISTOL AND ITS BELLS AND RINGERS

By Frank Skidmore.

BRISTOL has played a great part in the development of change ringing in the past, and has produced some very prominent conductors, and also possesses some very good rings of bells. Unfortunately World War II had a devastating effect on some of the bells, the city having lost four of its rings. the glorious ten at St. Nicholas', the eight at St. Mary-le-Port, the eight at St. Peter's, and the modern ring of eight at St. Andrew's, Clifton.

The city still possesses one ring of 12, three 10's, eight 8's, nine 6's and one 5.

The bells of St. Mary-le-Port, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's were completely destroyed, but the ring at St. Nicholas' was damaged by fire, taken down and is still in the crypt; the bells of Holy Cross (Temple) were taken down for safety and are still in the base of the tower, although both St. Nicholas' and Temple Churches were completely gutted, only the towers remaining in each instance.

Bristol was always called the city of churches, and in the 19th century, there was a church on practically every corner, quite as close as they were in the city of London. In the year 1879, the church of St. Werburgh was removed in its entirety from the centre of the city to one of the suburbs, where it still stands complete with its ring of six.

Old Bristol had several churches built on its walls, St. Leonard's, St. Lawrence's and St. John's, the last-named being the only one remaining. The city also possesses its own church, St. Mark's (the Lord Mayor's chapel), which also has a ring of six.

One of the oldest ringing societies is The Ancient Society of St. Stephen's Ringers, which undoubtedly when formed comprised the ringers of St. Stephen's Church. In the present day, however, it is a body of prominent business men, who hold an annual meeting and dinner, and make themselves responsible for the fabric of St. Stephen's Church. At the outbreak of World War II, they had a very prominent ringer amongst their number, in the person of Stephen H. Wood, who was killed in the first major blitz on Bristol in November, 1940.

FAMOUS RINGERS

Change ringing in the city has seen some ups and downs, but it appears that the period from the beginning of the century until the 1914 war saw the greatest activity; there were then two or three rival companies and there was quite a lot of peal ringing, mostly on the tens, at St. Stephen's, St. Nicholas', Christ Church and St. James'. It was during this period that Bristol possessed some notable conductors, amongst whom were James Hinton, Henry Portch, George Daltry, William A. Cave, Fred G. May, John A. Burford. There are still a few left who can remember these people quite well. I believe the oldest surviving ringer is Mr. Alfred Pearce, of St. James'.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey was also a great influence in the ringing world of that time. World War II had a great effect in leaving a void in the ranks of the ringers, the ones of the older generation having passed over, whilst there were too few to take their places, and the period since the war has been fully occupied in training young ringers. The same applies to conductors, but there are several young ones who are showing good promise.

Bristol also possesses a school of ringing, where potential ringers are taught to handle a bell, and taken through the elementary stages of change ringing, and a lot of benefit has been gained through the efforts of this school. It is held every week at St. John-on-the-Wall. The position with regard to Sunday service ringing has greatly improved of late, and towers which only rang occasionally now ring regularly, which is a good omen for the future.

When the Central Council visit Bristol next week they will find plenty of ringing to occupy their time, with unlimited scope.

Just a few words about Bristol itself. The city is slowly recovering from the ravages of the war, and is gradually taking on quite a 'new look,' which is all part of a long term planning, which will take years to complete. There are several well known beauty spots in and around Bristol, for instance Clifton Downs and the Suspension Bridge, the Avon Gorge, Blaise Castle and its lovely grounds (which are adjacent to Henbury Church), which are publicly owned, and refreshments can be obtained there. There is Clifton College and the Zoological Gardens, both of which are close to Emmanuel Church. Farther afield there is Burrington Coombe, the Mendip Hills, Cheddar in one direction, with the Cotswold Hills in the other.

A Welcome to Bristol

On behalf of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers, I extend a very hearty welcome to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to Bristol, for the occasion of their annual Conference at Whitsuntide.

We appreciate, very much, the work done by the Council, and sincerely hope that their meeting on Whit-Tuesday will meet with every success.

A comprehensive programme has been arranged during the weekend and it is my sincere hope that this will prove to be one of the best meetings held by the Council.

Cyril R. Harding, *Master.*
Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS

The formation of this new association was the outcome of a meeting of medical ringers, held at the Church of All Hallows, Twickenham, on May 7th. Before the business meeting members and friends, among them the Master of the Middlesex Association, had enjoyed two hours of ringing on these fine bells, so successfully transferred from their original home in the City. Tea was kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Neal Smith, to whom for this, and indeed all the other arrangements of the day, great thanks are due. At 6.30 members attended choral evensong, conducted by the Vicar, who also gave a short address.

The meeting which followed decided to embark on the formation of the Guild, membership to be open to all medical ringers and to students engaged in clinical studies. The officers elected were: President, F. S. Poole; Master, R. E. Price; Secretary, D. L. Gullick, to whom were entrusted the consideration of detailed arrangements.

A very enjoyable day was brought to an end with dinner, by the river, at Richmond; the forerunner of many more such occasions, it is to be hoped.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS

Arrangements for Whitsun

Headquarters:—The Royal Hotel, College Green, Bristol. All ringers and friends will be welcome at headquarters during the week-end and after the Council meeting.

WHIT TUESDAY

Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 7.30 a.m. Council meeting in the Palliser Martin Hall of the Cathedral School at 10 a.m.

Civic reception by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bristol at the Red Lodge, Park Row, at 5.30 p.m.

Inspection of Great George, 9 tons 11 cwt 2 qr., at 7 p.m. following the reception.

Social evening at headquarters.

E. A. BARNETT,
Hon. Secretary.

RINGING ARRANGEMENTS

		Tenor Bells	cwt.	Times
Friday, May 27th:—				
St. Werburgh's	..	(6)	12	7-8 p.m.
Henbury	.. ..	(8)	20	7.30-9 p.m.
Long Ashton	..	(8)	28	7.30-9 p.m.
Saturday, May 28th:—				
St. John-on-the-Wall		(6)	11	6-7 p.m.
St. Stephen's	..	(10)	21	6.30-7.30 p.m.
Christ Church	..	(10)	23	7.30-8.30 p.m.

Sunday, May 29th:—

St. Ambrose's	(8)	11½	9-10	5.30-6-30
St. James'	(10)	28	10.15-11	5.30-6.30
Christ Church	(10)	23	10-11	5.30-6.30
St. Stephen's	(10)	21	10-11	5.30-6.30
St. Philip's ..	(8)	20	10-11	5.30-6.30
Emmanuel ..	(8)	16	10.15-11	
Stoke Bishop	(6)	13		5.30-6.30
St. Thomas'..	(8)	29		5.30-6.30
St. Mary Redcliffe ..	(12)	50	10-11	5.15-6.15
also 12.10-12.45 (approx.)				

Visitors wishing to ring at Redcliffe on Sunday morning **must** assemble at the South Gate by 9.55.

Monday, May 30th:—

St. Ambrose's..	(8)	11½	10-11 a.m.
St. George's ..	(8)	16	11.15-12.15 p.m.
St. John-on-the Wall	(6)	11	10.30-11.30 a.m.
Christ Church	(10	23	12-1 p.m.
Long Ashton ..	(8)	28	2.15-3.15 p,m,
Wells Cathedral	(10)	56	3-4 p.m.
St. James' ..	(10)	28	4-5 p.m.
St. Thomas' ..	(8)	29	5-6 p.m.
St. Stephen's	(10)	21	6.30-8 p.m.
St. Mary Redcliffe ..	(12)	50	8-9 p.m.

TOURS

Sunday, leaving headquarters 1 p.m., Wells Cathedral and Bath Abbey.

Monday, leaving headquarters 9.30 a.m., the Cotswold country—Tetbury, Stroud, Painswick and Cheltenham.

A WELCOME PEAL AT LAST

Three attempts were made to get the welcome peal for the Rev. F. R. K. Hare, the new Rector of Rotherfield. The first was on December 18th and was lost after two hours; the second attempt lasted 2 hours and 10 minutes. Success came on May 14th when Yorkshire Surprise, with A. P. Cannon driving the difficult tenor, was brought round in 3 hours and 5 minutes, the fastest time for a peal on the bells. Coupled with the peal were marriage congratulations to Basil White and Mary Howell, married at Henfield that day, and birthday greetings to W. Rogers.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Feltham's Plans for a Ring of Ten

ON the debatable question of the recognition of peals of Bob Triples, the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, at their annual meeting at St. James', Clerkenwell, on May 14th, decided to give no instructions to their representatives.

In the afternoon, ringing took place at St. Mary's, Holloway Road, and Clerkenwell, and in the evening at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. The service at Clerkenwell was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. T. M. Browne, who also gave an address.

The Association during the past year lost its president, the Rev. P. Gough, and Mr. W. H. Coles was voted to the chair. He was supported by Mr. E. C. S. Turner (hon. secretary), Mr. W. N. Genna (assistant hon. secretary) and Mr. T. Price (ringing master).

LOSSES BY DEATH

The meeting stood while the following members who had died since the last meeting were remembered: V. J. F. Bennett (Oxford), R. P. Crump (Hornsey), E. A. Dench (Edmonton), Rev. P. Gough (Acton), G. Hughes (Stanmore), G. L. Joyce (Hornchurch), Mrs. C. J. Matthews (Southfields), F. Oram (Harrow), W. C. Parker (Staines), Rev. P. W. Shepherd-Smith, F. Start (Enfield), F. Warrington (St. Ives), W. J. Winter (Heston), S. Wright (Southgate), Rev. Mr. Denham (Harrow Weald), Mr. Tubbs (Finchley).

The annual report, read by the hon. secretary, stated that new members elected totalled 60, and consisted of four honorary, 43 ringing and 13 non-resident life members.

NEW METHODS

Forty-nine peals were rung, two being on handbells. Eight Surprise Major methods were rung to peals for the first time, viz.: Enfield, Byfleet, Harlesden, Olney, Twickenham, Ufford, Ventnor and Zennor. All were conducted by Mr. R. F. B. Speed, who also conducted peals in six and seven Spliced Surprise Major methods, in which for the first time all the bells rang all the work of each method. Four other Surprise Major methods rung for the first time for the Association were Aldenham, conducted by Mr. Speed, Felstead and Premier, conducted by Mr. C. W. Roberts, and Staffordshire, conducted by Mr. B. D. Threlfall. Another method rung for the first time by the Association was London Surprise Royal (No. 3 Version). A record in Doubles ringing was set up at Stanwell when Mr. F. T. Blagrove, ringing two bells, conducted a peal in which 45 methods were spliced into 42 different extents.

Nine members rang their first peal, including Mr. A. A. Richardson, who had been blind from birth. Quarter peals reported totalled 123 with Harrow Weald heading the list with 27 in twelve different methods. Congratulations were offered to Mr. R. Sanders, who celebrated his 80th birthday by ringing the 9th at All Saints', Fulham, to a peal of Stedman Caters.

In the absence of the hon. treasurer, Mr. Turner also presented the accounts. The general fund showed an excess of income over expenditure of £5 6s. 10d. The Bell Restoration Fund had a balance of £25 17s. 10d.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In the vacancy for the presidency caused by the death of the Rev. P. Gough, the Rev. G. C. Taylor, Vicar of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, was elected. He was commended to the members by Mr. T. J. Lock as one who had a personal interest in ringers and would fill the office with sincerity and dignity.

Mr. G. Hart and Mr. W. H. Coles were re-elected vice-presidents and Mr. E. C. S. Turner in acknowledging his re-election as secretary said he hoped to do more work for the Association this year than last and hoped soon to do a little ringing. Mr. W. Norman Genna was re-elected assistant hon. secretary, Mr. Tony Price ringing master, Mr. C. W. Roberts hon. treasurer, Mr. Maurice Hodgson hon. auditor and Messrs. T. J. Lock, E. C. S. Turner and C. W. Roberts trustees.

Elected as non-resident life members were Messrs. Burton, W. Jones and Christopher Jones, exchange teachers, from the United States, who had been ringing at Hendon and Miss M. Lawrence, Miss Shirley Townsend (Edgware) and Mr. John R. Maltby were elected ringing members.

A new office was created, that of librarian. As the library is kept in St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Mr. Geo. Parsons, the tower-keeper, was elected to the post

The meeting favoured the Association having its own badge. It was left to the secretary in consultation with certain members to select a design and place an order for badges and brooches.

TEN BELLS FOR FELTHAM

The chairman said it had been suggested by the committee that a donation should be given to the bell fund for Feltham. The scheme was to augment the bells to a ring of ten.

Mr. Tony Price said a design for the bell frame had been prepared by the bell-founders and the ringers were prepared to make it. They had a price of just over £300 for the two extra bells and the ringers were prepared to hang them.

On the proposition of Mr. Turner it was decided to vote 10 guineas.

A long discussion took place on the venue for the next annual meeting. Eventually it was decided to hold the meetings alternatively in the North and East and South and West districts. St. Mary's, Twickenham, was selected for the next annual meeting.

The Central Council agenda was also considered, particularly in relation to Bob Triples. On the proposition of Mr. C. Mayne the meeting decided to leave the matter to the Association's representatives.

Mrs. Mayne initiated a debate on 'The Ringing World.' The convener of 'The Ringing World' committee, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood, and the editor contributed to the discussion.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow reported that a memorial fund had been opened at Acton for their late president. On his proposition, seconded by Mr. A. Cutler, it was decided to send a donation of two guineas and to leave it open for members to augment the sum by individual donations.

The meeting also decided to send a letter to Mr. Jim Bennett with their best wishes for his speedy recovery. Mr. T. J. Lock read a letter he had received from Mr. Bennett stating that because of his accident it was a big disappointment that he could not take part in the peals at Evesham and also Mr. Audsley's 1,000th peal. Mr. Bennett's leg was broken near his hip.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Turner to the incumbents and Mr. and Miss Prockson for the tea arrangements.

Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society

The Society had an enjoyable meeting at Harrietsham on May 7th, where they were welcomed by the Rev. F. W. Phillips, who also conducted the service. In his address he spoke of ringers who ring for services and then creep out of the back tower door. Those nearest the bells should heed them most.

Harrietsham ringers and their wives provided a splendid tea. At the business meeting John Hooker was elected treasurer and two new members were elected. An appropriate vote of thanks to all who contributed to the seccess of the meeting was passed.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

'Dictatorship in Ringing Circles'

YET again the Ely Diocesan Association was blessed with a beautiful spring morning for the start of its annual general meeting on Easter Monday and more than one hundred ringers attended. About half of these were resident members while the rest were friends, old and new, from other associations as far apart as Kent and Cheshire and included a very good contingent from Leicester.

ON THE PLEASANT EIGHT

Ringing started with a touch of Plain Bob Major, at St. Ives, at 10 a.m. Touches of Cambridge, Bristol and even Spliced Surprise in five methods were asked for and successfully accomplished. At the same time the tuneful little six at Holywell were rung to a variety of Minor methods.

At 12 o'clock a move was made to two more towers—Houghton and Hemingford Abbots—both again in really lovely old-world villages.

The afternoon's towers included Godmanchester, one of the best eights in the Diocese and restored only two years ago, the eight at Huntingdon St. Mary's, which are in need of the bell-hanger's attention, and the very handy little six at Huntingdon All Saints'.

The service was held in All Saints' Church and we were treated to a very inspiring address on the subject of 'Unity,' by the president of the Huntingdon district, Canon B. F. Sheppard.

After tea, well organised by the local district secretary, the Association held its annual business meeting with Canon Sheppard in the chair. Among apologies received was one from the president, the Lord Bishop of Ely, who assured us that he was conscious of the good work being done by the Association and wished us every success.

The annual report had been printed and circulated and it showed that membership had been maintained at about 350 resident performing members and that interest was definitely on the up-grade. The number of peals rung during 1954 was the second highest on record and the peals included 23 first pealers and more than 100 members ringing their 'first in the method.' Another good feature was the financial statement which showed the largest balance in hand that the Association had ever had.

There was a lengthy discussion on an amendment to the report, namely, that the peal of Fordham Surprise Major, which had been the cause of correspondence in 'The Ringing World,' be deleted. One of our visiting friends, Mr. H. J. Poole, was asked to contribute to the discussion and supplied some sobering thoughts on the present trend towards dictatorship in ringing circles. He asked members to consider the relative importance of a single peal to the health of an association whose aims were more and better Sunday service ringing. Eventually a proposal that the discussion cease was carried with acclamation, there being but one dissenter. The report was then adopted unanimously.

Officers were elected as follows: General secretary and treasurer, W. J. Ridgman; peal secretary, R. J. W. Housden; auditor, T. R. Dennis.

Ely was chosen for the next annual general meeting the secretary being instructed to endeavour to arrange the service at the Cathedral and to persuade the Lord Bishop to give an address. (For the advanced information of younger 'tower-grabbers,' we hope to have Soham (10) in action on that day.)

After hearty votes of thanks all round, the meeting closed and ringing continued at Godmanchester and Huntingdon until 9 p.m.

W. J. R.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE FUTURE OF MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—The concluding words of a ringer's obituary notice in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' about open ringing as the wish of the deceased raises a question of the future of muffled ringing, and what will be the position of ringers if these requests and desires become more general as during the last 20 years or so they have tended to do.

It used to be a sort of unwritten rule that at the passing of a Church dignitary, notable person, or ringer, the bells would be rung muffled or half muffled either at the time of death or the funeral. Now the bells are more often rung in the open position on such occasions, and muffled ringing rather the exception than the rule.

It would seem moreover that some of the clergy are more or less in favour of open ringing at such times and can use their influence to encourage it.

When the rector of a parish where I was in charge of the tower died some years ago I was preparing to muffle the bells when I was informed by a parishioner that the bells were to be rung 'open.' I would not accept this until I had seen a member of the family, who confirmed it and we were thanked afterwards for our help in 'uplifting their spirits.' At the time of the death of the late King George VI we were refused permission by the rector of a parish to attempt a muffled peal because, to use his own words, 'we have had enough of muffled ringing.'

This change of ideas about muffled and open ringing may be due, I think, to two different lines of thought. It may be that the passing of a relative or friend is now looked upon in a less solemn way and the open bells to express an earnest of the Resurrection: or it may be that in this modern age with its jazz music and other light-hearted ideas of recreation the sound of muffled bells is too sad and solemn and a merry 'peal' at all times is preferred.

In a parish where my father was once tower-keeper a curate suggested that when the bells were rung muffled at a funeral, after the ceremony the muffles should be removed and the bells rung open, much like what is done at a military funeral when the band plays a slow solemn tune on the way to the place of burial and on the return to barracks a lively regimental march. My father asked the then Master of the Oxford Guild for his views on the matter and his answer was short and emphatic, 'Nothing but muffled ringing on the day of a funeral.'

Apparently there is a feeling in some people's minds that muffled ringing has a morbid effect but such minds are not able to appreciate the soft beauty of good muffled ringing. Perhaps organists for the same reason are not asked to play the 'Dead March' as often as they used to be. I don't know.

Will it then become eventually the regular custom to ring the bells 'open' on all occasions, sad or gay alike for funerals and weddings, and the muffles hang unused and unwanted in the bell chamber? It may well come to that.

I, for one, hope the day is far distant when the beautiful and moving tones of well struck muffled and half muffled ringing will be but a memory.—Yours faithfully, W. J. PAICE.

Wokingham, Berks.

IS IT UNNAMED?

Dear Sir,—Has the method which is Reverse Bampton with dodging on the front been named?

It has been rung at Itchingfield and if not previously named we would like to call it 'Twincham.'—Yours faithfully.

GEORGE FRANCIS.

Itchingfield.

CHRIST CHURCH, POPLAR

Dear Sir,—I do not know where Mr. Bullock got his information, but I can assure him that Christ Church, Poplar, is not to be pulled down, in fact it is now the parish church of the Island, and has recently had £15,000 spent on its restoration.

The bells are in good order despite the rumours that certain ringers have spread about, for what purpose I cannot imagine.

St. John's, Cubitt Town (one bell), is to be destroyed. Incidentally, quite a few peals have been attempted at Cubitt Town since the war.

I do think that this continual use of the word 'silent,' when referring to towers where few peals are rung is a misnomer, as I can supply names of towers where the bells are far from silent on a Sunday but few peals are attempted. I feel that the Rev. K. Felstead should have known better than to have coined such a term.—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

Tottenham, N.15.

YOUNGEST BAND TO RING SURPRISE ROYAL

Dear Sir,—With reference to the query in 'Belfry Gossip' regarding the average age of a band having rung a peal of Surprise Royal, members of the Leicester Diocesan Guild took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at the Bell Foundry Campanile, Loughborough, on September 30th, 1949, the average age of the band being 20 years 4 months.

Congratulations to the 'young band' who rang the peal at Wimborne, especially to the two who rang in the first peal of Surprise Royal.—Yours faithfully,

PETER J. STANIFORTH.

Leicester.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WANLIP

Dear Sir,—I have been waiting for more abler pens than mine to offer congratulations to the Wanlip (Leicestershire) ringers on their remarkable progress since their band was formed a year ago.

So far, this has gone without acknowledgment, so I beg to send through your paper my own humble praise.—Yours faithfully,

'ADMIRER.'

Barnard Castle.

IMBERHORNE, KIRKLINGTON, ALDRIDGE, UMBERSLADE

Dear Sir,—In reply to the query of Messrs. S. H. Hoare and J. R. Mayne, let me say that, in all the above methods, seconds place is made at the treble lead. 'Imberhorne' was published in Corrigan's Collection, Series II. (165 Unnamed Surprise Methods), as A. G. Driver's No. 1. But if this has been missed I will supply same in notation form. 'Imberhorne' 58-14-56-36-12-58-16-18. The false Course is 24365.

I would like to say how thoroughly I am in agreement with Mr. Mayne, that all methods should be published as soon as possible after being rung. There are now two methods to be published, not taking into account 'Hanslope.' These methods were rung in February, under the name of 'Deritend' and 'Digbeth.' Some people know one of these methods; some people know the other. But very few know both of them. Will you please let us have them to bring our records up to date.—Sincerely yours,

E. W. TIPLER.

47, Baker Street,
Lutterworth, Rugby.

Mr. W. Rogers also sent us 'Imberhorne' which was first rung on November 21st, 1953, conducted by Frank H. Hicks.—Ed.

BEWARE OF THE VERBAL TWIST

Dear Sir,—A parallel to Bob Triples is surely Canterbury Pleasure Major?—always recognised by the Central Council (until a few years ago) as a perfectly legitimate method, from which several true peals have been composed, and rung by some of the leading peal ringers in this country (I see Mr. Herbert E. Audsley's 1,000 includes three) including Central Council members themselves: the same method, be it remembered, is still recognised on five bells!

To those who are very fond of saying, 'The Council doesn't dictate and tell ringers they have not to ring these methods, that they merely say they won't recognise them,' I am reminded of a story told by the Vicar of Castor, near Peterborough, at a ringing meeting: 'A certain king, because a fortune teller told him that all his relatives were going to die before him and leave him a lone man, had the teller locked up in prison. Later, a second teller told the same story, only using different words, saying that he would outlive all his relatives, to which the king smiled and did not lock this second teller in prison.' I am also reminded of 'the man who refused to call a spade a spade, but said he would recognise it as an agricultural implement.' Let ringers bear these points in mind when they hear it said that 'the Central Council doesn't say they shall not ring Bob Triples, Canterbury Pleasure, etc., etc., that they only say they won't recognise it,' and not be gulled or misguided by this verbal twist of words simply to 'get round' the issue.

As one interested in the welfare of five-bell towers, I feel, as I know a number of other five-bell conductors do, that far too much interference comes from those not interested in our welfare. And with the speaker at Southwell, I agree that if 120 changes could be produced, though they include a bob of one and a single or plain lead of another, these should be accepted! Many of these are given saints' names: St. Giles, St. Peter, St. Matthew, St. Leonard, etc., upon whose days a peal is far more likely to appeal to the clergy than someone wanting to ring a peal of Cambridge for their own birthday, or for the mere sake of just another peal!

The Central Council should be helpful, and not try to dictate or become bureaucratic. Be it also remembered that some of those methods it now says it won't recognise, the Council itself got out and published in its 1931 Collection of Doubles and Minor Methods.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell,
Northants.

BELLS (?) AT WEYMOUTH

Dear Sir,—My thanks to the correspondents who have enlightened me regarding the bells removed from Christ Church, Melcombe Regis, to Lincoln; so they are gongs.

The Vicar of St. Andrew's, Lincoln, who chides me for not finding the entry in 'Dove,' does not say that I should look under 'M' instead of 'W.'

I know, of course, of the rings at Wyke Regis, Upwey and Preston, but the Sarum Diocesan Directory lists these parishes under their proper names. Whatever the civil boundaries of the borough may be, it would appear that, ecclesiastically, they are not in Weymouth, and the meticulous compiler of the 'Bellringer's Guide' is correct in omitting the name of this delightful seaside resort from his book.—Yours sincerely,

E. G. CAPLE.

Springe, Lower Saxony.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Mr. R. S. F. Murphy

The finals of the striking contests to decide the destination of the all-Ireland trophy, the Murphy Cup, was held on the bells of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, on May 14th. The cup was won by Mt. St. Alphonsus', Limerick, with 34 faults. St. Peter's, Drogheda, were second, with 54 faults; and Hillsborough third, with 105 faults. The judges were Messrs. A. Bakker, F. Bogan and H. Brown. The acting Ringing Master was Mr. W. E. Lynch.

The cup was presented to the winners by the donor, Mr. Robert S. F. Murphy, P.C., amidst popular applause. Mr. Brown (judge), in making his report, commented favourably on the 'open-hand stroke' lead, which was very pronounced, also the rhythm of the winners, which would be very difficult to beat.

A presentation was made to Mr. R. S. F. Murphy from the members in recognition of his long and valued services to bell-ringing in Ireland. Mr. W. Pratt (president) in making the presentation, which was a suitably engraved silver cigarette box, said Mr. Murphy, perhaps more than any other man, had done much to improve ringing in Ireland and also the attendances at Sunday services. He was also responsible for the inauguration of the Bell Restoration Fund.

Mr. Murphy, who is now in his 83rd year, in thanking the members, recalled his ringing career since the days in 1890 when he used to ring at St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny, until he arrived in Dublin in 1900 and joined St. Patrick's Cathedral band. He then had associations with Lord Chief Justice R. R. Cherry, Gabriel Lindoff, J. W. Washbrook and other well-known Irish ringers.

The annual Executive Council meeting was held the same day. It was decided to send a strong invitation to the Central Council to hold its meeting in Ireland in 1958. The Southern District's delegates said they hoped the councillors would visit their District. The Northern delegates said they had a claim, too. It was, however, suggested that tours should be arranged to include all Districts.

The Association's representatives on the Central Council were given a free hand to vote as their consciences told them in connection with the Plain Bob Triples motions at Bristol.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, William Pratt (Holywood); Ringing Master and librarian, Robert S. F. Murphy (Dublin); general secretary, Fred E. Dukes, M.I.E.E., Meadow Cottage, Julianstown, Co. Meath; auditors, W. E. Bovenizer and R. W. Smyth; badge secretary, John T. Dunwoody, 11, Church Avenue, Holywood; 'Irish Bell News' Editorial Committee, F. E. Dukes (editor), Miss J. Stewart, Mrs. Dukes and G. Bingham.

Mr. David Benson, who has been a ringer at Mt. St. Alphonsus', Limerick, for over 50 years, and Mrs. R. Adamson (Belfast), who had presented a cup to the Northern District for change ringing, were elected life members.

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OUTINGS

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS

This year's outing, arranged and conducted by Mr. W. Midwinter, held on May 7th, was a visit to Derby and its outskirts. Before reaching Derby ringing was enjoyed at St. Mary's, Eastwood (8, 19 cwt.), St. Lawrence's, Heanor (8, 15¼ cwt.) and St. Alkmund's, Duffield (10, 17¼ cwt.). At the last named, famous home tower of Sir A. P. Heywood, the spliced method of the day, Duffield Major, was rung.

The programme at Derby included visits to the Cathedral (10, 19 cwt.), St. Peter's (8, 11¼ cwt.), St. Andrew's (10, 18 cwt.) and St. Luke's (8, 30 cwt.). The unusual features of St. Luke's Church, a magnificent building with a fine ring of bells, were explained by the Vicar.

A tired party reached St. Werburgh's, Spondon (6, 10 cwt.). The ringing room bore signs of disuse, and it was impossible to ring the third bell. During the day 382 steps were climbed and descended and methods included Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Caters, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise Major.

Thanks are due to incumbents and ringers who met the party and also to the organiser.

CYCLING OUTING IN NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE

On April 26th a small but determined band consisting of members of Bedford's two public schools met at Meppershall, Beds, where ringing on the five began the day's programme soon after 9 a.m. Then after an easy ride to Hitchin we rang at St. Ippolyts, with its nice 'lazy' six. Cambridge was rung with the assistance of Mr. Derek Jones, who joined us there. The tone of the fine octave at Stevenage was much admired.

After lunch various methods were tapped on the light six at Wymondley. At Graveley various Doubles methods were rung an another light six as well as the customary course of Cambridge. The five at Weston were put to good use, several of us ringing our first course of Erin. At Baldock we were able to ring Grandsire and Bob Major on the eight, and Cambridge on the back six. We decided that it must have been fatigue which prevented us from doing justice to the pretty little eight at Norton. Thanks were passed to all incumbents and local ringers, also to the two organisers, Messrs. Pattison and Stoughton. S. J. I.

Essex Association

Miss H. G. Snowden not only acted as organist, but as district ringing master presided at the business meeting of the Northern District held at Witham on May 7th and attended by 55 members.

Mr. R. C. Heazel called attention to the forthcoming Chelmsford Cathedral Festival and to the weekend ringing course at Thaxted. Three new members were elected and Gestingthorpe selected for the next meeting in August.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Witham, who conducted the service and all who had worked hard to make the meeting a success.

PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I wish to withdraw the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry on March 30th. The composition, a 5,088, by Nolan Golden, published on page 105 of the Essex Association Annual Report for 1953 is false. The second lead of the 13th course is false against the end of the first lead of the 19th course.

No doubt the Essex Association will take appropriate action concerning this composition and also the peal of Yorkshire rung at Writtle on November 21st, 1953.—Yours faithfully,

South Wigston. BRIAN G. WARWICK.

BECCLES CHIMES

The clock chimes of Beccles are the cause of a local controversy. A visitor to the town who stayed at the King's Head Hotel wrote to the Town Clerk complaining of his inability to sleep owing to the striking of the church clock throughout the night. As a result he had been obliged to cancel his arrangements to stay at the hotel over the week-end.

The complaint was considered by a committee of the Council and they were informed that in order to stop the striking of the clock during the night and restart it in the morning it would be necessary for the clock contractor to attend to it every morning in addition to his regular evening visit to wind it. The clock is over 260 years old. The committee recommended that no action be taken.

The landlord of the King's Head Hotel told the East Anglian 'Daily Times' that he received many complaints.

The stopping of the chimes at night would cost Beccles Town Council another £2 a week, which was the equivalent of over a halfpenny rate.

Yachtsmen and boat owners on the Waveney set their watches by the chimes. A 78-year-old lady, writing in praise of the bells, states: 'When I was a small child my home was in Beccles, and my mother used to open my window when I went to bed for me to hear the church chimes and beautiful bells—as I loved them so much—and, holding my hand she used to sing the following verse:—

Those evening bells, those evening bells,
How many a tale their music tells;
Of youth and home, and that sweet time.
When first I heard their tuneful chime;
And so it will be when I am gone,
Those lovely bells will still ring on;
And other bards will walk these dells,
And sing your praise, sweet evening bells.'

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

First Visit to Haynes

The first meeting of the Bedford District ever to be held at St. Mary's, Haynes, took place on May 7th. The five bells in this tower were rehung, retuned and two trebles added by Gillett and Johnston in 1953 and have an eight cwt. tenor. Sad to relate, these bells have only been rung three times previously, and in consequence the wide range of methods rung were nearly all the first on the bells.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Cox) and was noteworthy for some really exceptionally lusty and spirited singing by the choir! Tea was taken in the Church Hall, two miles away. An enormous and sumptuous meal was prepared by the ladies of the W.I. and church helpers, being kindly given free. The Belfry Repair Fund will probably benefit by the tea money collection.

Seven new members were elected. Keysoe was chosen for the July meeting, with Mr. G. Seth as Ringing Master, Mr. Roy Ward to fill that post at Willington in June.

Mr. Bryan Pattison announced that Mr. William Stapleton, tower captain at St. Peter's, Bedford, had been forced to retire owing to ill-health, and was soon going into hospital for an operation. He said Mr. Stapleton's retirement would be a great loss not only to St. Peter's and his close friends but to the whole Association. He was the foremost conductor in his time, certainly in the county and Association if not in East Anglia. He had been ringing for over 50 years and was connected with the enterprising St. Peter's company of the 1920's, who rang many multi-method Minor peals.

The secretary was instructed to send a letter from the meeting thanking Mr. Stapleton and wishing him a sound recovery. P. J. S.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On May 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor (600 of Childwall and St. Clement's and 720 of Thelwall and Double Oxford): W. H. Trueman 1, J. Vincent 2, Yolande Wilkins 3, B. Shepherd 4, J. E. Manners 5, B. Bladon (cond.) 6.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.—On April 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Morris 1, P. Wilson 2, F. Godden 3, W. Absolom 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Fulker 6.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On May 15th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. Bower 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, Miss J. Spurgin 3, Miss E. Cansdale 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, S. T. Hume 6, D. L. Mills (cond.) 7, L. D. Mills 8. First in method for 1 and 6. Rung for the Rogationtide procession by an all-local band.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On May 15th, 1,316 Minor (96 London Surprise, 180 St. Clement's, 180 Double Court, 240 Cambridge Surprise, 240 Kent, 240 Oxford, 180 Plain Bob): S. W. Bigmore 1, G. M. Rouse 2, E. Deacon 3, K. Everett 4, A. T. M. Perry 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On May 12th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss A. Laycock 1, Mrs. H. Schofield 2, R. E. Moulds 3, H. Schofield 4, A. E. Marsh 5, R. Bettley-Cooke (cond.) 6, J. M. Thorley 7, V. Bottomley 8. First of Yorkshire for 1, 2 and 4. Also 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Dawson 1, S. Keighley 2, Miss A. Laycock 3, H. Schofield 4, V. Bottomley 5, R. E. Moulds 6, A. E. Marsh (cond.) 7, D. Thorp 8. First of Kent for 1 and 8.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, Miss P. Sullivan (first quarter Plain Bob 'inside') 3, E. G. Webb 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 6, W. W. Shorter 7. Rung for Evensong after meeting short for Grandsire Triples.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, All Saints and 300 Grandsire): E. Geeves 1, N. Line 2, R. Line (cond.) 3, A. C. Cozens 4, G. F. Roome 5.

CHERITON, KENT.—On May 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Rye 1, Miss V. Gooderidge 2, P. Westwood (first quarter in method) 3, Mrs. F. Lawrence 4, F. Lawrence 5, J. Walker 6, M. Stephens (first in method as cond.) 7, J. Chittenden 8. Rung on the occasion of the presentation of new Colours to the Buffs by King Frederik of Denmark.

CLIFTON-ON-DUNSMORE, WARWICKS. — On May 5th, 1,260 Doubles (900 Grandsire and 360 Plain Bob): Norma Dunkley (first quarter) 1, P. J. Barnett 2, June Dunkley 3, D. C. Cook 4, S. J. Merry (cond.) 5.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): J. Brinsen 1, B. Peters 2, R. Williams 3, K. Collier 4, F. S. Paramore (cond.) 5, C. Andrews 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss P. Breen, a ringing member at this tower, also the 1st birthday of Susan Mary Cox, the conductor's granddaughter.

CONSETT, CO. DURHAM.—On May 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. Foreman 1, Miss M. Wilson 2, W. Tyson 3, R. B. Skelton 4, R. Oliver 5, P. G. Draffan (cond.) 6. Rung for the thanksgiving service on the tenth anniversary of V.E. Day.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (600 St. Simon's, 660 Plain Bob): F. C. Arnold 1, F. C. Roper 2, F. Phillippo (cond.) 3, C. Catchpole 4, A. Cook 5. Rung for morning service.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On May 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): G. Hurrell 1, F. Hurrell 2, B. Aldridge 3, G. Daynes 4, I. Oram (first in method) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Hurrell 7, J. Dafters (cond.) 8. Rung on the eve of Southwark Diocesan Jubilee.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On May 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Crook 1, W. Bowers 2, J. Sharpe 3, D. Reeve 4, H. Fuller 5, J. Harris 6, G. Peck 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. G. Napier, Rector. Also on May 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Peck 1, D. Reeve 2, J. Sharpe 3, W. Paul 4, W. Bowers 5, H. Fuller 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. S. Atkins, captain of the band.

GOODNESTONE, KENT.—On May 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Westwood 1, Mrs. F. Lawrence 2, F. Rye 3, F. Lawrence 4, P. Rye 5, M. Stephens (first of Surprise Minor as cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise by all except conductor.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Minor (360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Double Oxford and 180 Plain Bob): G. Shellard 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, C. Rigby 3, A. A. Booth 4, G. G. Mansfield 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2 and 5.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Saunders 1, W. J. Chester 2, H. Cleaver (first quarter) 3, M. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 15th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. L. Nicholls 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, G. Perkins 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Rogation Sunday morning service.

HEYDOUR, LINCS.—On April 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. W. Pinchbeck 1, F. W. Pinchbeck 2, B. Hunt 3, R. Stephenson 4, R. Read 5, B. Buttery 6, D. Frith (cond.) 7, P. Hill (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples by all except 2 and 7.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on May 1st, 1,440 Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung before morning service. Also at All Saints' Church, on May 9th, 1,440 Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, H. S. Peacock 2, Miss B. Spicer 3, J. R. G. Spicer 4, G. D. Whitehead 5, S. Gilbert 6. Rung on the eve and for the arrival of the Judge of Assize.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer M. Southerden (first quarter) 1, Margaret H. Twidale 2, Ruth A. Carey (cond.) 3, Patricia A. M. Forster 4, A. J. Hicks 5, R. J. Hicks 6. Rung for Evensong on Rogation Sunday.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Adams 1, W. Fern 2, H. Mair (first quarter as cond.) 3, C. Bennet 4, M. Harding 5, L. Busby 6. Rung for Evensong.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's Church, on May 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester (first quarter) 1, Miss A. E. J. Lester 2, R. W. Steward 3, J. J. Prentice 4, M. P. Page 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6. First 'inside' 2 and 4. Rung for Evensong.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Francis (cond.) 1, Miss M. Lucas 2, Miss V. Phillips 3, Miss J. Burroughs 4, M. Richardson 5. First quarter 'inside' for 2 and 3.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On May 8th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: H. King 1, L. Pierce 2, L. Sharpe 3, K. G. Brown (cond.) 4, E. Bishop 5. Also on May 15th, 1,260 St. Simon's Bob Doubles: L. Sharpe 1, L. Pierce 2, H. King 3, E. Bishop 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5. A 21st birthday compliment for Mrs. Parsons.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On May 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, T. H. Taffender 2, F. P. Mead 3, A. E. Hoare 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, J. Hales 6, C. W. Ottley 7, J. A. Hales 8.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. J. Stevens 1, Miss P. M. Stevens 2, Miss J. L. Taylor (first of Minor 'inside') 3, D. Sweet 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, C. J. Stevens 6.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, E. Morris 6. Rung half-muffled in respect and memory of the elder son of the Rt. Rev. Bishop R. O. Hall, of Hong-King (whose home is in Lewknor), killed whilst motor-cycling between Oxford and Bicester on May 6th.

LUTON, BEDS.—On May 15th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: R. Grinter (first quarter) 1, June Gladman 2, L. A. Goodenough 3, Enid Preston 4, J. Scott 5, A. J. Smith 6, H. Wood 7, A. E. Rushton (cond.) 8, R. Kendall 9, H. R. C. Mann 10. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On April 24th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Miss B. Dilks (first quarter) 1, K. Burdett 2, J. Wardle 3, B. Bown 4, M. D. Nixon 5, B. Beniston (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong, and the golden weddings of Mr. T. Wakefield and Mr. H. Dilks, choristers and also bellringers, and their wives.

MAULDEN, BEDS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Kirby 1, A. C. Sinfield 2, M. Sinfield 3, M. J. Lockey 4, R. J. Sharp (cond.) 5, A. Murphy 6, C. Mann 7, S. Sharp (75) 8. A farewell to C. Mann, who is leaving to take up his National Service duties.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On May 1st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, Mrs. R. E. Manton (first on ten) 1, H. Aley 2, Mrs. P. A. Corby 3, F. J. Stimson 4, T. Templeton 5, R. E. Manton 6, F. Shepherd 7, J. Day (first on ten) 8, P. A. Corby (cond.) 9, H. Clayton 10. Also on May 8th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Cynthia Pollard (first quarter on ten) 1, R. E. Manton 2, Mrs. P. A. Corby 3, H. Aley 4, F. J. Stimson 5, T. Templeton 6, F. Shepherd 7, H. Clayton 8, P. A. Corby (cond.) 9, J. Day 10.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.—On May 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Hawkins 1, P. J. Rye 2, J. M. Stephens 3, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 4, J. F. Penfold 5, F. W. Lawrence (first of Minor as cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Gray and Miss A. Devonshire, of the Dover band, on the announcement of their engagement.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.—On May 6th, 1,360 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 760 Grandsire): B. Cope 1, B. Coles 2, F. Crosier 2, B. Butler 4, L. Toseland (cond.) 5.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.—On May 8th, 1,410 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 1,170 Grandsire): H. Kingston 1, D. Wright (first as cond.) 2, R. Andrews 3, H. Hancock (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. Ribbans (first in two methods) 5, A. Twiddle 6. In celebration of the 10th anniversary of V.E. Day. Also on May 11th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Bob, 540 Grandsire): K. Jones 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, D. Pollard 6.

OXFORD.—On May 15th, at the Church of St. Thomas, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss E. M. T. Powell (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Oakshott (first of Minor) 2, M. H. R. Glover 3, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 4, D. A. Edwards 5, G. F. Jenkins 6. Also on May 15th, at New College, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. M. Eaton 1, D. Hodgson 2, M. H. R. Glover 3, G. F. Jenkins 4, G. Harper 5, D. A. Edwards 6, D. H. Niblett 7, P. R. Sanders 8, W. H. Jackson (first on ten as cond.) 9, D. Manning 10. First on ten bells for 1, 2, 3, 5, 8 and 10.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On May 13th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Reverse Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): H. Smart 1, Mrs. A. Morgan 2, H. Green 3, M. Williams 4, L. J. Malings (cond.) 5, T. Charley 6. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the new trebles.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.—On April 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Margaret Rowe 1, G. E. Watson (cond.) 2, C. Loke 3, H. Baxter 4, B. Handry 5, J. King 6, P. J. Chapman 7, B. Austin 8. First in the method for 1, 3 and 5.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Doubles (430 Plain Bob, 480 Old, 240 April Day and 60 Grandsire): H. Paul 1, A. Thornton 2, E. M. Bradley 3, J. Potts 4, A. Sheppard (cond.) 5, D. Ruckledge 6. Rung for Evensong on the tenth anniversary of V.E. Day.

STEEPLE CLAYDON, BUCKS.—On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Hodges 1, A. Hodges 2, V. G. Phillips (cond.) 3, José Bassett (first quarter) 4, F. W. Thorpe 5, J. Gascoigne 6. Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to Miss Jose Bassett.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. K. Brady (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, C. F. Neal 8. With compliments to John Hales on his 18th birthday.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLX.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): H. W. Impey (cond.) 1, V. J. Mitchell 2, Miss A. Ing (first 'inside') 3, P. Phillip 4, J. Shepherd 5, F. Bedford 6, R. Harris 7, J. Ing 8. Rung for Evensong. First quarter peal rung by an all Sunday service band since the re-dedication of the bells in December, 1952.

WALSALL, STAFFS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss J. Fisher 1, G. W. Hughes 2, Miss R. Smith 3, J. S. Eastwood 4, A. Botterill 5, A. T. Dutton 6. Rung for V.E. Day anniversary.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On May 15th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: W. Langlen 1, W. Belcher 2, B. Lunn 3, —, Selwyn 4, W. Rawlings 5, J. Chilcott 6, J. Phillips 7, J. Phillips (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On May 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, F. W. Attewell 3, G. F. Roome 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Fred Fisher, a respected member of Weston Favell Church, interred this day.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Lewis (first quarter) 1, E. D. Overend 2, W. J. Phippen 3, D. Robertson (first quarter 'inside') 4, E. E. Bray (cond.) 5, H. Vennell 6. Rung after the service of induction of the Rev. A. F. Dobbie-Bateman.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Wilkinson 1, Mrs. Devenish 2, M. Sinden 3, J. Tomsett 4, P. Devenish (first as cond.) 5, A. Bishop 6. Rung for the Diocesan Jubilee.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOMERSET.—On May 9th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Kent 1, G. Marchant (15) 2, D. Miller (18) 3, M. Stone (17) 4, C. Clarke 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First of Treble Bob by 2, 3 and 4, and as conductor. First of Minor on the bells.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On April 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen Macbeth (first quarter) 1, B. Gibbons 2, E. Leggett (cond.) 3, A. Cansdale 4, Evelyn Cansdale 5, J. C. Macbeth 6.

YATESBURY, WILTS.—On May 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: P. D. Booth 1, Miss V. Preston 2, F. Preston 3, D. H. Kingston (cond.) 4, C. J. H. Brown 5. Rung as a compliment to P. D. Booth, R.A.F., who is leaving the district.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Quality of Peals High

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held in the Chapter House on April 30th. Evensong was attended at the Cathedral.

The Master (Mr. J. A. Freeman), in his report, stated that the total of peals rung during 1954 was 106, ten less than in the previous year. There had been a decline in recent years but he found no cause for alarm as the quality of peals had been high. The first peals ever of Oakham Surprise Royal and Evington Surprise Major and the first of Whitwick Surprise Major for the Guild were rung.

'The outstanding peal, in my opinion, was Spliced Surprise Major in 32 methods, conducted by John Freeman.' This peal contained the greatest number of Surprise Major methods yet rung in a peal for the Guild. By ringing in this peal Miss Betty Brown achieved the distinction of scoring a peal in more Surprise Major methods than any other lady ringer to date.

During the year the bells of Norton Disney were recast and augmented to six.

The Northern Branch reported membership steady at 301, compared with 300 last year. A membership of over 100 was reported by the Eastern Branch and 141 by the Elloe Deaneries Branch. The Southern Branch had been well attended with some very good ringing at meetings.

The Guild account showed a balance in hand of £24 7s. 9½d. Balances of Branches were: Northern £39 1s. 8d.; Southern £21 17s. 10d.; Eastern £22 4s. 6d. and £9 3s. 3d. in the Belfry Repair Fund; Elloe Deaneries £44 19s. 8d. and £50 3s. 10d. in the Belfry Repair Fund.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected, viz.:—Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. Bray; hon. peal secretary, Mr. G. E. Feirn; hon. auditors, Messrs. C. Brown and W. Tomlinson.

SEVERN TUNNEL OUTING

On May 14th ringers and relatives from Yatton, Chew Magna, Kewstoke, Keynsham, Kingston Seymour, Locking, Wembdon and Worle joined in an outing well and carefully organised by Mr. H. Price, of Yatton.

Picking up en route from Weston-super-Mare, our party travelled by train via the Severn Tunnel to Cardiff, where we were met at St. John's by Mr. S. Barker and the Master of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, Mr. Fred Bailey. This tower has a wonderful view from the top as well as a grand ring of ten.

By coach then to Llandaff Cathedral, where during restoration the spire is being dismantled and the stones placed in order on the floor inside. A sandwich lunch preceded ringing, when the two trebles, hung above the rest, were found tricky.

The literally coal-black river was followed up to Pontypridd. Slow ringing at first on the light eight, but a lively touch of Grandsire concluded the ringing here and received praiseworthy comment. High tea at the New Inn Hotel was had before going on to Caerphilly, with its moated castle. In the fairly modern church we found a beautifully laid out 'Easter Garden.' The tower contains a pleasing light eight.

Finally to St. Woolos' Cathedral, Newport, where the Dean came into the ringing room to give us a friendly welcome. Ringing included a fairly good course each of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques, being the first changes on 12 by some, and the first of Stedman Cinques by seven of the band who stood in. A good fall of all 12 bells ended the ringing.

R. D. S.

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BIRTH

UPTON.—On May 12th, 1955, at the Shrubbery Maternity Home, Basingstoke, to Olive June (nee Osler) and Dennis, a son (Michael Richard). 6392

DEATH

FISHER.—On May 21st, 1955, at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, Frank Leslie, of Ufford, devoted husband of Frances and only brother of Charles, after a long and painful illness borne with courage and fortitude. 6411

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MISCELLANEOUS

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (close to Colliers Wood Underground Station). — Commencing June 7th, practice night will be Tuesday. All visitors welcome. Ringing times: Sunday 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Tuesday 7.15 p.m. 6393

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Berrow, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec. 6400

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Derby District.—Monthly meeting, Shardlow, Saturday, May 28th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5, p.m. Please note change of programme: June now to read Ilkeston, and joint meeting with Midland Counties Guild, at Melbourne, on August 27th.—M. Bailey. 6376

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Misson (6), May 28th, at 2.30. Names for tea to Mrs. Young, The White Horse, Misson, Notts. A better attendance, please, this time.—F. Jackson, Sec. 6381

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD.—Meeting on May 28th at Wadhurst, Sussex, when it is hoped to dedicate the new trebles to the recently rehung and retuned six. Service 2.45. Tea 5. in the Institute. Everyone welcome. 6327

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Guildford District) and LADIES' GUILD (Southern District). — Combined meeting at Puttenham, Saturday, May 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the Jolly Farmer 5 p.m. 6354

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting, Egerton May 28th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, May 28th, St. George's, Barkingside (8), two minutes Gants Hill (Central Line) 3.30-4.30. Tea, own arrangements. St. Margaret's, Barking (8), 6-8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6391

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Chenies (6), May 28th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 6384

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Mry 28th, Berwick St. John, 2.30. Tea 5. Broadchalke in evening.—Y. L. Eloie, Branch Sec. 6396

ELY ASSOCIATION—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Walpole St. Andrew, Whit-Monday, May 30th. Bells (6), 2.30 p.m. Service, 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6373

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual general meeting at Chelmford, Whit Monday, May 30th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. conducted by the Provost; address by Canon M. N. Lake, M.A., Vicar of Stansted Mountfitchet. Annual meeting to follow immediately after the service in the Chapter House. Bells available: Cathedral (13) 9.30 a.m.-11 a.m. and from 5 p.m.; 3 p.m.-6 p.m., Galleywood (8), Great Baddow (8), Widford (8), Writtle (8), Danbury (6), Sandon (6); from 6 p.m., Boreham (8), Great Waltham (8), Broomfield (6), Little Waltham (6), Springfield (6). Light refreshments available at popular prices in the Cathedral Hall from 10 a.m. to 10.45 a.m. Lunch 1.30 p.m. (cost to members 4s., non-members 5s.). Tea, served as a running buffet, from 4.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (cost 1s. 6d.).—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch, Essex. 6316

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Annual Festival at Exmouth, Whit Monday, May 30th. Service Holy Trinity Church 12.15 p.m. Luncheon, Forte's Channel View Cafe (next the Pavilion on the sea front) 1.15 p.m.; prepaid tickets 5s. each. Bells: Littleham (8) and Withycombe Raleigh (8) 10-11.45 a.m. and after the meeting. 6305

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, June 4th. Ringing, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, S.W., 3.30. Business meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. There will be no meeting at Southwark Cathedral on Whit Tuesday, May 31st. 6410

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Wilton (8), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reid, George Street, Taunton. 6397

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Monthly meeting at Willington (6), Saturday, June 4th. Usual arrangements commencing 2.45. Rounds to special methods: Thelwall, Childwall, Norwich and Westminster Surprise. Everyone welcome. Catch Biggleswade bus.—Peter Shipton, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6399

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Joint meeting of Northern and Southern Districts at Alcester 3-4 p.m., and Salford Priors 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, June 4th. Tea at Alcester.—H. M. Windsor. 6402

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at St. James' Church, Benwell, on Saturday, June 4th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by May 31st, to Mr. R. S. Mallabourne, 8, Fergusons Lane, Newcastle 5. 6409

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Staindrop, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, by June 2nd, please, to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Middlesbrough. 6421

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, June 4th, Chippenham (6), 3 to 4.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Fordham Crown. Fordham (6) after tea. —R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 6386

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western. — Meeting, Havering-atte-Bower, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Goodwin, Lydstep, Havering Road, Havering-atte-Bower. 6388

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Saturday, June 4th, Abbott's Leigh (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Schoolroom. Meeting to follow. Please attend.—A. Bennett. 6412

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Send (6) on Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Red Cross Hut. Names, by June 1st, to S. Strudwick, Eskholm, Potter's Lane, Send.—R. Collins. 6382

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Abbots Langley (6) June 4th, 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Names for tea to K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec., 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley. 6417

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District—Combined meeting with the LADIES' GUILD at Biddenden (8), June 4th. Bells, 2.45 p.m. Service, 4.25 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. Frittenden (8) bells also available from 6.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. G. Payne, Curteis Cottage, 38, Headcorn Road, Biddenden, by Tuesday, May 31st. 6369

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, St. Peter's, Thanet, Saturday, June 4th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Service, 4.15 p.m. Tea, 2s. per head. Please notify Miss P. M. Taylor, St. Denys, 10, Dumpton Park Drive, Broadstairs, Kent, not later than Monday, May 30th, enclosing cash.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Sec. 6370

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Hever, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Service, 5.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 3d.), 6 p.m. Names for tea, with cash please, by Wednesday, June 1st, to Miss Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 6374

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Aylestone (8), Leicester, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Aylestone Boathouse. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, June 1st, to Miss J. M. Simpson, 9, Woodgon Road, Anstey, Leicester. All ringers and friends welcome. 6403

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Annual meeting at St. James', Bulkington, near Nuneaton, June 4th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, May 31st, to Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall, Staffs. 6419

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Blackburn, June 4th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 6390

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting, Pulham St. Mary, June 4th. Bells (8), 2.30 p.m. Service, 4.15 p.m. Preacher, the new president, Rev. H. G. Lillingston. Tea, 5 p.m., followed by meeting. Names for tea to Mr. E. Whiting, 25, Council Houses, Pulham St. Mary, Diss, Norfolk, by May 30th. Pulham Market bells (8), evening.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 6380

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Compton (6), June 4th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. East Ilsley (8) available after tea. Names by Wednesday, June 1st, to J. Butler, Westfield, Compton, Newbury. 6372

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — North Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Shenley, Saturday, June 4th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Service, 3.30 p.m. Address by the Bishop of Oxford. Names for tea, please, by May 30th. A good attendance desired.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 6368

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Twyford on June 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Ringing at Twyford and Wargrave after tea. Notify for tea by May 31st.—B. C. Castle, The Briars, Westfield Road, Winnersh, Wokingham. 6398

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Naseby, June 4th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous.—W. J. Kinchin, Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 6424

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Meeting, Aldbourne, Saturday, June 4th. Names by May 31st.—T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 6406

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Cup contest at Old Whittington, June 4th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 2nd, to Mr. G. Newman, 54, Brearley Avenue, New Whittington, Chesterfield.—J. Seager, Sec. 6420

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Meopham, Kent, Saturday, June 4th. (Train from Victoria.) Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Cricketers' Inn, 5.15 p.m. Wrotham bells (8) available after tea (6.30 p.m. bus from Meopham). Names for tea by Tuesday, May 31st, without fail, please.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 6361

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Melton District).—Joint meeting, Nottingham, June 4th, St. Mary's bells (10), 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. St. Peter's (10), after 6 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at St. Mary's Institute. Names by previous Tuesday to Mr W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford.—C. W. Towers and J. H. Cook. 6365

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, East Grinstead (8), Saturday, June 4th. Ringing 3.30. Service 4 o'clock. Names for tea, by June 2nd, to Mrs. E. Rapley, Hon. Div. Sec., 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 6404

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Practice meeting at St. Kea on Saturday, June 4th. at 7 p.m.—D. Burnett. 6389

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Tichborne, June 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Riverside Farm. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Sparsholt, Winchester. 6405

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bidford-on-Avon (8), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. Names for tea by June 1st.—W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham, Worcs. 6408

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, King's Norton (10), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. Service, 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names for tea by June 1st, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 6367

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual Shield Six-Bell Contest, at Ossett, June 11th. Entrance fee, 10s. All entries to reach me not later than June 4th. Names for tea to reach Mr. F. Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett, not later than June 4th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, Nr. Barnsley. 6380

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 11th, St. Mellons. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and important business. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 6387

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex District. — Meeting at All Saints', Hastings, on June 11th. An attempt to form a section in this area. Details later. All ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited.—B. Percy. 6407

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Great Carlton (5), June 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing after the meeting at Louth (8). Names for tea, by June 7th, to Mr. A. Holmes, Great Carlton, Louth, Lincs. 6401

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Quarterly meeting, Caythorpe (8), June 11th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 6415

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Weedon, Saturday, June 11th. Names for tea, by Saturday, June 4th, to Mr. V. Perry, The Yews, Weedon, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 6416

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Welshpool June 11th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea to E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Shrewsbury. 6422

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Ringing at All Saints', Inveraray (10 bells), after lunch on Saturday, June 11th. All visitors very welcome. For those making own transport arrangements the service bus leaves Broomielaw Bus Station, Glasgow, at 9 a.m. 6425

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting and Bawtry (6), Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. start. Names for tea, by 7th, to Mr. A. Wilson, Shady Nook, Doncaster Road, Bawtry, Doncaster.—H. Denman. 6414

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Corporate Communion at Midsomer Norton, Sunday, June 12th. Bells 7 a.m. Service 8. Names for breakfast essential to E. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton. 6395

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, Saturday, July 2nd. Details of bells available will be published shortly. The Central District is organising transport from London. Members and friends interested please write for details to Mrs. T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield. 6413

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Advance notice. The Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, 1955, at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds. Tickets, price 11s. 6d. each, now available from A. E. Marsh, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey, Leeds. 6384

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX

The recently recast octave at St. Peter's, Sowerby, were put to good use at the meeting of the Archdeaconry of Halifax Guild, on May 7th, attended by 30 members.

Mr. C. J. Sutcliffe presided at the business meeting when it was announced that the Guild's official trip on Whit-Monday would not take place but a small party would probably visit Whitby on that day. The Vicar was thanked for making the Guild so welcome, and Mr. G. A. Briggs in reply said he would be delighted to give the collection, taken for tea, back to Guild funds.

Considerable discussion followed the suggestion by Mr. P. Birkett that a series of lectures and higher instruction be arranged. This would probably be followed up next winter. A good lower in peal at 9 p.m. concluded a successful meeting.

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THE SEEKERS

NOT too long ago someone wrote that one of the most interesting features of our art of ringing was the opportunity its votaries had to place numerous and varied offerings upon its altars. To this might be added in complement that bells and bell ringing offer remarkable fields of study both for the practical ringer and for the non-ringer, and that even a cursory examination of a bibliography reveals an astonishing variety of essay and excursus in the historical, mechanical, archæological and mathematical branches of this tremendous subject. It is, moreover, a significant fact, and one that the student of these matters will discover, that the study and investigation that have given us so much knowledge of bells and ringing have been by no means confined to the practical ringer. On the contrary it is probably true to say that the larger part of our bibliography has come from the pens of writers who have, either by inclination or through circumstances, never progressed very far in practical change ringing.

It is well at this point to remind ourselves that there is a goodly list of writers on the art who have performed prodigies both as expert change ringers and in their voluminous outpourings of written matter. Sir Arthur Heywood's writings, though not outstandingly large, were considerable, and Heywood was a good practical ringer, who for a time had a reasonably busy ringing career. Snowdon planned a series of books and wrote the nucleus of the collection in the midst of a short and busy life in the belfry. But the output of these excellent writers seems small compared with the seemingly endless flow of matter, technical, philosophical and historical that came from the pen of J. A. Trollope, and the tremendous essays of Ernest Morris, whose 'History and Art of Change Ringing' might, in itself, have occupied the best part of an ordinary ringer's spare time. And both these men have a large list of peals.

It may be said that most of the notable antiquarians were not great practical ringers. This does not mean that we belittle their work or that we can fail to recognise the value of their researches. To their earnest search for information, their enthusiasm in preserving records, and their influence in helping to save much that would have been destroyed—to these labours we owe a debt of gratitude. Without their efforts much valuable knowledge and possibly many a ring of bells would have been lost to us. Their work lay often in dark and dirty places, and was conducted in cramped and painful conditions, and we may well wonder at the patience and endurance that made long journeys and exhausting investigations possible. Raven and Ellacombe did little practical ringing, North was a cripple and could not even enter a belfry. To these men, to Walters and Tilley, and to other enthusiastic searchers, must be added the name of Frederick Sharpe, who is a great student and a fine practical ringer.

The mathematical field of change ringing holds for us numerous men who, while not standing in the front rank with their peal ringing feats, have performed notable, and even astonishing, performances with paper and figures. As typical examples, and interesting in comparison, we have W. H. Thompson, H. Earle Bulwer, J. W. Driver and A. J. Pitman. Thompson, of Cambridge University and the Bengal Civil Service, settled for us an important practical question, and proved beyond doubt that a peal of Grandsire Triples could not be obtained with common bobs only. Yet Thompson was not a ringer and, indeed, had little or no interest in ringing. Bulwer was buried, so to speak, away in the Eastern Counties, with little opportunity for ringing, but because of this very handicap he was able to confer on us the valuable results of his investigations into Stedman Triples.

More remarkable, perhaps, was the work of Mr. J. W. Driver, for he was not a ringer at all. His attempts to learn to manage a bell failed, and his interest, which began in the antiquarian field, was diverted to the theoretical and mathematical side of change ringing. Thus his contribution to the progress of spliced Minor ringing was most important and of far-reaching consequence. Mr. A. J. Pitman has indeed done more practical ringing than the three mentioned above, but his opportunities have been limited, and the ringing Exercise has, in consequence, benefited by his brilliant spliced Surprise Major compositions.

So we return to our first thought and the many and varied opportunities we have for service in this art. To some are given ten talents, to some five, and to some just one. But with the gift of the talents, however small or however large, surely there is, if we can only find it, the accompanying opportunity for the Exercise and increase of it. The history of bell ringing would seem to prove the point.

E. C. S.

TEN BELL PEALS

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt.

*John E. Brough	*Treble*	George A. Packer	6
John W. Griffiths	2	†Frederick S. Sutton	7
Percy Swindley	3	Howard Howell	8
Richard B. Langford	4	Arthur Pritchard	9
F. Hector Bennett	5	Ivor R. Nichols	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Pye. Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. † First peal of Surprise Royal 'inside.'
First peal of Royal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.
In memoriam Harry F. Holding, a ringer at this tower for 50 years.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

*June A. Creak	*Treble*	Charles W. Ottley	6
Thomas H. Taffender	2	Wilfrid G. Wilson	7
Arthur D. Barker	3	Thomas E. Davies	8
Charles A. Hughes	4	Harold W. Rogers	9
Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	5	Squire Croft	*Tenor*

Composed by George R. Fardon. Conducted by Arthur D. Barker.
* First peal.
Rung to celebrate the 90th birthday of Mr. E. Alexander Young, also as an 18th birthday compliment to Miss J. Creak.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5031 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.

*Mrs. C. McGuiness	*Treble*	†Thomas Cooke	6
Charles McGuiness	2	Denis A. Bayles	7
Kenneth Arthur	3	Edmund P. Crowdy	8
Frank G. Bloomfield	4	W. Norman Park	9
*Alan N. Brown	5	Roland Park	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Denis A. Bayles.
* First peal of Stedman Caters † First peal on ten.
Rung as a compliment to the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, Ald. R. S. Mould-Graham, at the conclusion of his year of office, during which he welcomed and entertained the Central Council to Newcastle.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

Frank Lord	*Treble*	C. Aubrey Harrison	5
Arthur W. Hoodless	2	Arthur Crowder	6
Norman Bell	3	George W. Moody	7
Ronald Chafer	4	Jack Bray	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Jack Bray.
First peal in the method on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., May 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

Harold J. Poole	*Treble*	Harold Marcon	5
John Oldham	2	John A. Acres	6
Mrs. H. J. Poole	3	Colin Harrison	7
Paul Lea Taylor	4	G. Ronald Edwards	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold J. Poole.
600th peal on the bells.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on May 15th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: W. S. Langdon 1, H. Belcher 2, B. K. Lunn 3, S. H. Dearden 4, W. Rawlings 5, J. Chilcott 6, James Phillips 7, John Phillips (cond.) 8.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars' Six-part. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Charles A. Bassett	*Treble*	Stanley G. Ponting	5
*Peter N. Bond	2	William A. Kitchenside	6
Ernest J. Ladd	3	Bernard V. Collison	7
Frederick J. Lambert	4	Roy Chandler	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Kitchenside.
* 100th peal.
Rung on St. Dunstan's Day.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5120 BELVEDERE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. Edward Lankester	*Treble*	John R. Mayne	5
Mary Lawrence	2	Alick Cutler	6
G. Edward Jeffries	3	Alfred J. House	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Richard F. B. Speed
The first peal in the method by all the band.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

Mrs. J. Thomas	*Treble*	Roger Savory	5
John Thomas	2	Gerald C. Hemming	6
Joseph D. Johnson	3	Joseph E. Newman	7
E. Trevor Newbury	4	Geoffrey J. Hemming	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Cross. Conducted by John Thomas.
First in the method on the bells. Mr. Roger Savory has now 'circled the tower' to a peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*Arthur V. Davis	*Treble*	*Michael J. Best	5
Mrs. C. H. Kippin	2	*Adrian Tumber	6
*Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3	Maurice J. Butler	7
*Daniel T. Matkin	4	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights. Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

*Reginald Rippingale	*Treble*	Jack H. Brett	5
†Robert E. Lester	2	Ralph Bird	6
Leslie D. Mills	3	‡Samuel J. Twitchett	7
‡Rosemary Seabrook	4	*Thomas Bird	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* 50th peal together. † 150th peal. ‡ 25th peal together. First in the method on the bells.

DRONFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

Alex Richardson	*Treble*	Dennis Cooper	5
Benjamin Barker	2	Francis R. Lowe	6
*Cyril Rusby	3	Mark Barker	7
William Lancaster	4	John E. Turley	*Tenor*

Composed by P. O. Bixbey. Conducted by John E. Turley.
* First peal on eight bells.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

*PERCY CROWE	*Treble*	‡REV. H. G. LILLINGSTON	5
†MRS. H. G. LILLINGSTON	2	JOHN R. SMITH	6
MRS. H. F. CARTER ..	3	WALTER C. MEDLER ..	7
HANBURY F. CARTER	4	KEITH CONSTABLE	*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal. † First peal on eight and first 'inside.' ‡ First peal on eight.
Rung for Ascension Day.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	5
*GEORGE N. ORMAN	2	GEOFFREY K. DODD	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	J MICHAEL LAKIN	7
†ALAN E. HARTLEY	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Arranged by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Poyner, mother of the ringer of the fifth. The average age of the above band is 20 years 6 months.

WHITTLESEY, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 19 cwt.

HERBERT GOAKES	*Treble*	TREVOR BEVIS	5
JAMES HAW	2	JOHN H. BLUFF	6
DR. C. WRIGHT	3	LAURIE HADMAN	7
GEORGE BUSH	4	WILLIAM BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. DAY. Conducted by JOHN H. BLUFF.
Rung in memory of Frank Warrington, Ringing Master, of Hunts District. First peal on the bells since restoration.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CLAY CROSS, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Notts District.)
On Tues., May 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

PHILLIP EASTLAND	*Treble*	*FRANK BRADLEY	4
DOREEN ARMSTRONG ..	2	SAM SCATTERGOOD	5
ARTHUR SMITHSON	3	GEORGE E. HANCOCK ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.
* 50th peal. First peal conducted by a lady for the Guild.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, who is leaving Clay Cross for Lancashire shortly.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., May 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	A. RAYMOND TONKS ..	4
E. CHARLES TURNER	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
WILLIAM T. GOADBY ..	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. W. A. Wood (General Secretary of the Guild) and Mrs. Wood.

WICKHAM-SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., May 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being extents each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

LESLIE W. FOSTER	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
BERT CHILVERS	2	RONALD W. STEWARD ..	5
GEORGE W. WATERMAN ..	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents, C.C.C. 77, 75, 80, 81, 76, 21, 20.
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

*SYLVIA STREATER	*Treble*	RAYMOND P. WOOD	4
HAROLD J. PESKETT ..	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
†BETTY MCKANE	3	HENRY C. WEAVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
A farewell peal to the Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Lunn, on his departure to Loxwood.

GREASLEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Chesterfield District.)
On Tues., May 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 960 changes of St. Bartholomew's, 600 St. Simon's, 600 St. Martin's, 960 Plain Bob, 960 April Day and 960 Grandsire.
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

J. PHILLIP EASTLAND ..	*Treble*	GEORGE E. HANCOCK ..	3
DOREEN ARMSTRONG ..	2	SAM SCATTERGOOD	4
FRANK BRADLEY ..	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.
First peal of Doubles in six methods by all.

AYLESBEARE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

SIDNEY SKINNER	*Treble*	JOHN H. GLANVILL	4
L. KENNETH DAWE	2	JOHN QUICK	5
WILFRED PANTER	3	NORMAN SKINNER	*Tenor*

Cnoducted by SIDNEY SKINNER.
First peal of Stedman Doubles for all.

BECKLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1955. *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp.

*MARGARET H. TWIDALE ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTTON	4
RUTH A. CAREY	2	ALAN J. HICKS	5
PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER..	3	ROBIN A. HODGSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN J. HICKS.
* First peal 'away' from a covering bell. First peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of the Ascension.

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QUARTER PEALS

ADELAIDE, S. AUSTRALIA.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter on April 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: G. Cox 1, F. N. Smeaton 2, Enid L. Roberts (cond.) 3, A. R. Lamphee 4, H. Cox 5, C. H. Bagot 6, P. L. Cooper 7, L. Holt 8.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela Law 1, Diana M. Gough 2, J. Sexton 3, D. H. Paine 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Beryl Reynolds 6. Rung for evensong.

ALVASTON, DERBYS.—On April 29th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: D. Jones 1, C. W. Morley (first quarter) 2, D. Shakespeare (first 'inside') 3, V. Horton 4, D. Walklate (cond.) 5.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On May 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Stacey 1, P. Flack (first of Major 'inside,' age 12), 2, P. Hutton 3, R. Castledine (cond.) 4, T. Holehouse 5, W. Collins 6, C. Harwood 7, J. Dear 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On May 21st, 1,299 Stedman Caters: R. Davies (cond.) 1, E. G. Talbot 2, G. P. T. Peters 3, A. J. Adams 4, C. J. Champion 5, P. Davis 6, W. F. Oatway 7, S. F. W. Kimber 8, D. E. Parsons 9, A. P. Cannon 10. First quarter of Stedman Caters for 5 and 6.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On May 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. P. Brown 1, Miss M. R. Andrews 2, Miss J. Cox (first of Stedman) 3, Miss D. M. Ward 4, E. A. Barnett 5, J. L. Morris 6, D. Beresford (cond.) 7, P. Beresford 8. Rung for matins and as a farewell to D. Beresford with the grateful appreciation of Bexley ringers for all the help he has given them. Also on May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Allen (first quarter) 1, Miss M. R. Andrews 2, Miss D. M. Ward 3, Miss J. Cox 4, J. L. Morris 5, P. P. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung for matins.

BREWOOD, STAFFS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. G. Hunt 1, G. W. Gibbs 2, R. W. Adams 3, R. Mowforth 4, R. G. W. Broughton 5, H. Wakelam 6, R. L. Hawksworth (first as cond.) 7, W. Allsopp 8. Rung half muffled in memoriam Mr. E. A. Whitehouse, father of one of Brewood ringers, whose funeral took place that day.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul, on May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Newberry 1, Isaac Emery 2, George Kite 3, P. J. Spice 4, David Martin 5, Ann Thoday (first quarter) 6, D. J. Kirby (first as cond.) 7, Brian Moss 8

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On May 19th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: R. Davies 1, S. Hume 2, Miss E. Cansdale 3, D. Mills (cond.) 4, C. Bower 5, Mrs. L. Mills 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. Rung for Ascension Day.

CAMBRIDGE.—On May 22nd, at the Church of St. Andrew the Great, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. D. Painter 1, G. C. Galley (first quarter 'inside') 2, J. D. L. Richards 3, C M. P. Johnson 4, B. J. Stafford 5. W. T. Cook (cond.) 6.

CEFN COED, BRECONS.—On May 21st, 1,260 Bob Doubles: M. Chappel (first quarter) 1, C A. Rowles (cond.) 2-3, T. Griffiths (first 'inside') 4, G. Gwenlan 5, D. Tamberlin 6. Rung in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the church hall.

CHELSEA, S.W.—On May 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. T. Bartlett (first of Major) 1, Miss J. M. R. Atkins 2, Miss V. E. Dupré 3, A. F. Udall 4, F. A. Ranson 5, F. P. Mead 6, C. M. Meyer 7, C. H. Wood (cond.) 8.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On May 14th, at the Church of St. Nicholas 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: M. A. Parry 1, J. L. Morris 2, I. H. Oram 3, E. J. Rowe 4, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 5, P. J. Spice 6, C. M. Smith 7, P. N. Bond 8

CLAPHAM COMMON.—On May 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7-6-8 covering): T. J. Farmer 1, Miss M. E. Powell 2, Miss J. Pilkington 3, Miss M. Fuller 4, C. S. Rew (cond.) 5, T. Creech 6. F. H. Gurney 7, P. Bratley 8. Rung for the first Communion of Angela, daughter of T. J. Farmer, also for the birth of a daughter, Elaine, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Bratley.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Williams 1, Miss E. M. Desponds 2, Miss D. Miller (first 'inside') 3, Miss J. Downing 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, Miss M. Draper 6. First quarter peal for 1. 4 and 6. A birthday compliment to Miss M. Draper.

COMBE MARTIN, N. DEVON.—On May 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Yeo 1. K. Walters 2, M. Parking 3, D. Jewell 4, P. Crook, Senr. (cond.) 5, A. Smallridge 6. A birthday compliment to the father of the fourth ringer.

COMPTON DANDO, SOMERSET.—On May 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Harvey 1, R. W. Treasure 2, J. Pocock 3, L. B. Coles 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. Bates 6. Rung for Ascension Day.

CRANFORD, MIDDLX.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Gwen Zanelli 1, Barbara Thrush 2, Geoffrey Thrush 3, D. Fowles 4, P. Woodgyer 5, B. Lunn (cond.) 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

CRESSWELL, DERBYS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. L. Lowe 1, M. Barker 2, J. E. Turley 3, D. Gebbett 4, M. Hatch 5, W. Lancaster 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, Rev. G. Gordon-Graham 8. First of Stedman by 4 and 5.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On May 22nd, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. G. Harrison 1, F. C. J. Arnold 2, J. B. Morley (cond.) 3, Betty Syrett 4, C. Catchpole 5, H. Moss 6, C. F. W. Phillippo 7, T. C. Ford 8. First in the method by all except 1 and 5. Rung for morning service.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Palmer 1, C. Parker 2, C. Deem 3, S. Skinner (cond.) 4, J. Quick 5, N. Skinner 6.

EAST WITTON, YORKSHIRE.—On May 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. Harris 1, Frances H. Killingley (first quarter) 2, Doris M. Killingley (cond.) 3, J. Hemstock 4, H. Parrish 5, M. P. Hammond 6.

EBBW VALE, MON.—On March 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Evans (first quarter) 1, B. Stephens 2, Miss D. Evans 3, T. Stephens 4, B. Werry (cond.) 5, A. Evans 6, J. Alsop 7, Mr. Jeynes 8. A farewell to the Curate, the Rev. W. F. Begley, on leaving for Richmond, Surrey.

EDENHAM, LINCS.—On April 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: David Stainsby 1, Miss V. E. Dupré 2, Miss K. M. H. Branson (first of Surprise Major) 3, W. A. Holmes 4, F. P. Mead 5, Derek Stainsby 6, C. M. Meyer 7, P. A. Corby (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise for 2 and 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On April 16th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss M. Kent 1, B. Aldridge 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, W. Rawlings 4, G. Daynes 5, E B. Crowden 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. Rung for the wedding of Mr. M. Parry and Miss E. E. Ward, who were married this day at St. Mary's, Woolwich; also a compliment to Mr. G. Daynes on completing 70 years of ringing.

EWELME, OXFORDSHIRE.—On May 19th, 1,260 Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire: W. Fulker 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, E. Morris 6. Rung half muffled in memoriam the Rev. W. J. Conybeare, Provost Emeritus of Southwell.

EXFORD, SOMERSET.—On May 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles.—A. G. Cook 1, Pamela M. Stevens 2, Barbara J. Stevens (first of Grandsire Doubles, age 14, as cond.) 3, C. J. Stevens 4, D. M. Bellamy 5, V. N. Burrow 6.

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Wright (first quarter) 1, N. H. Hewett 2, G. P. Cairns (first 'inside') 3, D. Dimond 4, K. Arthur (cond.) 5, T. Sewell 6, T. W. Crowe 7, G. S. Deas 8. Rung for Empire Youth Sunday service.

FULHAM, LONDON.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bell (first quarter) 1, Anne Garnett 2, Mrs. C. Watts 3, W. Langdon 4, J. Allsop 5, H. Belcher (cond.) 6, H. Page 7, W. Venn (first quarter) 8.

GLOUCESTER.—At the Cathedral on May 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. S. Hawkins 1, T. Newman 2, S. Harrison 3, W. Cox 4, J. Whiting 5, T. Boreham 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8. Rung for the visit of H.M. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, upon the 800th anniversary of the grant of a Charter to the City of Gloucester by Henry II.

GT. WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Netherseale, 720 Cambridge), F. W. Croft (cond.) 1, A. C. Harris 2, E. Winters 3, K. C. Timbury 4, J. Church 5, G. Cherry 6. Rung for Rogation Sunday.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.—On May 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. Brown 1, A. Catterwell 2, F. Claydon 3, L. W. Wiffen 4, H. G. Felton 5, V. S. Connell (first quarter in the method) 6, W. Arnold 7, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

HANBURY, STAFFS.—On May 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. J. Skinner 1, J. F. Murfin 2, C. Walklate 3, Miss V Horton 4, S. Walklate 5, D. Walklate (cond.) 6. An 18th birthday compliment to the conductor.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On May 22nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: L. Fidler 1, A. C. Harris 2, R Head (first in the method) 3, K. C. Timbury 4, J. Church 5, P. Mehew 6. D. P. Jones 7, C. M. Orme (first of Major as cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation Service. Also on May 22nd, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. V. Hare 1, L. Fidler 2, J. Church 3, P. Mehew 4, C. M. Orme (cond.) 5, P. P. Jones 6. Rung on the back six for evensong.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On May 20th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 240 April Day, 240 Reverse St. Bartholomew, 240 Plain Bob, 300 Grandsire): D. Pollard 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6. First quarter in five methods by all the band.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDX.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. Creak 1, Mrs. K. Parr 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, S. Croft 4, H. W. Rogers 5, F. D. Bishop 6, A. F. Thirst 7, T. F. V. Neal 8. Rung in memory of Mrs. K. Matthews.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—At St. Kentigern's Church on May 21st, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Shuttleworth 1, G. Tembey 2, J. Bagnall 3, F. Barnes 4. A. Capstick 5, J. E. Burles 6, J. W. Browrigg 7, S. Richardson 8. After a creditable failure at Stedman.

QUARTER PEALS

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (three extents of April Day, two of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, three of Plain Bob and two and a half of Grandsire): C. W. Linington 1, P. N. O. Robinson 2, P. C. Hollingdale 3, P. F. Romney 4, K. C. Knight (first as cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. First in four methods by 1, 2, 4 and 6. Rung for Empire Youth Sunday.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: D. Sweet 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, E. T. P. Field 3, F. J. White 4, E. V. Williams (cond. and first of Stedman Doubles) 5, C. Gratton 6. First of Stedman for 2, 4 and 6 and of Stedman Doubles for 5.

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Olave's, Hart Street, on May 21st, 3,520 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Graham McKay 1, Geoffrey Bryant 2, J. Michael Harrop 3, Peter P. Brown 4, Alan P. Cave 5, Alan F. Thirst 6, Richard E. Price 7, John R. Leeming (cond.) 8. Rung by the London University Society.

LONDON, S.E.—On May 22nd, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. Lewington 1, H. H. Fearn 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. A. Barron (cond.) 4, F. P. Mead 5, J. Hales 6, P. Border 7, C. W. Ottley 8. Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mr. E. Alexander Young.

MAPLEDURHAM, OXON.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. M. Baughan (first 'away' from tenor) 1, Miss M. E. Hart 2, R. K. Russ (cond.) 3, E. L. Baughan 4, A. K. Street 5, L. Fogg 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

MUCHELNEY, SOMERSET.—On Ascension Day. 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Union, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 60 of Grandsire): J. T. Locke 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, D. Sweet 3, F. T. Locke 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First in six methods for 1, 2 and 4 and believed to be the first on the bells.

NORTH PETHERTON, SOMERSET.—On May 13th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles.—D. Sweet 1, R. D. Short 2, M. J. Stone 3, D. Miller 4, E. T. P. Field (first of Stedman as cond.) 5, C. Clarke 6. First of Stedman for 1, 3 and 4 and of Stedman Doubles for 5. Believed to be the first of Stedman on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Doubles (240 St. Nicholas, 240 Winchendon Place Bob, 240 St. Martin's, 240 St. Simon's Bob, 240 Plain Bob and 60 Grandsire): Isobel Inman 1, John Knight 2, Margaret E L. Beamish (cond.) 3, Derek C. Jackson 4, Raymond E. Finch 5. M. V. White (first quarter) 6. First of Doubles in six methods by all. Rung on Commemoration Day by members of Southampton University Society.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Alan J Down 1, Colin C. Turner 2, Brian Pidgeon 3, Charles J. Turner (cond.) 4, Edward H. Marks 5, Preb. E. V. Cox 6, John Arbury 7, Robert T. Wood 8. Rung half muffled in memoriam Mr. H. H. Caite. a churchwarden for many years.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.—On May 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: R. J. H. Veysey (first quarter) 1, W. O. Wharton 2, J. M. Pemberton 3, A. Gorringe 4, E. T. Carvell 5, J. W. Evans 6, A. J. Martin (cond.) 7. W. F. Thomas 8. First in the method for 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8. To mark Mr. J. W. Evans' completion of 60 years' service as a ringer at this church. Also for the 60th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On May 22nd, 1,320 Doubles (three extents each of St Simon's and St Martin's and five of Plain Bob): B. W. Lake 1, R. Head 2, K. C. Timbury (first in three methods as cond.) 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft 5. Rung for Confirmation service.

POPLAR, LONDON, E.—At All Saints' Church on May 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. MacPhail 1, T. H. Taffender 2, M. D. Chamberlain 3. J. C. Taylor 4, N. G. Hollingsworth (first in method as cond.) 5, J. Hales 6, C. A. Hughes (first in method) 7, C. W. Ottley 8, E. D. Smith 9, L. W. Bullock (first in method 'inside') 10. First on 10 for 1, 3, 4 and 6. An 18th birthday compliment to J. Hales.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On May 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: P. Jackson (first quarter) 1, P. W. Croft 2, Marion Jackson 3, C. M. R. Orme 4, A. C. Harris 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation.

SELLY OAK, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. J. Goodman (cond.) 1. Miss M. Miody 2, Alan Westwood (first 'inside) 3, Alan Cox 4, Wm. B. Cartwright 5, K. H. T. Haslam 6, John Pinfold 7. Frank Walters 8.

SUTTON, ELY.—On May 17th. 1.272 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. K. Matheson (first quarter) 1, L. Lightfoot 2, C. Gimbert 3, G. Howard 4, D. E. R. Knights 5, S. Shipp (cond.) 6.

TICKNALL.—On May 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. Marriott 1, L. Warren 2, P. Marriott (cond.) 3, T. J. Marriott 4, A. J. Marriott 5, W. Noble 6. A compliment to Mr. E. Banton, an old ringer and chorister, on his 90th birthday.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. K. Whetherly (first quarter) 1. Miss J. Midgley 2, T. J. Milsom 3, R. O. Fry 4, A. Lee (first quarter as cond.) 5, P. R. Young 6.



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EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN

By P. AMOS

Kingscliffe may not be unknown in the strict sense of the word, but few ringers have had the privilege of ringing the bells in this fine edifice, where the Peterborough Diocesan Guild met for the first time as a Guild since its formation—in 1924—a short time ago.

This village of 'the stone age' lays somewhat off the beaten track. A few visiting ringers occasionally make a call, but the present belfry holds no great attractions owing to the excessive noise of the bells, and the day is looked forward to when it may be possible to ring them from the ground floor, which in this case would be in the chancel, in full view of the congregation, similar to that of Wollaston, near Wellingborough. The steeple, like Wollaston's, is central, hardly as high, is a broach steeple with a rather short tower, and has one very unusual feature: near the top the spire suddenly ceases to be octagonal and goes four-sided. The belfry is ascended by a metal spiral staircase.

Of the six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) it will be immediately noticed by anyone with a keen musical ear that there is something wrong with the tenor, which is slightly sharp to the others; to me it sounds as if it may be slightly cracked.

The late Rev. E. S. Powell does not give the data of these bells quite correctly when he states in his 1938 inventory that Warners, of London, rehung them in 1917. Actually Messrs. Warners rehung the last five in 1914, and in 1917 Mears and Stainbank were called in to recast the tenor. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. added the treble in 1930. They are all in a metal frame. At least one of the bells dates back to the reign of Elizabeth I. John H. Bluff, of Stamford, conducted the only peal (to my knowledge), a peal of Doubles, upon them, in 1931, and I neither envied his throat nor the drums of the ears of the rest of his band at the finish. However, it must be said that the bells all go well.

Nearby is Woodnewton, where I found a tower capable of six bells. There is a frame for four. In the 16th century this church did actually have four bells as well as a sanctus. They were replaced by one in 1640 by Thomas Norris, of Stamford, and another in 1720 by Henry Penn, of Peterborough. In 1910 Messrs. Taylors recast both. The lighter is 35in. in diameter, and the heavier 39½in., is 11 cwt.

A MINIATURE CATHEDRAL

Fotheringhay is close by—this village so well known in history as the place where Mary Queen of Scots was beheaded in 1587 at the order of Elizabeth I., in the now defunct castle—only a mound near an historic river bridge to-day shows where the castle once stood. Fotheringay Church is of a miniature cathedral character, with a large lantern tower in two sections—the lower half square and the upper portion octagonal. It contains but four bells, tenor 11 cwt. The treble is 1595, the 2nd 1614, the 3rd, originally 1609, was recast in 1860 by G. Mears, and the tenor bears the inscription of Thomas Norris, of Stamford, 1634. They are totally unringable at the moment.

From Fotheringhay I could not resist a call to Tansor, where there is a mid-fifteenth century bell by Robert Crouch, of London, among these three bells. A dusty belfry, with ropes motheaten to threads, some day a new incumbent may respect this historic bell, and with its two others—one a sixteenth century undated, and the other 1611—a restoration and possible augmentation may take shape. Like Fotheringhay and Cotterstock on either side of it, Tansor has a rich history.

From Cotterstock (five light bells here) comes the saying, 'The weakest go to the wall,' for there were no seats at one time except stone benches alongside the walls, where the infirm sat during service, the rest having to stand.

(To be continued.)

600th PEAL AT LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY CAMPANILE

A Staff Occasion That Was Narrowly Missed

When Mr. Paul Taylor and his associates of John Taylor and Company read in an article by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead in 'The Ringing World' last month that 593 peals had been recorded on the bells of the Foundry Campanile, they decided to keep an eye on events—and save the 600th peal for themselves.

But peal ringers at the little tower have recently been coming and going in quick succession, and, unfortunately, by the time the idea was next remembered, the 600th peal had come and gone as well. Or so it seemed, until the band that had rung it found, on investigation, that their peal had proved false! It had to be disclaimed.

Mr. Taylor, while doing his best to appear sympathetic, seized the opportunity. Five fellow members of the Foundry staff were hurriedly mustered, Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Poole were 'conscripted' from Leicester for this rather special occasion, and in no time at all the 600th peal was shaping nicely. Just two hours 14 minutes later it was an accomplished fact.

There were several points of interest about the peal. One was that it was rung in the same method—Stedman Triples—as the very first peal to be rung on the Foundry tower bells on September 27th, 1901. On that occasion, too, there was a Taylor in the band, Paul's father, the late Mr. John W. Taylor, jun., who conducted.

Another interesting point about the 600th was that it marked the recall from ringing retirement of that well-known Foundry executive, Mr. John Oldham, who rang his last peal no less than six years ago. Mr. Oldham rang No. 2 to Harold Poole's conducting of Dexter's Variation without a single trip, thus proving himself to be as capable a ringer now as ever he was.

Yet another ringing stalwart whose presence added more lustre to the 600th peal was that other colleague of Paul, Mr. Colin Harrison, captain of the Loughborough Parish Church band.

It was here that, last December, the abortive attempt by Mr. Eric Critchley's gallant men to ring the extent on eight bells caused the nation to catch its breath.

Incidentally, the food shelves that were put up around the ringing chamber to help to sustain the team during their ordeal (not that they were ever likely to be so hungry as to eat the shelves!) are still in position. Extent-minded challengers should please note.

With the 600th peal now behind them (this is by far the largest number of peals rung in any single tower), the Foundry ringers are now looking to the future . . . and the 1,000th.

To avoid missing the boat a second time—although last week it was only a near miss—they should make a note in their pocket books of the date, July 27th, 1991.

For that, by my calculations, is when, at the present rate of peals progress, the 1,000th Foundry peal will become due. . . .

I can only hope it keeps fine for them.

R. L.

HITCHIN RINGERS ON AIR

The team that rang for the broadcast service at Hitchin on May 19th was S. Ashton 1, C. V. Hare 2, R. Head 3, K. Timbury 4, P. Croft 5, J. Church 6, M. Orme 7, D. P. Jones 8. It was intended to ring a course of Plain Bob Major but owing to misunderstanding on the part of the B.B.C. there was only time for a couple of minutes of rounds.

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION

A New President

In spite of a threatened rail strike there was a fairly representative gathering at Paisley on April 30th for the annual meeting of the Scottish Association. The ringing during the afternoon was in the hands of the Ringing Master, Mr. C. R. Raine (St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh).

As the Minister of St. James', Paisley, the Rev. S. Scarlett Daly, had only been inducted to the parish in the middle of February, it was a novel experience for him to welcome the Association to St. James'. His address and the short service in church were much appreciated by all. Both Mr. and Mrs. Daly and the members of the Association were the guests of the local ringers at the very excellent tea which followed. Mrs. Caldwell, the tower secretary, had gone to no end of trouble to arrange the tea. The president, Mr. W. H. Pickett (St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh), thanked Mrs. Caldwell for all her work.

The President took the chair at the business meeting which followed. The company stood in silence as a mark of respect to Miss F. E. Hogg, who had from 1916 till her death in October, 1954, been a faithful member of the band at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh. Apologies were intimated by the Secretary from Miss Branson and Mr. Lloyd (Edinburgh), and from the ringers at Dunblane Cathedral. New members elected were as follows: D. Kerley, R. Tingley, R. J. Cook and Heather Smythe (St. James', Paisley), A. Brydon and A. Smith (St. Mary's, Edinburgh).

The president told the meeting that he did not wish to stand again for office, and, although several members tried to persuade him to carry on, he declined, and Mr. Ernest Boumphrey (St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow) was elected in his place and took the chair vacated by Mr. Pickett. The Ringing Master and the secretary were re-elected for a further year.

The meeting decided to go ahead with plans for a ringing meeting at All Saints', Inveraray; a bus would run from Edinburgh, collecting ropes and the contingent from the West at Glasgow. The means of public transport available for anyone not going on the chartered bus would be by the public service bus leaving Broomielaw bus station, Glasgow, at 9 a.m.

MARKET DRAYTON JOINT MEETING

The joint meeting of the Shropshire Association and Crewe Branch of the Chester Guild, held at Market Drayton, on May 14th, was well attended in spite of the weather. The ringing included methods from rounds and call changes to four Surprise methods. During the service the Vicar welcomed the ringers and reminded them of the serious purpose behind the art.

After a good tea in the Church Hall there was a short business meeting, and seven new members were elected. Several enthusiasts then visited Norton-in-Hales to sample the light eight there; the rest returned to the tower. The ringing in general was of a high standard.

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FRIEZLAND VISIT LONDON

On May 14th ringers of Christ Church, Friezland, West Yorks, Messrs. A. J. Bennett, J. Burgess, L. Dawson, A. Farrand, G. Perrin, J. Smith and F. White, were conducted to several London towers by Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Deal.

The first tower visited was Christ Church, Wanstead, where good ringing was enjoyed. At St. Mary-atte-Bow the striking was affected by the ropes being hung too low at hand-stroke. The same experience was met at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, but the touches rung were good.

At St. Botolph's-within-the-Walls, Bishopsgate, an excellent tea was prepared by Mrs. Ellen Davis, and partaken of in the Hall of the Worshipful Company of Fan Makers. The bells here proved to be heavy going, but good striking was obtained. The final call of the day was to St. Olave's, Hart Street, where the bells and ringers suited each other to a T

The next morning St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway Road, was visited for a short touch before morning service.

In the afternoon Mrs. Deal conducted the party to St. Paul's Cathedral, and, whilst the bells were being rung for service, the bell chamber was visited, where the party could observe the bells turning, and also obtain an excellent view of London.

Accompanied by Mr. Deal the visitors walked down Ludgate Hall, through Fleet Street, and by St. Clement Danes', to Euston Station, departing for Manchester at 5.40 p.m.

Through 'The Ringing World' Friezland ringers wish to convey their sincere thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Deal for the great hospitality shown, and the most excellent arrangements made. They would also like to thank incumbents and local ringers who met them.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The bells of Little Hadham Church were set going promptly at 3 p.m. on May 14th for the Eastern District meeting, and the minor five were rung to Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, All Saints' and St. Simon's Bob Doubles.

Thirty-four ringers, representing 16 towers, enjoyed tea.

The Rev. Mr. Dinsdale-Young, Rector of Little Hadham, presided over the meeting and welcomed ringers to the Hadham district. Messrs. R. Berry, W. Coptcote, D. Munden and R. Sanders, of Great Amwell, were elected resident ringing members, and Messrs. A. Livings and F. Wright, of Roydon, were elected non-resident ringing members. The secretary announced that the next district meeting would be held at Braughing and Great Hormead on June 11th.

After the meeting the ringers attended evensong at Hadham, conducted by the Rector, Canon L. Dewar.

Ringing then continued on the light eight at Much Hadham until 8.30 p.m., when a good 'fall' in peal ended the day's proceedings. Standard methods up to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major were rung.

PEAL FOR CENTENARIAN

Wednesday, May 18th, was the 100th birthday of Mrs. Sarah Peters, of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, and to mark the occasion a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells of St. Michael's Church. After the peal the ringers, together with the remainder of the local band, were entertained to supper by Mrs. Peters, who thanked them all and remarked how pleased she was that the bells had been rung in her honour.

OUTING

BALDOCK AND NORTON

A coachload of ringers and friends from Baldock and Norton visited some towers in Ely Diocese on May 14th. After a good start, marred only by the news that, owing to his wife's illness, Mr. E. Buck was unable to come, we arrived at Fordham (6), 17¼ cwt., and began the day's ringing with Cambridge Surprise. Mildenhall was next and, after admiring the great angels and beautiful carvings which adorn the beams, we had an enjoyable ring on the ten (16¾ cwt.) there.

We went on to Littleport (8), 18 cyt., after a good lunch. Here we were reminded again of our duty:

'Do not ring and run away,
Leaving other folk to pray,
When a Ringer doeth so,
Hands says "Come," but foot says "Go."'

For the first time that day rain fell, but it had stopped by the time we reached St. Mary's, Ely (8), 18 cwt., where we had a pleasant ring. Tea was excellent, even by ringers' standards, and on the way back to the coach some stopped just inside the Cathedral door to listen to the choir.

A 15½ cwt. octave was in previous years popular with the clergy (one Major peal included five clerical ringers); good use was made of these bells. The last tower, Longstanton, must surely be one of the lightest octaves in East Anglia, as the tenor weighs only 7¼ cwt. The bells delighted those who are used to 'featherweight ringing,' but came as a shock to some of the learners who are accustomed to a tenor of more than a ton.

All of us are very grateful to Mr. Buck, who organised the outing, and to the incumbents.

J. S.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Miss Enid L. Roberts, former Ringing Master of the University of Bristol Society, called her first quarter in Australia on Anzac Day (April 25th) at Adelaide Cathedral. It was Plain Bob Triples. The tenor at Adelaide is the heaviest bell in the Southern Hemisphere, being 41 cwt. The total weight of the ring is about 150 cwt.

Mr. E. Razzell, of 33, Mansfield Road, South Croydon, offers, free to any ringer, unbound copies of 'The Ringing World' from 1947.

Congratulations to 17-years-old Michael Orme for the masterful way he rang the 26 cwt. tenor to a quarter of Bob Major at Hitchin on May 22nd.

We thank a Sussex ringer for his thank-offering. In the last lead of a peal at Mayfield his rope slipped wheel, but the bell was back in place after missing only one blow, and the peal was scored.

The quarter peal of Stedman Caters at Beddington on May 21st was rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal by past and present officers of the Surrey Association to celebrate its 75th anniversary.

Apropos the last peal at Nayland, Suffolk, Mr. W. W. Steward provides us with the following details:—Rung on June 11th, 1938, 5,040 Plain Bob Minor; A. R. Andrews (conductor) 1, Mrs. L. Wright 2, Eleanor Reeve 3, H. J. Millatt 4, C. A. Andrews 5, Leslie Wright 6.

Mr. J. W. Evans, who has completed 60 years as a ringer at Oxton, Cheshire, was on May 19th presented with a fountain pen and a cheque by the Vicar on behalf of the parishioners as a token of appreciation on his wonderful record of service both in the belfry and in the church. A presentation is also to be made to him by Wirral ringers at their monthly meeting.

It was a happy thought of the ringers of Newcastle-upon-Tyne to honour the Lord Mayor, Ald. R. S. Mould-Graham, at the conclusion of his year of office with a peal of Stedman Caters. His welcome to the Central Council was most cordial and generous. Ald. R. S. Mould-Graham is a prominent churchman and a churchwarden at All Saints', Gosforth.

The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers have their own quarterly, 'Overtones.' An article appears in the current issue on casting and tuning, giving impressions of the visit of Mr. Ernest Oliver to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

Liverpool Cathedral tower still needs more attention to keep the weather out. Mr. Ernest L. Humphriss has been much heartened by appreciative letters the Dean has received concerning Easter ringing, especially one from a woman patient in the neighbouring hospital.

The news of the early departure of Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey to settle in Winnipeg will be received with regret by his many friends. From his pen this journal has received interesting communications. We wish him every happiness in the autumn of his life in Manitoba.

Porthkerry (Glam) ringers defied superstition to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the dedication of the two trebles. This was on Friday the 13th, but they scored the 13th quarter peal on the bells. Sunday service ringing has been maintained without a break during this period.

From Canterbury we learn of progress by local ringers who, at St. Dunstan's on May 20th, rang their first (except J. Unwin) 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor. The band was A. Butler 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 2, A. C. Philpott (to whom birthday congratulations were extended) 3, J. Unwin 4, J. Stockbridge 5, D. Chatfield (conductor) 6.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION'S 75th BIRTHDAY DINNER

Memories of Past Achievements

ONE of the oldest of the territorial associations, formed at about the same time as the Kent, Yorkshire and Devonshire Associations, celebrated its 75th birthday with a ringing festival and a well-supported dinner at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, on May 21st.

Towers available were Immanuel, Streatham, St. Peter's, South Croydon, Beddington and St. John's, Croydon.

The Master, Mr. Roydon Davies, presided at the dinner, supported by the Ven. C. F. Tonks, Archdeacon of Croydon, Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, Mr. W. F. Oatway (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Oatway.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Master, in proposing the toast of 'The Church,' said, throughout the day they had been ringing bells to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Surrey Association. But there was a far wider association, which did not confine itself to territory, with which they were proud to be associated—the Church. To them, as ringers, the Church was necessary and important; without the Church they, as ringers, would have no being.

PORTRAYS THE GLORY OF GOD

'It is said that bankers build their bank buildings with such imposing strength to portray to their customers stability and strength. So also the Church with its own strength and beauty portrays to the world the glory of God.

'As the Church needs buttresses to strengthen it as a building so we as ringers by our example of service can also add strength by being members of a team together with the clergy, choir, organist and other Church workers. We must therefore maintain our support by teaching the young ringer to become proficient in the art and thereby perpetuate it as we have been fortunate enough to do these 75 years of ringing in the Association.'

The Master concluded by thanking all the incumbents of the Association's towers for their help in every way.

The Archdeacon of Croydon in reply congratulated the Master on being in office in this memorable year—three quarters of a century in the Association's life of service to the Church. They were proud that the Master was one of the ringers at his church, and they were always pleased to welcome ringers to St. John's, Croydon. He was thankful that in the old days people built towers for the churches. He was afraid that in the days to come there would be a definite mark between those towers and those churches of this age as it was rather tragic that in many of their modern churches they had not spent money on building a tower and there were actually some churches which had not a bell. He went to induct an incumbent to a new church recently and was surprised to find the church had not a bell. He told the churchwardens that next time he came he would expect the bell.

CHANGE RINGING THE MUSIC OF BELLS

But one bell was not much use to them. The music of bells was that of change ringing and in these days they were in danger of getting 'canned bells' which were of no use to change ringers. He hoped that when money was a little less tight they would rise above utility buildings and build towers which were strong enough to hold a ring of bells.

The Archdeacon said he looked upon ringers as part of the ministry of the Church. The Ministry was not confined to the choir and sanctuary and those who put on surplices; it was very much composed of laymen. 'You in the tower are a part of the Ministry in sounding your welcome, thanksgiving and praise in a form of beauty which no other country has got. . . . I want to thank you for your service and I hope we shall popularise change ringing as a science and an art so that the beauty of sound must be perpetuated over the whole countryside and the townships of this country!

The toast of 'The Surrey Association' was proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, hon. secretary of the Central Council, who said that this was their actual 75th anniversary as the Association was formed at Beddington on May 21st, 1880, when the incumbent was instrumental in getting it formed. Their second secretary was Dr. Carpenter, of Carshalton, who was a well-known ringer and a distinguished composer.

THE BEDDINGTON BAND

Mr. Barnett recalled the achievements of the Beddington band when Mr. Kippin was in charge. One peal worth recording was that in 1926 when the average age was 21—the youngest band then to ring a peal. Another peal Mr. Kippin called was the first by a band of civil servants in which he was privileged to take part.

His first ringing acquaintance with Surrey was when he made his ninth attempt for his first peal of Stedman Caters. It was about a week after Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had one of their ringing weeks in which ringers going to Croydon would travel half fare by rail. One of their party from Crayford asked for a cheap ticket to Croydon. When told that there were no cheap tickets he told the booking clerk to make it out as the previous week. He did and to this day he did not know whether Messrs. Gillett and Johnston footed the bill or not.

He hoped the Surrey Association would go from strength to strength and he hoped that a dinner like that which celebrate their centenary.

Mr. W. F. Oatway, the general secretary, apologised for the absence of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Armstrong, of the Sussex Association, Dr. Hatcher and Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Blow, of Croydon.

The seeds which led to the formation of the Association were reputed to have been sown in a public house at Carshalton after ringing practices. The first formal meeting was held at Beddington 75 years ago that day, and right from the start they had been on good terms with the clergy. The Rev. C. Sharpe, of Beddington, agreed to act as the first secretary and the Rev. E. A. Young, of Kingston, as treasurer. The incumbents of most of the towers joined the Association as honorary members.

DR. A. B. CARPENTER

In 1883 Dr. A. B. Carpenter, a well known Croydon physician, became secretary and held the office for nine years during which period and after he devoted much of his time to the welfare of the Association and research into the field of composition. Conductors of Stedman knew his works on this method and use it today. Dr. Carpenter's work for the Association did not go unrecognised; in 1911 the office of Master was created and he was unanimously elected the first holder. His passing in 1913 was regretted by all and to his memory his ringing colleagues erected a tablet in the belfry of St. Mary's, Beddington.

No foundation member was alive today. The oldest were Alfred Arnold, joined 1887, Frank Hoad, 1893, George Hoad, 1894. Frank and George Hoad still rang regularly at Reigate but Alfred Arnold was prevented by physical disability.

They were not a prolific peal ringing Association, the total being 1750. The first peal was rung at Kingston in 1881. The peal they were most proud of was one of Spliced Surprise Royal, at Beddington, in 1936, the first in the country and it was rung by a resident band.

In 1936 the bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Croydon, were replaced by a ring of 12 and this band felt very proud that hardly a Sunday passed without the 12 being rung to Cinques at least once during the day and also they were one of the few towers that could ring Stedman Cinques by a Sunday service band.

'The Visitors' was proposed by Mr. A. P. Cannon and 'The Master' by Mr. F. E. Collins.

The entertainment was of a high order. The Beddington band gave handbell place making demonstrations and the L.J. Singers gave a comprehensive programme.

THOSE PRESENT

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. P. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gear, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. F. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. D. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. W. Parrott, Mr. and Mrs. R. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. L. Reece, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Talbot, Mr. and Mrs. M. White, Messrs. A. S. Besant, C. J. Champion, M. Chilcott, T. Cowell, J. Crawley, S. Dearden, F. Darby, D. Jennings, F. Jennings, S. Kimber, F. Kimber, A. E. Laker, G. Lodge, G. Massey, G. Oliver, G. Olliver, D. J. Parr, D. E. Parsons, A. Pannell, W. G. Paternoster, C. Parks, G. Peters, H. N. Pitstow, G. N. Pratt, E. Razzell, J. Relf, A. S. Richards, L. Tidy, A. Weiss, A. C. Winn, Mesdames D. Cooper, P. Vowles, Misses B. Paine, M. Christopher, E. Cooper, F. Davis, J. England, J. Franklin, N. Kempsall, M. Lewis, B. Mason, B. Mayers, M. Maxwell, V. Potter, N. Shorter, G. Stanton, M. Smerdon, J. Weller, S. Whitehouse, J. Winchester, M. Young.

MR. ALEX YOUNG'S 90th BIRTHDAY

College Youths' Tribute

In honour of Mr. E. Alex Young's ninetieth birthday, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths met at Bromley Parish Church to ring a quarter peal of Stedman Triples on Sunday, May 22nd. Afterwards they went to Mr. Young's house, where they found a birthday party in full swing, with Mr. Young acting as a very genial and capable host.

Proposing Mr. Young's health, Mr. J. F. Smallwood said that the Ancient Society held this youngster in very high esteem, and nearly 100 members had personally signed a birthday card, which he now had much pleasure in handing over, and to tell him of the love which all members felt for one who had served the Society so well.

Mr. Young expressed his appreciation of the gesture and said he was glad to know he occupied such a place in their thoughts. He would treasure this card to the end of his days.

The handbells were then brought out, and a touch of Stedman Triples, in which Mr. Young took 7-8, was rung. Those taking part congratulated him on the splendid way he rang in this touch. For one entering his 91st year, it was no mean achievement.

The quarter peal on tower bells was rung by: B. Lunn 1, I. Emery 2, H. Langdon (cond.) 3, James Phillips 4, D. Kirby 5, W. J. Rawlings 6, A. B. Peck 7, J. Phillips 8.

TOPIC FOR THE MONTH – V.

Taking It Seriously

AS ringers we belong, of course, to a great brotherhood. the interests and maintenance of which every good member will have closely at heart. This membership brings. normally, an enjoyment that is unique and a privilege that is sanctified—the privilege of divine service. Do we, then, take our part in the affairs of the Exercise with due seriousness? Are we sufficiently and consistently aware of our obligation—our individual and personal duty, in fact—to safeguard and promote the welfare of our Art, in this service to the Church?

In plain English, is each and every one of us doing his bit, no matter how small, in some way to improve ringing?

You may have noted that previous Topics have touched on what may be called 'mechanisms' of ringing activity: The maintenance and promotion of long-period ringing, as opposing any threat of peal-limitation or stoppage: The categoric recording of acceptable methods and accepted performances: The compilation of a comprehensive guide to modern ways of instruction: And the implemental functions of the ringing parliament. These mechanisms among others, properly adjusted and applied, help to lay the foundation essential for the successful development of the Exercise; yet the entire foundation is valueless without the vital functioning of the individual ringer, building up a living superstructure of good practical ringing.

Many are the ways in which this contribution can be rendered: Apportioned and regular study of ringing away from the tower; punctuality and regularity of attendance at the tower; ever-constant effort to give of one's best in the team-work of practical ringing; instructing, whether as in charge or assisting; work in the theory of ringing and in ringing research; composing; conducting and tower-leadership; genuine encouragement of less progressive ringers; tolerance and, yes, peace-making! Service in executive or administrative capacity for tower-guild, association or C.C.; propaganda and recruiting. By these and other means learner-wastage and stagnation can be checked and positive progress substituted. Surely, everyone can find something in this collection of 'constructives' (even if only to help or supplement the work of the steeple-keeper), whereby, if his conscience is not already satisfied in this matter, he may reassure himself that his membership of this great fraternity is not merely lukewarm?

RECRUITMENT AND WASTAGE

The history of the Exercise is illumined by many a bright record of devoted service; and there are giants even in these days; but we all know in our hearts that the garment has extensive threadbare patches. Let us, each one, we in urban tower, we in rural steeple, and we delegates as we come down from the annual conference just closed, let each ask himself: have we any clear idea of what is to be our personal programme for betterment of ringing in the next twelve months?

Consider just one of the 'constructives' listed above—the last: 'Propaganda and Recruiting.' What opportunities lie here? Yet, isn't it usually rather haphazard? The wastage of learners in some towers cannot but give rise to concern for the future of ringing therein; but the situation in which no learners are forthcoming is, perhaps, even graver.

How may the problem be attacked? It seems to resolve itself into two parts: extend propaganda and awaken curiosity to the extent of 'having a go," and then maintain interest and arouse enthusiasm until confidence is born.

At leisure times, when in conversation with our non-ringing friends, an odd word or two can lead round to the subject and frequently 'trigger off' an interesting chat about 'this ringing business.' This, followed up with an invitation to visit a tower practice for a look-see, may enlist at least one recruit.

A potentially great source of recruits is a school. Where 'local interest' school societies exist it is often possible to obtain the co-operation of the headmaster in arranging for a visit of a class of seniors to a local tower. Here a talk can be given in the ringing chamber, illustrated with demonstration both at rope's end and in the bell chamber itself. Seed falls on not wholly barren soil!

One sometimes feels that more could be done by co-operation of incumbent and tower captain in introduction of the young people's guilds and societies, run by or in association with the Church authorities, to ringing. For example, the Church Lads' Brigade, Girls' Friendly Society, Y.W.C.A. and Y.M.C.A., Scouts and Rovers should be teeming with potential recruits.

Certainly, a 'ringers'' service, with handbells rung in the nave, ringers reading the lessons, and an informed address on the interest and use of the art in the service of the Church, is likely to create sympathy for, and even practical interest in, the ringing of the bells in the tower; with a further likelihood of at least some response to an appeal for learners to come forward and join the local band.

TALKS AND CLASSES

Talks to Rotary (illustrated with slides borrowed from one or other of the bell-founding firms) have aroused considerable interest in fruitful quarters. The value of ringing as a mental and physical recreation can be indicated, for people of both sexes and nearly all ages! But it is important to make it clear that the Exercise is not a 'closed shop' and that newcomers are welcomed.

Local Education Authorities are usually sympathetic if approached in the right way, i.e., from an educative standpoint, and with the coming of autumn it may be found possible to arrange for a series of evening classes in the theory and practice of ringing—similar to that already carried into effect in one district.

The local press is often sympathetic, tactfully approached, and can do much to arouse public interest; always providing that peal-ringing has not been overdone locally! A good line to take here is the preservation of our unique art as a national heritage.

The longer days and light evenings are now with us; but this is surely the time to plan our campaign for increased activity when the year begins to close. Not all of us have a pull with the B.B.C., but it seems to me that the possibilities of propaganda on T.V. have not yet been fully exploited. It is well, of course, always to bear in mind that to risk alienating public sympathy is to commit campanological suicide!

Tact and optimism with real effort should soon pay dividends, in the shape of more recruits, developed trainees and all-round improvement in ringing standards.

Are we really considering these things seriously? If so, what are we going to do about it?

A. Y-B.

(Comments and suggestions are invited.—Ed.)

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Competition

The annual competition for the Bishop Prosser Shield took place at Haverfordwest on May 14th. There were six bands competing, namely, Llandilo, Llanelly, Carmarthen, Tenby, Haverfordwest and Llanbadarn Fawr.

Owing to the treble being damaged and the tenor not going too well there was no alternative but to ring the test piece on the remaining six bells from No. 2 to No. 7. Many thought that this would sound very odd but to the surprise of all it was quite good. By 2.30 p.m. all the bands had arrived and after the usual draw for places the bells were set going by the Haverfordwest band, who drew first attempt.

By 4.30 p.m. the competition was over and the six bands had tested their skill on the bells, which are hung anti-clockwise but, nevertheless, there was some fairly good striking by some of the bands. The Vicar (the Rev. J. Bowden Thomas) was at the church to greet the ringers and stayed all the afternoon. Over a nice and welcome tea the atmosphere became tense as everyone was anxious to know the results. The adjudicator was Mr. F. Sharpe, of Oxford, who was accompanied by his daughter, Miss E. Sharpe. He had travelled overnight to Haverfordwest and brought some of his collection of handbells and photographs of bells, which were displayed in the hall and greatly admired. After tea the usual touch on the handbells was given by Mr. Chris. Hawkins, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. R. Scudamore and Mr. A. Reynolds.

The Vicar took the chair and after extending a hearty welcome to members of the St. David's Guild called upon Mr. F. Sharpe to give his verdict. After the usual comments as to who were the culprits and their faults, etc., he gave out the order in which each band came according to its merits, namely:—1 Llanelly, 14 faults; 2 Haverfordwest, 30; 3 Tenby, 32; 4 Carmarthen, 36; 5 Llanbadarn Fawr, 52; 6 Llandilo, 71. Great credit is due to the young boy ringers of Haverfordwest for the way they rang in the competition.

The Vicar then presented the shield to the captain of the winning band and a certificate to the captain of the runners-up. Mr. F. Sharpe and his daughter then played some tunes on the handbells, which were an eye-opener to many of the company, and great credit is due to Miss Sharpe for the way she rang the heavy handbells.

After all the formalities of the competition a very hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar and the ladies who provided the tea, by Mr. Chris. Hawkins, the secretary, supported by Mr. Ed. J. Thomas and Mr. D. Curtis. The Vicar ably responded. The members then returned to the tower to finish off the evening.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

'When I do call, come, serve all,' was the text (from an old bell) taken by the Rev. W. C. Harting for an inspiring address at the service at Leiston of the Saxmundham District. Mr. T. R. Rowsell was organist. A collection was made in aid of the Leiston New Church Hall Fund.

At the business meeting Mr. L. Mills, of Bures, took the chair. Mr. J. Pilgrim reported that the monthly practice meetings for Surprise methods had been a success and these would continue on the third Friday of each month where possible.

Mr. A. R. Bridges was re-elected hon. secretary and Mr. J. M. Bailey elected Ringing Master for the district, and one new member was elected. Aldeburgh was selected as the place of the next meeting, on Saturday, July 16th.

Ringers attended from all parts of Suffolk, with some well-known visitors from Essex. Many methods were rung, ranging from rounds to London.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LONDON TOWERS

Dear Sir,—In your issue of May 13th Mr. Bullock, of Romford, writes concerning the ring of eight at Christ Church, Poplar. It seems he has been misinformed by someone—this church has certainly not been pulled down. Far from it, as during the last few months it has been undergoing repairs and has been entirely redecorated, and is still very active in its work in the Isle of Dogs.

As far as ringing is concerned there has been no band there for some years, but several bands have visited the church for peals, their failures being mainly due to old, rotten ropes breaking. If the bells were fitted with new ropes this tower would, I feel sure, be as popular as it has been in the past, as the Vicar is very keen on bells.

In connection with some others towers mentioned in the article on Middlesex rings, Cripplegate bells are, of course, back in order now (as are also Greenwich and Bromley, mentioned in the Kent article). At several towers the bells would be rehung if the money was available, e.g., Bow, St. Clement Danes', St. Magnus-the-Martyr and Aldgate—though one wonders who would ring them for Sunday services. The ten at the Imperial Institute are in the process of being rehung.

There have been few peals at Shepperton, Middlesex, because of excessive noise outside the tower; and few at Lee, S.E. London, because the bells do not go well, and the spire has been rebuilt during the last 18 months.—Yours sincerely,

IAN H. ORAM.

Lee, S.E.12.

THE OSWALDTWISTLE BAND

Dear Sir,—The announcement of the death of Mr. A. T. Houldsworth recalls to mind the early days of the two brothers, James and Alfred, and also many more whom I had the honour of teaching from handling a bell to Surprise ringing at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, round about the birth of the present century.

I invited Alf about a year previous to Jim and a few months later we had about ten ringers able to ring Surprise Minor. Previous to the bells being taken back to Loughborough Foundry in February, 1913, for quarter turning and two trebles added, we rang a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods, non-conducted. All ringers in this peal were taught by me from the stage of handling a bell.

Major ringing to this band presented little difficulty and peals of Bob Major, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise were rung before the first world war put an end to method ringing, as many had to join the Forces.

When the war was over and the ringers back home Surprise ringing was quickly acquired again. It was with this band that G. R. Newton rang his first peal of London; also W. W. Wolstencroft and William Taylor, of Penwortham. As Mr. Newton once remarked to me, they were a wonderful band and would not let you go wrong. Most of the band were cotton workers and the slump in the mid 1920's meant their seeking a livelihood elsewhere; this brought to an end this very advanced band.

C. SHARPLES.

Errata. The peal rung at Harpford, Devon, on April 21st, was the first in seven Plain Minor methods for all, and for the Guild; it was also the 25th together for Frederick Wreford and John L. S. Glanvill.

A QUESTION IN ECCLESIASTICAL LAW

Dear Sir,—Nowadays it is generally understood that to remove from or to add anything to a church a faculty or an Archdeacon's licence is required. This is so for the removal of old gravestones, to add a peal tablet, a chiming apparatus, etc. As is well known, adding a chiming apparatus does not necessarily involve removing the wheels, ropes, stays, sliders and pulleys of bells already hung, but I know of at least three cases where this has been done, and it has occurred to me to ask—were the incumbents sanctioning their removal legally in order? The wheels, ropes, etc., are part of an already consecrated work. Would the granting of a faculty for chiming apparatus **automatically** cover the removal of existing wheels, ropes, etc., or should a separate faculty for each to be obtained? There seems to be some contradiction among clergy opinion upon this matter, and I am wondering if someone with an even keener knowledge than myself could determine these finer points of ecclesiastical laws?

What have members of the Central Council Towers and Belfries Committee, for instance, to say about it?

Ketton, Rutland, has a ring of six bells (tenor 11 cwt.), rehung in 1897 by John Taylor and Co. Since 1933 (or just after) all the wheels and ropes with their stays and sliders have been removed by order of the present Rector, who installed a chiming apparatus—'because (he tells me) he could not get men to ring regularly on Sundays, the villagers in the main being seven-day-a-week cement and farm workers'!

Any story which may have been told that this fine steeple is not suitable for these eight bells (which swung for over 200 years—the newest is 1748 and the oldest 1598) can be discountenanced—just as a similar story a few years ago about Oakham steeple proved, upon the report of an independent architect, to be just a hoax.

Barnack, Northants, is a similar case, only here the wheels were left intact but the ropes, sliders, pulleys and floor immediately beneath removed at the time an apparatus was installed in 1935. These five bells, like Ketton six, were rehung in completely new fittings in 1897 by Taylors, for ringing.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants

ARMY EXERCISE III.

A further parade of N.C.O.'s and men of various corps stationed in the Aldershot district was held at Pirbright, Surrey, on May 11th, a peal of Doubles being the objective. Two R.A.S.C. personnel were thirty minutes late on parade, and the Exercise was not commenced until 18.30 hours.

As the bells had to be lowered by 21.00 hours, a careful check was kept on the duration of each 120 by the Sergeant I/C. the party, and as the estimated time of conclusion was judged to be within five minutes of zero hour, ringing was allowed to continue.

L/Corpl. Ainsworth, R.A.S.C., detailed as conductor, committed a grave error at 19.05 hours when he disobeyed his own word of command in that he omitted to run out at one of his own bobs. Safety precautions were not taken in sufficient time to prevent rapid firing, and ringing was brought to an abrupt end. A severe reprimand was immediately awarded.

It is planned to repeat the Exercise at Farnborough, Hants, in the near future.

H. P.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Mr. Cockey's Departure

St. Stephen's, Ealing, is a beautiful building, standing on high ground, with its fine tower and spire dominating the surrounding residential area, and visible for miles around. The bells are a musical ring of eight, with a 14 cwt. tenor, cast by the Whitechapel Foundry, and installed by Warners about 50 years ago. The large louvres have been boarded up and fitted with adjustable shutters, and two floors above the bells have been removed. The result is a well-balanced tonal effect, much of the sound escaping through the spire louvres, allowing the bells to be clearly heard at a distance, while nearby the sound is much softened. The well-appointed ringing chamber, dominated by a cross at the east side, can claim to be one of the best in the diocese. In addition to an almost unique set of early eighteenth century handbells, it contains numerous handsome peal records, and is always an attraction to visitors.

On May 14th members and friends from many places, local and far afield, had the pleasure of meeting the new Vicar, the Rev. A. S. Matthews, B.D. Some good ringing, ranging from rounds to Surprise, was carried out, under the supervision of the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender.

Choral Evensong was preceded by a Plain Course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, rung in the chancel, by H. W. Rogers, T. H. Taffender, W. G. Wilson, Mrs. O. L. Rogers and F. P. Mead. As an anthem, 'Crimond' was nicely rendered by the choir.

A very welcome tea, attended by the Vicar, organist and choir, and other friends, had been provided by the St. Stephen's Girl Rangers, who had been the recipients of numerous gifts, including a beautiful display of flowers, from friends of the Church. The Vicar, before leaving, expressed his pleasure at meeting those present and hoped they would come again before long.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Master, a number of new members were elected. The Master referred with great feeling to the recent passing of a great and much esteemed friend and member of the Association in Mrs. C. J. Matthews.

The meeting was informed of the forthcoming 90th birthday of Mr. E. Alexander Young, and a congratulatory motion was carried unanimously. Mr. T. H. Taffender mentioned that he had rung in Mr. Young's 60th birthday peal at St. Mary's, Southampton, and (D.V.) would stand in a peal on the following Saturday in honour of his 90th birthday.

Members present expressed great disappointment upon learning that the Association's treasurer, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, was shortly to emigrate to Winnipeg, Canada. Mr. Cockey was formally thanked for all the work he had done for the Association and was left in no doubt that upon departing he would be very greatly missed by members of the Association and particularly by the authorities and ringers at St. Stephen's and Christ Church, Ealing. In Winnipeg Mr. Cockey will not be the only ringer, as he will take out with him his grandson, Robin Lyndon, who, during his stay in this country, learnt to ring.

A warm vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, the organist and choir, to friends who had made gifts and, last but not least, to the girl ringers for all they had done, the latter receiving quite an ovation.

Further ringing was on the fine ring at Christ-the-Saviour's from 8 to 9 p.m., and more handbell ringing there completed a very pleasant day.

H. W. R.

PEAL RINGING IN NORFOLK

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

ALTHOUGH the period which is under review in these articles is the past 75 years or so, when practically all the peals rung have been published in either the 'Bell News' or 'The Ringing World,' an account of ringing in Norfolk would not be complete without some small reference to its fame as one of the first centres of change ringing in history. It is at St. Peter's, Mancroft, Norwich, that we find the first recorded peal—Bob Triples—on May 2nd, 1715, soon to be followed by the first ever of Grandsire Triples on August 26th, 1718. Mr. Ernest Morris, in his book 'The History and Art of Change Ringing,' gives many particulars of the early ringing in the county, of which there is not sufficient space to make further reference here except to echo his words that 'there is scarcely a place in England of greater interest to ringers than Norwich, because some of the earliest performances in change ringing were achieved there.' Amongst famous names connected with the county perhaps the most prominent is that of Samuel Thurston, although there are many others whose fame will always be remembered by the methods and compositions which they produced, and most recent of these—Mr. J. A. Trollope, born at East Dereham.

But now for some figures. Hethersett (8) has recorded the most peals in this period—198. The first one I noted, in 1891, did not claim to be the first one on the bells, so I do not know whether any were rung there before this. No less than 94 of the total have been rung since the last war, which makes it the most popular peal-ringing tower at the moment. After the first two in 1891 and 1892, there was a gap until 1904, after which 35 peals were rung up to 1914. Between the wars came 67.

As a point of interest, it would seem that in this county the attention of ringers has been largely concentrated on a relatively few towers (only six counties have a greater number of rings) so that whereas these have very respectable totals, there is a big gap between them and the remainder, as we shall see.

Thus there are eight which have passed the century mark, two about 90, five in the 50-60 range and the remaining 190 or so towers a long way behind, the majority not having reached double figures. Pulham (St. Mary Magdalene's, 8) comes second with 187 peals, It can conveniently be considered with its neighbouring tower, Pulham, St. Mary-the-Virgin's, which is actually equal fourth with 172. These towers were the most popular in the county prior to 1914, for 95 and 94 peals respectively were rung at them in under 20 years (11 years in the former case). Between the wars, the average wasn't quite so great, for we find they recorded 83 and 63 peals. Since 1945, numbers have been fewer still—St. Mary Magdalene's has had nine from 1948 to 1952 and St. Mary-the-Virgin's 15 from 1947 to 1953.

The third on the list is Redenhall (8), which again shows rather a diminished number of peals of late. From 1881 to 1909 there were 75 peals. Then there was a gap until 1925, after which 74 peals were rung in the next 14 years. There have been 26 since 1945, making a grand total of 175.

ST. PETER MANCROFT

Equal fourth with Pulham, St. Mary's, is Norwich's most famous tower, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich—the only 12-bell tower in the county. Its 172 peals have been well spread over the years since 1883—65 before 1914, 49 between the wars and 58 since the last war (meaning a higher yearly average at the moment). Its other claims to fame have already been mentioned. Diss (8) seems to have had its best time prior to the first war, for 90 of its 161 peals were rung then. 51 came between the wars and there have been 20 since 1945, so on the whole it has had a pretty consistent history.

The remaining two centenarians are a good way behind this little group of six towers. Saxlingham (8) has 116, 60 after the first peal in 1901 to 1914, and 31 since the last war, so again we find a better average 50 years ago although it is better now. Wymondham (8) has 112. This tower's best time was from 1919 to 1940, for 70 of the peals were rung then. There had been 19 from 1903 to 1914 and there have been 23 since 1945. The two nearest the 100 mark are Alburgh (8) and Norwich, St. Michael's (8). The former has recorded 90 peals from 1881, fairly evenly up to the last war but only three since then, whilst the latter has been fairly consistent since the first in the period in 1895 (there were many earlier peals here, of course) and has had 89 peals rung there.

And now for peals on towers with higher numbers of bells. I suppose for its size and number of rings, Norfolk has fewer 12's and 10's than any other comparative county—one 12 and three 10's. The first has already been dealt with and one of the 10's, St. Andrew's, Norwich, is noted for being one of the two 10-bell towers which have not had a peal rung at them since 1881 (the other being Dunham Massey) and in fact it is more than 100 years since a peal was rung (the bells are unringable at the moment, of course). This is strange considering that the first peal of London Surprise Major was rung there in 1835. The other 10-bell towers are Aylsham and King's Lynn. Only 45 peals have been rung at the former—one every year or two since 1890, whilst the total at the latter is fewer still—13, of which 10 have come since the last war. The previous three were in 1894, 1900 and 1927.

There remains to mention the four 8-bell towers which have passed the 50 mark. They are Norwich, St. John's (62— rung fairly evenly since 1909); Loddon (57—nearly half since the last war and only nine prior to 1914); Norwich, St. Giles' (56—42 since 1944 and only one between 1910 and 1937);and Marsham (55—15 from 1893 to 1914, 31 from 1920 to 1939 and nine since 1945). As I have said above, the great majority of the other towers are a long way behind. There is one tower still to be conquered—Thorpe Episcopi—but only three of the remainder have not had a peal on them since the last war, and of these, the last peal at Tunstead (where seven have been rung) was as long ago as 1904.

VIRGIN TERRITORY

As for 6-bell towers, 18 out of the 91 are still virgin territory. They are Old Buckenham; Felmingham; Hedenham; Litcham; S. Lopham; Martham; Mileham; Norwich, St. Gregory's, St. John-the-Baptist's and St. Lawrence's; Outwell; Thetford, St. Mary Magdalene's; Snettisham; Tottington; Wiggenhall, St. Mary's; Wilton; Woodton and Worstead. Actually, Norfolk has one of the highest percentages of 6- and 5-bell towers in its total of any of the counties—no less than 169 out of 205, but it cannot be said that the peal totals of these towers are out of the ordinary. In fact I think they are fewer than one would expect under the circumstances. Only two 6-bell towers have reached the half century. Bunwell has 60, 44 since the last war (the first in 1892) and Terrington St. John, 51, 36 since 1945. I think there will be just space enough to mention those towers with more than 30 peals to their credit. They are Tibbenham (40—39 between 1901 and 1914, the other 1930; Buxton (38—29 between the wars and six since); Wroxham (37—26 between the wars and seven since); and Walpole, St. Andrew's (31—18 from 1920 to 1938 and 11 since 1945). Perhaps I ought also to mention Gaywood, which has 29, 19 between the wars and seven since. The longest silence of the 6-bell towers which have had peals is Rushford, where the only peal was rung in 1901.

The list of unconquered 5-bell towers is too long to give—47 of the 88 being in that category. No tower has reached double figures here, the best being Forncett St. Peter with six (four since the war). Six towers have five, and here they are with the years of their peals: Besthorpe—1894 and 1895 (3), 1947, 1950; Clenchwarton—all from 1910, 13; Dickleburgh—all from 1923-32; Inwood—1903, 1935, 1939, 1948, 1949; Norwich, All Saints'—1911, 1920, 1932, 1934, 1938; Shropham—all from 1911-13. Actually, there are other indications apart from these just mentioned, that there was a spate of activity on the 5-bell towers just before 1914. The longest silent towers of this group are Norwich, St. Peter-Parmantergate and Thurlton, whose only peals were rung in 1893, but several others have not been heard for 40 or 50 years.

Although I haven't indicated it above, mention ought to be made of the variety of methods which have been rung in the Norfolk towers in the past 25 years especially. Even though peal totals are not high compared with some counties, many unusual methods are found amongst them, and that alone is an achievement.

Peals which have appeared in the ringing Press up to April 15th are included in the above totals.

SIXTY YEARS AFTER HIS FIRST PEAL

Bedford Dinner in Honour of Mr. D. Thompson

The St. Paul's, Bedford, company, held a dinner at the Dujon, Bedford, on May 17th, in honour of Mr. Donald Thompson, who rang his first peal—one of Holt's Original Grandsire Triples—on the tenor at St. Paul's, on Tuesday, May 14th, 1895, 60 years ago. This was a performance by the local band—the St. Paul's company. Also, he has rung nearly continuously for 65 years at St. Paul's.

Mr. S. Foskett, the tower captain, congratulated Mr. Thompson most warmly on his achievement, also mentioning that an old friend, Mr. Herbert Harlow, who was unfortunately ill, had nearly completed 50 years at St. Paul's.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. King) said that he and the other guests were honoured by being invited to dine with such an exclusive circle of ringers. These were splendid records, but long service at St. Paul's was not unusual, as Mr. Ruhliche and the verger (Mr. A. Summerfield) had very many years' service behind them.

It is hoped to hold a ringers' dinner annually.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Unfortunately the last monthly meeting of the Society, at Bolsover, on May 7th, coincided with the annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association and so there was a lower attendance than usual. However, about 18 ringers representing seven towers, including the local company, were present. Methods rung before tea included Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative.

After tea and a short business meeting the ringers, joined by more members, returned to the tower where ringing continued until 9 p.m. In the absence of the Ringing Master the new Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. W. L. Robinson, very efficiently filled the position. D. J. S.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting at Bolton

THE annual meeting of Lancashire Association was held at Bolton on April 30th. Ringing commenced at 11 a.m. and continued throughout the day at All Souls' (8), Deane (8), The Saviours' (8), St. George's (8), and the Parish Church (8). Holy Trinity (8), St. Bartholomew's (6), were available after tea.

The service was conducted by the president, the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith, M.A., B.D., and Canon R. G. Norburn, M.A., B.D., Vicar and Rural Dean of Bolton, gave the address. The lesson was read by Mr. Stephen Lloyd Parry.

Tea was served in the Parish Church Schools, where the Rural Dean welcomed the members. The president thanked the Rural Dean for his warm welcome and expressed the Association's appreciation of being allowed to come to Bolton once again. He also tendered the members' thanks to the ladies and to Mr. Vincent Martin and local ringers for their part in making the arrangements, and said that the success of the annual meeting was due in no small measure to the willing help which everyone gave.

The annual meeting followed with the president in the chair, and apologies were read from Mr. F. Dunkerley, the secretary, and Mr. Peter Crook. Mr. Parry was acting secretary for the meeting.

The president informed the meeting that no nominations had been received for the office of president, and vacated the chair. The vice-president then took the chair and paid tribute to the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith's leadership during his term of office. This was received with acclamation. Mr. A. Tomlinson moved that the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith be nominated, this being seconded by Mr. E. G. Gower; no further nomination was received and the vice-president declared the Rev. R. D. St. John Smith duly elected.

The president returned thanks to the members for their confidence in him.

He announced that Mr. Stephen L. Parry was the only nominee for the office of ringing secretary and thereby declared him elected. Mr. Parry briefly replied.

Mr. Peter Crook was the only nominee for treasurer and was elected. No nominations had been received for auditor. Mr. R. Leigh was appointed auditor.

The committee's report, the ringing secretary's report and the balance sheet and auditor's report were adopted.

The following resolution was adopted: 'That the office of hon. vice-president be awarded to any member of this Association whom the committee feel have served the Association well. This award rests entirely at the committee's discretion and will entitle the recipient to attend committee meetings without voting powers.'

After discussion it was decided to transfer Heversham from the Furness Branch to the Lancaster Branch.

An omnibus vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting was moved by Mr. R. Benson and seconded by Mr. J. E. Burles and carried with acclamation.

Mr. R. Benson, Manchester Branch secretary, invited the Association to Manchester, and after discussion it was decided that the next annual meeting be held at Manchester on the last Saturday in April, 1956, or as near as possible to that date, at the discretion of the Manchester Branch. F. D.

5,040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL

By CORNELIUS CHARGE

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another village called Crosthwaite. Here once more some made music while others sought the wherewithal to lubricate their gasping tonsils.

And so they returned even to their own homes, having enjoyed to the full the good things provided.

Here Beginneth the Twelfth Chapter of the Book of the Journeyings of the Ringers of Leeds

It same to pass on the 14th day of the fifth month of the ninth year of our habitation and in the fourth year of the reign of Elizabeth our Queen, that there was assembled before a certain soot-begrimed sacred edifice a company of old men and maidens, young men and children, which any man could easily have numbered.

And even as they stood a chariot bore down upon them from out of the East, and being come upon them it did stop, and those that were assembled did climb aboard and lay claim to their seats.

After all were assembled, checked and counted they moved off to the West, but all were not present; some lived far off along the road to be travelled and were to join the chariot as it moved westwards.

And so the chariot travelled along the vale of Aire, and finally all had joined, and travelled from the vale of Aire into the vale of Wharfe.

Looking now at those on the bus one could not but notice the number of those growing long in the tooth and short in the thatch. But there were others of form divine and countenance fair, whose names sounded like music on the ear though those same names had often caused confusion in the belfry.

On we went, past a certain Naked Man. Some there were who, having passed this way before, had oft enjoyed his hospitality, but today, like the Levite, they passed by on the other side.

At length they came to a place called Clapham, and there they did both stop and stay to attend to the wants of the inner man.

There was with the party one named after a bird who went forth and found nowhere to rest, but he carried many leaves and his cry was 'Taylor's, Taylor's, there are no bells like Taylor's,' which, being interpreted, is 'If you want a good ring go to Loughborough.'

And so we journeyed to Kendal that it might be fulfilled which was written, 'And thou, Kendal, in the county of Westmorland, on to thee shall descend a horde from over the hills, and in your midst shall they raise a great clangour. This will be a change, for many of those who shall come are more used to dropping clangers, and they shall all depart leaving thee in peace at noonday.'

Journeying by the vale of Kent, beneath the weeping heavens, we came to Bowness, and there we did feast ourselves, gaining sustenance for the inner man and strength for our further battles with the monsters of bronze.

And they that were once an hungered and now were filled employed the next hour as the spirit moved them. Some to the belfry, where the noise might conceivably, as at Jericho, have brought the walls a-tumbling down.

Then those that had rung, and those that had been shopping, set forth in search of the gleaming chariot, and having found it at length they boarded it and made ready for further journeyings.

So they were led beside the still waters and through valleys of shadows, and the heavens sent down snow, and all were amazed at the wondrous beauty of the land through which they travelled.

At length they came to Keswick, and leaving there those to whom shops meant more than bells the ringers journeyed on apace to the shrine of Saint Kentigern. Here they disported themselves right royally, enjoying themselves to the full and making music to delight the heart and ear.

Again they were an hungered, and like chaff were they scattered abroad, each seeking to ease the pangs and quiet the rumblings.

Aboard again, and back on the way we had come till we came to a hamlet, yea even to

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RINGERS HAD A GOOD PRESS IN 1954

The report of the Literature and Press Committee for 1954, presented to the Central Council at Bristol last Tuesday, shows that the art of change ringing had a good press in 1954. The report is signed by Edgar C. Shepherd (convener) and Fred E. Dukes, and states:—

Once again your committee has to report that ringers and ringing affairs have received considerable notice in the Press. The return of H.M. the Queen from her tour of the world was marked by a request from Parliament that all the bells of Britain should ring for the occasion, and newspaper notices of this stressed again the part bells play in our national life. Much more extraordinary was the light of publicity thrown upon the attempt at Loughborough to ring the extent of Major. Never in the history of ringing has so much attention been given, nationally and internationally, by newsmen and news agencies, to any bellringing project. The American Press was very interested, and an article in 'Time,' which began by being informative in transatlantic style, ended in the mock-heroic strain. The leader writer of 'The Manchester Guardian' was perhaps rather carried away by the stream of his own prose, and even 'The Times' was moved in sober fashion to compare the attempt with the climbing of Everest. Some of the less responsible portions of the National Press were crudely critical, and some correspondence for and against ringing naturally followed. Among the genuinely lighter comments was an amusing dialectic by 'X.Y.Z' in 'The Suffolk Chronicle,' which turned the mind back to Debenham and ringing feats of old time. Possibly the best article that came to hand was the well-planned and carefully written essay in 'The Leicester Mercury,' written before the attempt, and giving the layman a sensible survey of the proposd undertaking. The article was accompanied by a photograph of the inside of the Loughborough campanile.

SUBSIDIARY RINGING JOURNALS

It is with great pleasure that your committee notes the continued appearance during 1954 of a number of subsidiary ringing journals. Among these are 'The Belfry,' the quarterly magazine of the Maidstone District of the Kent Association, the 'Irish Bell News,' the lusty quarterly of the Irish Association, and 'The Ringing Towers,' issued by the New South Wales Association of Change Ringers. After a very able and conscientious period as Editor of 'The Ringing Towers,' Mr. W. M. Rowe has resigned and his place has been taken by Mr. T. W. Goodyear. The persistence and enterprise that produce these periodicals both at home and in the far distant outposts of the Exercise are greatly to be commended.

Certain individual ringers have during the year provided notices or news items in the press and among them are four of what may be termed 'The Old Brigade still on active service.' In June, Mr. Adolphus Roberts celebrated his 84th birthday, an occasion marked by an excellent photograph and note in 'The Birmingham Mail.' In the same city 'The Sunday Mercury,' on May 16th, chose Mr. Albert Walker as 'Personality of the Week.' and in October 'The Surrey Times' gave honourable mention of the golden wedding of Mr. Alfred H. Pulling, accompanied by a delightful photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Pulling. Towards the end of the year 'The Oxford Times' included Mr. Richard White, of Appleton, in its series 'Impressions by David Peters.' In January, 'The Oxford Mercury' in a cheerful article described Appleton and its claims to fame and included references to the Whites and the Holifields.

The articles have been well written and varied in style, ranging from Fred Norris's light-hearted interview with the Rev. J. G. M. Scott in a West Country paper to W. A. Farmer's authoritative account of Clunbury bells in 'The Shropshire Magazine.' 'The Croydon Advertiser,' of August 27th, gave us a reminder of the old Society of Croydon Youths and the work of Dr. A. B. Carpenter; and 'J. P. D.' in 'The Harpenden Free Press' discoursed pleasantly on the difference between carillon playing and bell ringing.

LEGEND OF PIXIES AND BELLS

'Pulman's Weekly News' revived the legend of the pixies and the bells of Ottery St. Mary, and the story of the destruction of the carillon at Cattistock was related by William Pike in 'Home Words.' To this little paper may, perhaps, go the palm for the most charming essay of the year, 'A Novice goes Bell Ringing,' a delightful account by B. J. Jackson of a layman's approach to handling a bell and ringing rounds. Running it very close in simplicity and charm was John Saunders' 'The Bells of Steeple Aston' in 'The Lady' of December 2nd.

Early in the year the continued correspondence on synthetic bells in 'The Daily Telegraph' was assisted by Mr. E. A. Barnett, and in 'The Kent Messenger' Dr. John Hatcher conveyed a New Year message to the people of Kent. To correspondence in 'The Western Gazette' on bells of the countryside, Mr. H. J. Sanger made a valuable contribution.

The ringing publications of 1954 cover the archæological, historical and practical approaches to our art. The Exercise will congratulate Mr. Frederick Sharpe on the completion of 'The Church Bells of Oxfordshire' by the publication of Volume 6 and the consummation of thirty years of compilation. Part XIII of 'The Church Bells of Berkshire,' by the same indefatigable student, appeared in the middle of the year. Mr. Wilfrid Wilson's valuable essay on conducting, prepared for 'The Ringing World,' has been produced in book form with the title 'On Conducting' and is now on sale among the publications of the Council. Other books and pamphlets published during the year include the following:

'Cheshire Bells,' J. W. Clarke.
'The Chester Scholars,' J. W. Clarke.
'Beginner's Grandsire' (2nd edition), A. Waddington.

'ORANGES AND LEMONS'

Among the publications of the year not written primarily for ringers are 'Oranges and Lemons,' dedicated by the author, Miss Gladys Taylor, to the Ancient Society of College Youths, and 'Bells in England,' by Tom Ingram. The former work gives a survey of the churches of London and will appeal strongly to all ringers. We may agree with 'The Ringing World' that the description in this book of the Sunday ringing at St. Paul's is most impressive. Mr. Ingram's work covers bells of every kind, from door bells to bells on buoys, and contains an eight-page bibliography that would appear to us to be the most comprehensive ever published.

'The Ringers' Note Book and Diary,' by Viggers and Hodgson, continues to appear and deservedly flourishes. It is of great use both as a diary and as a ringer's vade mecum.

OBITUARY

With regret we inform the Exercise of the death of Frank L. Fisher, of Ufford, Suffolk, on May 20th, at the age of 54. A fuller report will appear in our next issue.

NOTICES

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A GOOD second-hand set of handbells, suitable for tunes and change-ringing. Write: The Headmaster, Woodville County Secondary School, Woodville, Nr. Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. 6355

PUBLICATIONS

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'CHURCH BELLS AND RINGERS OF NORWICH,' by A. G. G. Thurlow, 5s. 6d. post free from the author, 67a, The Close, Norwich. An account of the bells of one of England's most historic cities, well illustrated with plans, cross sections and pictures. Second edition, much improved; no increase in price.

MISCELLANEOUS

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, June 4th, Ringing, St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, S.W., 3.30. Business meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m. Note: No ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral on June 7th. 6410

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting at Wilton (8), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reid, George Street, Taunton. 6397

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting on Saturday, June 4th, Chippenham (6), 3 to 4.30. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15 at Fordham Crown. Fordham (6) after tea. —R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 6386

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western. — Meeting, Havering-atte-Bower, Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Goodwin, Lydstep, Havering Road, Havering-atte-Bower. 6388

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting at Send (6) on Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Red Cross Hut. 6382

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Abbots Langley (6) June 4th, 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. 6417

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District—Combined meeting with the LADIES' GUILD at Biddenden (8), June 4th. Bells, 2.45 p.m. Service, 4.25 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. Frittenden (8) bells also available from 6.30 p.m. 6369

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, St. Peter's, Thanet, Saturday, June 4th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Service, 4.15 p.m Tea 2s. per head. 6370

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Hever, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells (6), 3 p.m. Service, 5.15 p m. Tea (2s. 6d.), 6 p.m. 6374

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — Meeting at Aylestone (8), Leicester, on Saturday, June 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Aylestone Boathouse. All ringers and friends welcome. 6403

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at West Lavington (6), June 4th. Usual arrangements.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6438

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Quarterly meeting at Meopham, Kent, Saturday, June 4th. (Train from Victoria.) Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Cricketers' Inn, 5.15 p.m. Wrotham bells (8) available after tea (6.30 p.m. bus from Meopham). 6361

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Tichborne, June 4th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at Riverside Farm. 6405

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bidford-on-Avon (8), Saturday, June 4th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. 6408

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, King's Norton (10), Saturday, June 4th, 3 p.m. Service, 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. 6367

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Blunham on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) 3 p.m., tea at 5 p.m All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 6431

DEVON GUILD—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Shobrooke (new tower for most), Saturday, June 11th. Bells on arrival. Service 4.30 p.m., conducted by the president. Tea 5 p.m. Catering by local ladies. Extra support this time, please! Names by June 7th.—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 6436

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION—Western District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 11th, Benfieldside St. Cuthbert. Names to C. T. Lamb, Hon. Dis. Sec., 26, St. Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Co. Durham. 6427

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Swindon Branch. — Bishopstone (8), June 11th. Tea. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon (Tel. 3936). 6429

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Farnham District.—Meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, June 11th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mrs. Mellins, Pankridge Street, Crondall, by previous Wednesday. (Note change of meeting place from Farnborough, as per programme.)—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6423

HERTS ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—June 11th, Great Hormead 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by Thursday, 9th, to Mrs. A. J. Baker, 18, Willow Close, Great Hormead, Nr. Buntingford. Ringing at Braughing from 6 p.m. —T. J. Southam. 6446

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Lewisham District.—Practice meeting at Chelsfield, Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for refreshments by Monday, 6th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 6447

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting, Saturday, June 11th, St. Mellons. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and important business. Gentlemen cordially invited.—J. S. Evans, Dis. Sec. 6387

LADIES' GUILD — Western District.— A quarterly meeting will be held in Minehead (10) on June 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. Other towers available: St. James', Taunton, 10.15 to 11.15 a.m.; Dulverton, 1.15 to 2.15 p.m.; Curry Rivel 7.45 to 8.45 p.m. The usual coach will travel from the Bath/Bristol district—a few seats are still available. Lunch at Dulverton. Names for coach, lunch and tea as soon as possible to Mrs. M. de Jong, Vanaarken, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol (Tel. Saltford 2147).—M. de Jong, Hon. Sec., Western District. 6440

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD—Loughborough District.—Whitwick, June 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Toc H Hut. Names to Mr. R. Beniston, 157, Hall Lane, Whitwick, by June 8th.—C. W. Hall, Hon. Dis. Sec 6433

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Great Carlton (5), June 11th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Ringing after the meeting at Louth (8). Names for tea, by June 7th, to Mr. A. Holmes, Great Carlton, Louth, Lincs. 6401

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Quarterly meeting. Caythorpe (8), June 11th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 6415

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Willesden on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. with tea and business to follow. Buses 660 and 664, alight at the White Hart, or Neasden Underground Station, turn right and 5 minutes' walk. 6434

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Netherseale, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify W. F. Woodward, Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent. 6441

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Welshpool, June 11th. Bells at 3 p.m. Leighton also available. Names for tea to E. V. Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Shrewsbury, by first post on Monday, June 6th. 6422

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, June 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Old and new members welcome. 6442

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Crawford Cup contest and meeting and Bawtry (6), Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. start. Names for tea, by 7th, to Mr. A. Wilson, Shady Nook, Doncaster Road, Bawtry, Doncaster.—H. Denman. 6414

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION—Western Division. —Practice meeting, Rudgwick (6), June 11th (not Slinfold as printed in meeting card). Names for tea please by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 6445

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Corporate Communion at Midsomer Norton, Sunday, June 12th. Bells 7 a.m. Service 8. Names for breakfast essential to E. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton. 6395

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD — Gainsborough District.—Next meeting, Owston Ferry, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lee, Gainsborough (Tel. 2623). 6399

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting, Shipton-under-Wychwood (8) on Saturday, June 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Branch Sec., Charlbury. 6430

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 18th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30—3.15 and 6.30—7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6), also available during afternoon and evening. Service at St. Mary's 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 15th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn.

Preliminary notice. The joint meeting with the Shropshire Association and Hereford Guild will take place at Walsall on July 9th. 6439

SURREY ASSOCIATION—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Charlwood, June 18th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 15th to A. J. Ede, 1, Claremont Villas, Charlwood. 6437

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Advance notice. The Snowdon Commemoration Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, 1955, at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds. Tickets, price 11s. 6d. each, now available from A. E. Marsh, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey, Leeds. 6384

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BRISTOL — A MEMORABLE MEETING

THE Central Council meeting at Bristol last Whitsuntide will go down in the history of change ringing as a big attempt by the members of the Council to get closer liaison with the rank and file of the Exercise. Previous to the meeting a tremendous amount of spade work had been done by Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis and Mr. E. A. Barnett, the hon. secretary of the Council, in revising the whole of the recommendations and decisions of the Council since its inception. As a preliminary to this, a summary of the existing rules and decisions had already been published in 'The Ringing World.' The Standing Committee gave the whole subject very detailed examination and much 'dead wood' was recommended for deletion. In the Council meeting debate was in no sense stifled, but a masterly grip of the proceedings was maintained by the President and the long agenda dealt with in a statesmanlike and dignified manner.

Previously the Council had before it some seven motions, all interconnected, dealing mainly with Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques. The proposers and seconders of these motions were called to a special meeting before the Standing Committee met, and as the result these seven motions were withdrawn in favour of a comprehensive motion. Thus when the matter came before the Council there was only one motion before the House. By a substantial majority the Council has agreed to accept and recognise Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques, but the field of recognition did not depart from its definition of a 'regular' method.

The latitude now to peal ringers is amazing. Another significant decision was to permit peals on handbells with a ringer only ringing one bell! Older generations of change ringers will stand aghast. Such a revolutionary sweep almost took one's breath away. What has brought about this change? It seems that in the first place there has been an attempt to bridge the gap between what is rung for Sunday service and practices and what is attempted in peals. The pungent critics of Central Council 'dictatorship' will for once be nonplussed. The Central Council, it should be emphatically stated, is a democratic body. When in the past a rule or decision was made it was not the outcome of a committee or coterie. The latter may have originally made the suggestion or recommendation, but the actual decision was by the representatives of the affiliated Associations. The composition of the Council is not a body out of touch with ringing. Apart from the officers there are seven life members and a maximum of 24 honorary members; the remainder are the elected members.

Bristol will also be remembered by the decision to honour the President with a badge of office. Many of our Guilds and Societies have badges and chains of office of antiquity and dignity. Is it too much to hope that before Mr. Edwin H. Lewis finally vacates the presidential chair he shall have the privilege of wearing the presidential badge? Mr. Lewis has another Council meeting before his triennial period expires. At the next meeting there is to be a vice-chairman sitting by his side, who will be his ultimate successor. A special committee has been appointed to make a recommendation to the Council for this important office, and such an appointment will be early on the agenda for the next meeting at Leicester.

This brief commentary, which was written by the Editor owing to the non-arrival of a more authoritative message, cannot close without an expression of appreciation to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Bristol was a happy meeting, despite the dark clouds of the railway strike. On the social side the conveniences of members and friends had been carefully studied. Ringing facilities were excellent, and the room set aside at headquarters was not only much appreciated but extensively used. It was indeed a great reunion. As usual on the final evening Mr. Harold J. Poole was master of ceremonies, and the New Zealand visitors at the hotel gained a new insight into a venerable side of English life. Venerable is a word that applies to much of Bristol. The reception given by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress at the Red Lodge took those present back to Tudor days when change ringing was in its infancy. Stedman Cinques 'in hand' from the walled-in garden was indeed sweet music. This civic hospitality was a most generous gesture.

Lastly, we are not merely ringers but church bell-ringers. The Dean of Bristol (the Very Rev. F. E. Lunt) made all who attended the Council meeting feel that they were members of the fellowship of Christ's Church. The meeting seemed to start on the right note—that of harmony with all the many different types of workers for the Church. To the four corners of the country and beyond into Eire the members departed, strengthened in the great bonds of friendship and also imbued with a new vision of the responsibilities of vocation as servants of His Church.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt.

RAYMOND G. BURTON	*Treble*	FREDERICK VICKERS	7
GILLIAN R. PARSONS	2	JOHN B. SANSOM	8
JOHN CHILCOTT	3	CYRIL E. LEWINGTON	9
KATHLEEN E. WELLER	4	DAVID E. PARSONS	10
JOYCE A. ENGLAND	5	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	11
CYRIL J. HIBBERT	6	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY G. MILES. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
A 21st birthday compliment to Michael V. Chilcott (May 27th) and a birthday compliment to William Hibbert (May 28th).

TEN BELL PEALS

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Treble*	*BRYAN C. STIRLAND	6
*R. GEORGE MORRIS	2	*JOHN N. DISERENS	7
GORDON P. T. PETERS	3	*RONALD F. DISERENS	8
GEOFFREY K. DODD	4	*DAVID BEACHAM	9
REGINALD W. REX	5	*NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in D.

SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	*Treble*	*RAYMOND F. SMITH	6
*GWEN I. RUSBY	2	*GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	3	JOHN WALDEN	8
†GEOFFREY PAUL	4	H. LESLIE PASK	9
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Composed by C. KENNETH LEWIS. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal 'inside.'
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Andrew Thomas Ferguson, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Smith.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., May 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E.

FRANCIS A. SEDGWICK	*Treble*	EDMUND MALIN	5
ANN BARR	2	RICHARD C. INGRAM	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	PETER BERESFORD	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of the seventh and tenor.

BRIGHOUSE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

FRANK POPPLEWELL	*Treble*	GORDON TURNER	5
*ALBERT W. BOND	2	ARTHUR HINCHCLIFFE	6
W. GEORGE TURNER	3	†WILLIAM SYKES	7
FRANK LINFOOT	4	*JOHN PEARSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Major.
A farewell to Gordon Turner, who now joins H.M. Forces.

LONG SUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES C. RAWDING	*Treble*	NORMAN V. HARDING	5
BERNARD H. DALTON	2	WILLIAM ROSE	6
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	3	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	7
THOMAS H. CHARLTON	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. O. M. Whitton, wife of the conductor.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

HAROLD KILBY	*Treble*	*BRIAN CHAPMAN	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	*SAMUEL HAYNES	6
*PETER R. JOHNSON	3	WILLIAM THORNLEY	7
*JOHN M. JELLEY	4	*ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

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

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation of Thurstans' Four-part.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	ERNEST J. JELLEY	5
MRS. H. J. POOLE	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	4	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
Rung half muffled in memoriam Paul Swainbank, aged 10, a chorister at St. Thomas', who died suddenly on May 20th, following an accident. He had his first lesson in bell ringing the previous Tuesday.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Fri., May 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*JAMES L. EATON	*Treble*	PETER R. SANDERS	5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	2	EDWIN G. MOORE	6
A. JAMES ADAMS	3	DONALD H. NIBLETT	7
DAVID HODGSON	4	GRAHAM WEBB	*Tenor*

Conducted by DONALD H. NIBLETT.
* First peal of Triples.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	HERBERT W. PEARCE	5
ANTHONY J. SANGER	2	PATRICIA N. BOURN	6
PERCY SPARKS	3	H. E. GEORGE JEANES	7
*JOHN R. BADMAN	4	WILLIAM E. TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal of Major.
A wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the seventh.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN AMBLER	*Treble*	GORDON BENFIELD	5
WILLIAM BARTON	2	ALEXANDER E. MARSH	6
GEOFFREY INGHAM	3	JOHN W. GIBSON	7
MRS. A. E. MARSH	4	ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON BENFIELD.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21½ cwt.

RAYMOND OVERY	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	2	*ROBERT COLLINS	6
WALTER H. DOBBIE	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* 200th peal.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

*GEORGE RATHBONE	*Treble*	VICTOR A. PERRY	5
*DOROTHY M. PALMER	2	DOUGLAS HARRISON	6
HAROLD HAYNES	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	7
A. JOHN HOBLEY	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Major. First peal on the bells since the rehanging.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,600 Rutland, 1,280 London, 960 Yorkshire, 640 Bristol, 320 Superlative, and 320 Cambridge, with 129 changes of method.
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

C. HENRY HARDING	*Treble*	*DENNIS KNOX	5
LEONARD H. BOWLER	2	†ALICK CUTLER	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal of six spliced. † 300th peal.
Rung in honour of the 38th birthday of the Duke of Bedford.

BALDOCK, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 26¼ cwt.

*PETER STACEY	*Treble*	COLIN HARWOOD	5
†RICHARD J. CASTLEDINE	2	JACK S. DEAR	6
†K. PATRICIA HUTTON	3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM	7
REX DIXON	4	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

CALNE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	PAT I. CHAPMAN	6
THOMAS E. SONE	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.
The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells, and first Major since 1935.
Rung in honour of the Calne millennium as a borough. The Mayor and Mayoress of Calne, Councillor D. Elliott and Mrs. Elliott, welcomed the band in the belfry before starting.

MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*LEONARD STILWELL	*Treble*	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	5
WILFRED WILLIAMS	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
ARTHUR MASON	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
* 500th peal. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. O. Moss, who was inducted Vicar of St. Luke's, Brislington, on June 4th.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ABERGELE, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents (called differently). Tenor 8 cwt.

*STANLEY WILLIAMS	*Treble*	JOSEPH P. GRIFFITHS	4
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS	2	ANDREW J. SALISBURY	5
L. JOHN EVANS	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Court, and three extents each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*LEONARD F. MORGAN (14)	*Treble*	MOLLIE TILBURY	4
JOSEPHINE GREEN	2	CHARLES G. JONES	5
PHILIP G. MORGAN	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by PHILIP G. MORGAN.
* First peal. First peal of Minor as conductor.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., May 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

JOHN VERNON	*Treble*	MICHAEL VERNON	4
MICHAEL E. BROWN	2	C. ROGER HAYWARD	5
*ERNEST MORRIS	3	JOHN A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL E. BROWN.
* 450th peal for the Guild.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*RODERICK V. WALLIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	4
*JOYCE M. SEABROOK	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
†GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN	3	D. KAY ADKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by D. KAY ADKINS.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor.

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COCKERHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Lancaster Branch.)
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

Mrs. Dorothy Eccles ..	*Treble*	James Metcalfe	4
Herbert Rainford	2	George Braithwaite ..	5
Stanley Anderton	3	Roland F. Eccles	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Braithwaite.

Rung as a compliment and farewell peal to the Vicar, Rev. Basil Higginson, who has accepted a living at Bradford, Manchester.

EATON-ON-THE-HILL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denys,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, four of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob (seven callings). Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in B flat.

Denis A. Frith	*Treble*	*Brian Hunt	4
Fredk. W. Pinchbeck ..	2	*Brian Butterry	5
*Russell Read	3	H. Reginald Woods ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.

* First peal.

GREAT DODDINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of All Saints, Southrepps Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old Bob, Kennington, and April Day. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*Shirley A. Powell ..	*Treble*	Ivor J. Dickin	3
George F. Roome	2	†Allan R. Jones (14) ..	4

Alan C. Cozens .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Alan C. Cozens.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

Rung in memoriam Alfred Beckworth, of Holy Sepulchre, Northampton.

HINXWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*Peter Jackson	*Treble*	Alan Jackson	4
Derek P. Jones	2	Michael Orme	5
Richard E. Castledine ..	3	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

* First peal and first attempt, age 13.

A birthday compliment to Mrs. I. M. Jones, Mrs. C. Orme, Miss C. Orme, and the treble ringer.

HANDBELL PEAL

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., May 26, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
At 38, Castle Hills Road, Scawthorpe,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 73 methods: (1) Plain, Double, Reverse, Canterbury, Fulbeck, Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Wavertree College, Windermere, Frodsham, Horsmonden, Killarney, Cumberland, and Ennerdale, (2) Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Clarence, Elston, Humber, Taxal, Marple, Braintree Delight, and Morning Star Treble Bob, (3) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Capel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob, and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight, (4) Blaxhall, Bramfield, Buxton, Ellacombe, Harmondsworth, Hayes, Iver, Lamberhurst, Mitcham, Ringstead, Sharnbrook, Stanhoe, Stonehouse, Stratton and Wordsley Alliance, and Little Bob, (5) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer and Chalfont Alliance, and Crayford Little Court, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob.

Tenor size 8 in F sharp.

Howard Scott	1-2	Wilfrid F. Moreton	3-4
W. Eric Critchley ..	5-6		

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

The conductor's 100th peal on handbells. The most methods rung to a peal by the Association.

QUARTER PEALS

ADLINGTON, LANCS. — On May 28th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Sheffield 1, Margaret E. Openshaw 2, J. Blackburn 3, E. Baldwin 4, J. Cunliffe 5, A. Rigby 6, F. Brownlow 7, F. Stead (cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Donald R. Snape (organist at Adlington) and Margaret J. Taylor.

APPLEDORE, KENT. — On May 25th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. S. Humphrey 1, A. J. Hicks (first in method) 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, Miss O. M. Boulden 4, R. A. Hodgson (first of Major) 5, G. Pearson (first of Major as cond.) 6, J. R. Cooper 7, R. Swift 8.

BELGRAVE, LEICS. — On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Pole 1, G. Castleman 2, J. Kesterton 3, D. Burnett 4, A. Bradshaw 5, R. Barrow 6, C. Linch (cond.) 7, E. Esmond 8. Rung for the wedding of Peter Wells and Jean Marjorie Reeve.

BOSTON, LINCS. — On May 23rd, at St. Botolph's, 1,260 Bob Royal: D. Lyman 1, W. E. Clarke 2, F. Davey 3, S. Jessop 4, R. Brown 5, F. Leggott 6, D. Brown 7, T. Freeston 8, J. Petch 9, Rev. G. G. Graham (cond.) 10. Specially rung as a greeting to the new Mayor, Councillor E. A. Arnold, and to the conductor, who hails from Bakewell, Derbyshire.

BURNHAM, BUCKS. — On Empire Day, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Gilbert (cond.) 1, W. Birmingham 2, Freda Murkitt 3, G. Lister 4, E. E. Gosling 5, G. W. Limmer 6, Miss D. Hague 7, J. D. Norsworthy 8. Rung for Confirmation by the Bishop of Buckingham.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss M. Barker 1, J. Pannell 2, D. Manger 3, J. Salmon (first quarter) 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. First quarter of Doubles by all. Rung for Confirmation by Assistant Bishop Mann.

CHORLEY, LANCS. — On May 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Kitchen (first of Grandsire) 1, P. Dunderdale (first of Grandsire) 2, T. Barker 3, A. A. Rigby 4, L. Walmsley 5, E. F. Stead (first in method as cond.) 6, J. Blackburn 7, J. Smith 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rector of Chorley, the Rev. A. J. G. Anderson, who was inducted to the benefice on the previous Monday.

DEAL, KENT. — On May 23rd. 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Hawkins (first of Treble Bob) 1, Miss A. Vine 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, F. W. Lawrence 4, P. J. Rye (cond.) 5, J. M. Stephens 6. Rung as a first wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 4th.

DONINGTON, LINCS. — On May 24th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Woods 1, S. V. Woods 2, E. Staples 3, G. Short 4, G. Pearson 5, A. E. Woods 6, C. Wander (cond.) 7, A. H. Bennett 8. First on eight by 1, 2, 3, 5, 6. First quarter of Major on the bells. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. P. Moore, a church worker for over 50 years.

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET. — On May 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: V. J. Jones 1, D. Keighton 2, B. W. S. Angell 3, D. B. I. Pennal 4, A. R. Wright (first of Minor as cond.) 5, Miss E. A. G. Grime 6. Rung for the Whitsun festival.

ELTHAM, KENT. — On May 19th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss B. Slark (first quarter) 1, B. Aldridge 2, E. Coode 3, I. Oram 4, F. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. Rung for Ascension Day.—Also on May 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Miss B. Slark 1, F. Hurrell 2, E. Coode 3, G. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Hurrell 7, K. Small 8. Rung for evensong. Also a welcome to the Rev. John Gurney, of Buxted, Sussex.

GRANTHAM, LINCS. — On May 14th, at the Church of St. Wulfrum (on the 'back six'), 1,440 Minor (720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Plain Bob): J. R. Ketteringham 1, F. Reed 2, O. A. Needham 3, G. Paul 4, D. Mottershead 5, J. E. Cook (cond.) 6.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 14th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: G. Apps 1, G. A. Packham 2, R. V. Johnson 3, E. R. Rapley 4, E. F. Packham 5, R. Langridge 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss F. M. Howell to Mr. Basil W. White, both members of the local band.—Also on May 15th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: D. J. Parsons 1, C. M. Jupp (first 'inside') 2, C. A. Cruttenden 3, E. F. Packham 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, A. L. Ryman 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. P. Barry, on the eve of his departure for Tangiers.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON. — On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Jemmett 1, H. Hatto 2, C. Tigwell 3, J. Eymore 4, A. Street (cond.) 5, J. Smith 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam F. Goodall, senior sidesman at this church, who was laid to rest on this day.

HONITON, DEVON. — On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Stevens 1, C. Manley 2, Pamela M. Stevens (cond.) 3, A. Hodge 4, C. J. Stevens 5, J. Real 6. Rung for the Mayor's civic service. This was the 50th quarter peal for Mr. A. Hodge.

LEIGHTON BROMSWOLD, HUNTS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Stedman, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): W. J. Whitmore 1, D. W. James 2, B. Hendry 3, P. I. Chapman 4, B. S. Cope (cond.) 5. Rung in honour of the feast of St. Aldhelm, B.C., first Bishop of Sherborne, 705 A.D.

QUARTER PEALS

KEYMER, SUSSEX. — On May 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Backshall, jun. 1, C. W. Linington 2, S. W. Brown 3, H. Richardson 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss L. J. Hayman to Mr. D. A. Trinick.

LAMBETH, LONDON.—On May 29th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Corney (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, L. W. Bullock 3, L. Batley 4, Dr. D. G. Hollis 5, J. Barrance 6, W. D. Grainger 7, N. G. Hollingsworth (cond.) 8. Rung for evensong.

LOCKING, SOMERSET. — On May 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): Marjorie Legg 1, June Legg (first as cond., aged 15) 2, D. Cox 3, Rosemary Hutchings 4, Muriel Legg 5, F. Millier 6. Rung before Youth Sunday service.

LYDD, KENT. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Anne Boulden 1, G. Pearson 2, Olive Boulden 3, Maisie Vantom (first as cond.) 4, R. Swift 5, S. Boulden 6, J. R. Cooper 7, L. Terry 8. A birthday compliment to L. Terry and Kathleen Cooper.

MARGATE, KENT. — On May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Nugent 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, P. Page 3, G. Daynes 4, L. Twyman 5, P. Dadds 6, F. Gadsden (cond.) 7, R. G. Dadds 8. Rung as a compliment to visiting ringer.

MARLOW, BUCKS. — On May 19th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Cook (first of Major) 1, Miss H. Bonner (first of Major) 2, Mrs. E. D. Poole 3, J. T. Clay 4, Miss E. Gibson 5, E. D. Poole 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, R. E. Dean 8. Rung for evensong on Ascension Day.— Also on May 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. D. Poole 1, Doreen Coker 2, R. E. Dean 3, W. Avery 4, E. Gibson 5, A. E. Cox 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, E. Silvey 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, on May 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. G. F. Roome 1, W. H. Ashby 2, R. Finch 3, T. Jennings 4, G. F. Roome (cond.) 5, B. Linnell 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. Beckwith, for 50 years or more a ringer of St. Sepulchre's, Northampton.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK. — On May 29th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich and 720 Cambridge): A. Walpole 1, B. Barber 2, J. Forder 3, G. Walpole (cond.) 4, E. Long 5, D. Long 6. Rung for evening service.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. E. Atkins (first of Triples) 1, C. Watson 2, W. Welling 3, A. H. Bates 4, A. Cross 5, D. W. Stone (cond.) 6, G. Coussins 7, J. Coombes 8. Rung for evensong.

SILSOE, BEDS. — On May 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Oakeshott (first quarter) 1, T. P. Harris (cond.) 2, Miss J. Godfrey 3, S. J. Ivin 4, P. J. Lawton 5, Miss S. J. Devereux 6. Rung after evensong for St. Philip and St. James' day. — Also on May 19th, 1,260 Doubles (two extents each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): Miss S. J. Devereux (first away from tenor) 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, P. J. Lawton 3, J. F. Olney 4, T. P. Harris 5, Miss J. Godfrey 6. First for all in five methods. The ringer of the 3rd has now 'circled' the tower with quarter peals. Rung for the feast of the Ascension. — Also on Whit Sunday, 720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob Minor: Janet Godfrey 1, D. R. Brazier 2, T. P. Harris 3, J. F. Olney 4, P. J. Lawton 5, S. J. Ivin 6. First quarter in two Minor methods for 1, 4 and 5.

STONE, KENT. — On May 5th, 1,272 Minor (552 Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): Miss O. Boulden 1, Miss M. Vantom 2, A. Hicks 3, R. Hodgson 4, J. R. Cooper 5, R. Swift (cond.) 6.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKS. — On May 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss D. Honey 1, Miss J. Jones 2, Miss M. P. Sparks 3, J. Honey (first quarter of Minor) 4, W. G. Cudd 5, A. R. Pink (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. S. J. G. Brunning as Rector.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Rollings 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, F. Attewell 3, W. Gammage 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung half muffled in memoriam Alfred Beckwith, a frequent helpful visitor to this belfry, who died May 20th.

WESTON-ON-THE-GREEN, OXON.—On May 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Woodward (first quarter) 1, Christine Woodward 2, R. Jones 3, M. Journeaux (first 'inside') 4, C. Holloway (first as cond.) 5.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On May 21st, 1,440 Minor (one extent each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob): A. S. Richards (cond.) 1, M. F. Oakshett 2, Ian Oram 3, J. E. Cannell 4, J. L. Morris 5, J. H. Knight 6. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. B. Shortt, M.A., who was instituted Rector of West Wickham on May 18th, and Mrs. Shortt.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX. — On May 15th, 1,260 Spliced Doubles (480 Grandsire, 180 each of Stedman, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and 120 each of Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury): Stella M. Wickens (cond.) 1, Agnes F. Millam 2, Peter C. Hollingdale 3, Edna M. Everest 4, Kenneth C. Knight 5, Michael G. Truran 6. First quarter Spliced Doubles by all. Rung for Rogation Sunday.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Balls 1, E. Leggett (cond.) 2, B. Gibbons 3, F. Clarke 4, W/O V. B. Leggett, R.A.F. 5, J. Balls 6. Rung for the baptism of the baby daughter of the 5th ringer, which took place at the church this day.



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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

A CRITICAL ANNUAL REPORT

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association took place at Selby Abbey on May 7th, favoured by excellent weather, which, added to the fact that Selby possesses a very fine ring of ten bells, attracted an excellent gathering representative of each of the four Districts. The bells were going early to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal and continued in a variety of methods until a halt was made for the service.

An excellent tea followed in the Hawdon Institute after which the general meeting took place, presided over by the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds. Apologies for absence were received from Miss D. M. Killingley and Messrs. P. Birkett and J. Ambler.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Selby, the Abbey authorities and the organist was ably moved by Mr. H. Walker, seconded by Mr. A. Johnson, and carried. A similar vote of thanks to the local company for their excellent arrangements was moved by Mr. I. Slack, seconded by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and carried with applause. Mr. T. H. Foster, in reply, said how pleased the Abbey ringers were to entertain again the Association, and if all had been satisfactory the local ringers were amply repaid.

The report of the committee, presented by the president, stated that after allowing for the lapsing of a number of members and for the loss of eight members through death, there were now 1,620 members as against 1,606 a year ago. This total includes a large proportion of 'out county' members, as those who had paid their current subscription was 762.

The Northern District had lost two old ringers—Mr. Fred Tingle and Mr. Richard Duffield. The former had been connected with the Ripon Cathedral company for nearly 50 years and the latter for 35 years. Other deaths were Mr. Fred Hutchinson, St. Chad's, Headingley, a former secretary of the Western District, and Mr. C. G. Constable, of Beverley Minster.

The report offered congratulations to the York Minster Society and the success of the annual Snowdon Dinner at Doncaster, which resulted in a profit of £2 1s. 3d.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

The peal secretary's analysis for 1954 showed an increase in the number of those who had rung a peal for the first time, and a large increase in first peals in particular methods. 'All this is very satisfactory and a matter on which a number of individual ringers may well congratulate themselves. But your committee is deeply concerned about the general position regarding ringing for Sunday services. Far too many towers have difficulty in raising a full band of ringers on Sundays, far too many promising recruits fall by the wayside for lack of proper tuition, and in far too many towers the bells are silent and fail to fulfil their proper purpose of summoning the people to worship.

'Bells have been hung in our church towers for one reason only, and if their main purpose is not being carried out we must not delude ourselves for one moment that a record number of peals rung in a year, or a record membership of our Association, will avail to prove that all is well.

'The first essential is the basis of all church work, a lively faith in God and desire to be His witnesses. Next, we must look upon our ringing activities as a branch of church work which will remain undone unless we do it. Next, we must be missionary-minded with regard to change ringing; in other words, always seeking for converts, willing to give up time for their training when they are found, and pleased to welcome them on Sundays as well as on practice nights. If all these conditions are fulfilled, we can confidently hope for better things.'

THREE RECORD PEALS

The peal secretary's report showed the number of peals rung as 96, at 54 different churches and three handbell centres. Twenty-seven members rang their first peal. The peals of 36, 42 and 48 Spliced Surprise Major were all three records for the number of Surprise Major methods rung to a peal, the former breaking the record set up by the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the latter being the present record.

The leaders in numbers of peals rung and conducted were: Mr. W. E. Critchley 34 (conducted 16), Mr. W. F. Moreton 22 (9). Two centuries had been reached—the 100th peal at Guiseley and the 100th peal for the Association by Mr. J. F. Milner, of Kirklington, Notts.

The accounts showed a balance on the capital account of £254 13s. 6d., and on the yearly account of £77 2s. 2d. The Bell Repair Fund had a balance of £61 17s., four grants of £5 having been made during the year.

Mr. G. Benfield was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. W. E. Critchley hon. peal secretary.

The general secretary (Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris) read an invitation from Marsden to hold the next meeting there on either September 3rd or 10th. The meeting decided to accept the invitation for September 10th if local arrangements could be made.

The president announced that consequent upon his removing to a smaller house in Leeds he had reported to the committee that he found he had not sufficient storage space to house the stocks of previous issues of the Association's annual reports, and Mr. Bert Sutton, of 12, Highfield, Scarborough, had kindly offered to take over the entire stock. The committee were quite in favour of this, but had decided to bring the matter before this meeting. Mr. J. H. Kirby moved, and Mr. E. Hudson seconded, that approval of the meeting be given. This was carried, and Mr. Sutton thanked for his kind offer.

Mr. A. E. Marsh reported on behalf of the Leeds sub-committee in charge of the pending Snowdon Dinner, due to be held in Leeds on October 15th. Arrangements were well advanced and the Lord Mayor-elect, Alderman Sir James Croysdale, had kindly consented to be present. It was hoped that the members would rally round to ensure the continuity of the success the gathering had enjoyed on the last two occasions. Members were urged to book the date and to back the event by giving it full support.

Miss Margaret Wilkinson (York), A. Williams, M. K. Duxbury J. Cartwright and P. Wheatley were elected members. Mr. A. E. Marsh reported that an order had been placed for a further supply of badges and brooches, and he hoped they would be delivered in time for the next District meetings.

The president announced that he was to be inducted as Vicar of St. John's, Briggate, Leeds, on Thursday, July 21st, and that the service would take place at 8 p.m. This concluded the business and members were able to enjoy further ringing until 9 p.m.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Dinner Loss Provokes Criticism

Over 90 ringers and friends attended the 70th annual meeting of the Sussex County Association held in the Church Hall of the Good Shepherd, Brighton, on May 7th. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. J. Hills, who also gave the address.

The business meeting followed tea in the Church Hall. The chair was taken by the Master, Mr. S. E. Armstrong. Apologies were received from the treasurer, Mr. R. G. Blackman, Messrs. Laker and Dallaway.

The Master's report and balance sheet and the Divisional report were carried unanimously. The peal secretary's report showed that 65 peals were rung during the year with 30 conductors, and 126 ringers rang their first peal.

In the absence of the treasurer, Mr. Weller gave details on his behalf of the Division levies for 1955. These were approximately 90 per cent. of the year's income owing to a loss of £17 on the 70th anniversary dinner.

Mr. Downing criticised the committee over the arrangements for the 70th birthday dinner, stating that they should have covered themselves by the charge made for the tickets. He proposed that the loss should be met out of the General Fund and not taken from Divisional funds. This was seconded by Mr. Rogers.

The secretary then gave a full report of the committee's planning of the dinner, stating that the cost had been kept down to enable all to come, and only increased the original cost by 1s. per ticket.

DIVISIONS TO MEET LOSS

Mr. Wood reminded those present that they were all members of the Association and should do their best to help one another. Any money in the Divisional funds was there for the benefit of the Association as a whole. Mr. Weller then submitted an amendment:—'That the loss be borne by the Divisions, as the General Fund was earning 2½ per cent. interest, whereas the Divisional funds earned nothing.' This was seconded by Mr. Honeby. The amendment was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

Mr. M. Crackell, of Crawley, was elected a new member.

The president and vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc and the Master, Mr. S. E. Armstrong, was also unanimously re-elected, as were all the other officers of the Association.

The secretary gave details for the printing of the report for 1954. It was agreed to include the Divisional reports at a cost of approximately £37.

The secretary gave details and cost of the proposed badges for the Association. It was agreed to place an order for diecast badges in blue and silver at a cost of 5s. 6d. each.

The printing of new certificates was held over for the time being to enable the secretary to make further inquiries. Mr. North, of Brighton, offered assistance in obtaining a further estimate.

Mr. R. Overy spoke of the controversy over the acceptance of Bob Triples by the Central Council; he was supported by Mr. Frank Bennett. It was proposed by Mr. Overy, and seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the meeting support the motion for the acceptance of Bob Triples and that the Association's representatives to the Central Council should vote accordingly. This was carried.

Mr. S. Brown proposed a vote of thanks to all those who took part in the 70th birthday arrangements. This was carried unanimously.

The secretary stated that he hoped it would be possible to print the 1955 report before the annual general meeting.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

A Visit to Rugeley

When the Society last visited Rugeley, in 1951, the wish was expressed that it would not be too long before another meeting was held there. On the invitation of Mr. J. H. Joyner and the local band at St. Augustine's Parish Church, the spring meeting of the Society was held at Rugeley on May 21st and was favoured with fine weather.

It was particularly gratifying to see the younger generation well represented in the attendance of 66. The fact that over a third of this number would be under 25 years of age is an answer to those critics who claim that ringing is a dying art.

The ring of six bells was kept busy during the afternoon and evening. The service was conducted and the address given by the curate, the Rev. Mr. Pattenden. Mr. J. H. Joyner read the lesson and St. Augustine's organist, Mrs. Buckingham, very kindly officiated. The choir boys were also in attendance and their assistance in leading the singing was much appreciated.

Tea was served in the Old Grammar School, after which thanks were expressed to Mr. Pattenden, Mr. J. H. Joyner for his assistance in arranging the meeting, and Mrs. Joyner and her lady helpers for providing tea.

Mavesyn Ridware bells were available during the evening and many of those present at Rugeley took advantage of this facility for further ringing.

The next meeting of the Society will be the 'annual' at Lichfield on June 18th.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Mayor of Lowestoft's Welcome

For their meeting on May 21st the Eastern Branch visited Pakefield, where the easternmost ring of eight in the country is situated. The service, fully choral, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. K. Wilkinson Riddle), who also preached.

The company of 50 sat down to tea in the schoolroom, where, waiting to welcome them, were the Mayor and Mayoress of Lowestoft, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lang, who are parishioners of Pakefield. A vote of thanks was moved by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate) to the Mayor and his lady for their gracious gesture.

The meeting proceeded under the chairmanship of Mr. E. R. Goate, supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Barrett, and committee members.

New members elected were B. Willgress, M. Dingle, M. Hodds, D. Le Grice, of Acle, and M. Solly, of Pakefield. The re-election of Mr. Edward T. Chapman, after a long absence from the district, was also carried.

The next meeting, at Winterton on July 16th, subject to permission, was agreed to.

A collection for the Association's Bell Fund realised £1 2s. 3d., and it was further announced that an anticipated profit on the tea would be devoted to the Mayor of Lowestoft's Distress fund for the dependants of the crew of the drifter 'Playmates,' lost with all hands earlier in the year.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Rector, organist, choir, Mr. Peter Kindred, of the local band, and the many willing lady helpers who officiated at the tea.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Visit to Bishopwearmouth

In spite of the pouring rain and the fact that ten ringers were 'peal grabbing' at Newcastle Cathedral, there was a good turn out for the meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association at St. Michael and All Angels', Bishopwearmouth, Sunderland, on May 21st. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and during the afternoon we were visited by 'the strong arm of the law,' who assured us that they were just curious and wished to watch bell-ringers in action and did not intend arresting anyone!

The bells are considered by most to be the finest in the county, and while the standard of ringing left much to be desired in the afternoon, it certainly improved after the sumptuous tea in the Church Hall. Mr. K. Lawson, acting vice-president, was in the chair. A vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens was proposed by Mr. W. Maughan and a vote of thanks by Mr. S. Thompson to the ladies for preparing the tea.

At the request of the Rector, the ringing ceased at 7 p.m. while Evensong was sung. Several of the ringers attended this service, which was sung unaccompanied in unison. After Evensong ringing was resumed until about 9 p.m. J. B. S.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

At a recent service held at St. Paul's Cathedral for the Friends of St. Paul's the Queen Mother, who attended, was heard to remark as she left the Cathedral, 'How lovely the bells sound.' They were actually being rung to an excellent touch of Stedman Cinques, conducted by Mr. H. Langdon.

Another good handbell performance comes from Doncaster with a peal of Minor in 73 methods. This number is the most methods rung to a peal by the Yorkshire Association.

While a peal was in progress at a Somerset tower on the Saturday following the General Election a lady commented to a ringer who was listening: 'Are the bells ringing for the General Election? I don't think it is right, although I am a Conservative.'

When a party attending the Central Council meeting at Bristol went to Calne on Whit Monday to attempt a peal of Yorkshire Surprise they had the unusual experience of being welcomed in the belfry by the Mayor and Mayoress. The peal was rung in honour of the millennium of Calne as a borough.

There were two unfortunate typographical errors in the report of the Clerical Guild's ringing week in Devon. Tawstock appeared as Tavistock, and Selworthy as Sehoorthy. Some members of the Guild rang on the Thursday evening at Arlington (6) and the seldom-rung four at East Down. The errors are regretted.

'The state of health of the ringing Exercise should be measured not by long lists of peals rung as birthday compliments or for any other reason, but by the number of towers in which ringers assemble regularly week by week to ring the bells to the glory of God and the advantage of His Church.'—Committee's report, Yorkshire Association.

Mr. Jack Thomas hopes to attempt his 1,000th peal at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on June 18th, the tower in which he learned to ring.

Errata.—Peal Double Oxford Major, Loughborough Bell Foundry (page 323): Read Harold Taylor 2, Derek P. Jones 4.

Was the peal of Plain Bob Minor at Abergele on May 21st the first of Minor in Denbighshire? Older ringers consulted cannot remember one.

North Lincolnshire handbell ringers are practising for a handbell peal in 106 Minor methods. The maximum number of Minor methods recognised before the Council meeting is 112.

Mr. John Chilcott, immediate Past-Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, is acting as instructor to the band at Holy Trinity, Wandsworth. The first practice was on Thursday, May 26th. The company have vacancies.

A kindly gesture at the quarterly meeting of the Rochester District in Frindsbury on May 21st was the signing by all the members present of a 'get well quick' card which was sent to Mr. 'Gus' Hewitt, a member of the local band, who is in Dartford Hospital.

Getting home from Bristol presented a problem to many who had travelled to the Central Council meeting by train. When the Council opened, the president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) made an appeal for vacancies in cars. A number of offers were forthcoming, which facilitated the journey home.

Will correspondents during the strike period send communications, and especially notices, as early as possible. Many notices of meetings, some posted on Saturday, did not reach us until Wednesday, 24 hours after we had gone to press. Urgent communications can be telephoned to Guildford 5028.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL MEET AT BRISTOL

A GREAT WELCOME FROM CATHEDRAL AND CITY — 'THE RINGING WORLD': INDIVIDUAL GENEROSITY PRODUCES SURPLUS OF £362 OVER THREE YEARS — BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE AND A LASTING MEMORIAL — TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE'S BUSY YEAR — UNRINGABLE BELLS AND ARCHDEACONS

THERE is a saying in Bristol, 'Ship shape and Bristol fashion.' This in a sense exemplifies the success that attended the second session of the 27th Council (58th annual meeting) held in the Chapter House, Bristol, on Whit-Tuesday. With its wealth of bells there was a big programme of ringing extending from the Friday to the Tuesday, and after the Council meeting a civic reception was given to the members of the Council and their ladies by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress (Ald. Harry Crook and Mrs. Crook) at the Elizabethan house, Red Lodge, with its wealth of treasures.

Proceedings on the Tuesday started with Holy Communion at Bristol Cathedral at which the Dean (the Very Rev. F. E. Lunt) was the celebrant.

The Council meeting opened with a welcome from the Dean and from Mr. Cyril R. Harding, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

FROM OXFORD TO BRISTOL

The Dean said it was both a pleasure and a privilege to say a word of welcome to the Council, not only to the Cathedral but, in the absence of the Bishop, to the Diocese. The Bishop had asked him to express his regrets at not being present but sent his warmest wishes for the success of the meeting.

In welcoming them to the Cathedral his mind went back to the time when he was an incumbent and had bells in his church, and had a happy relationship with those who came week by week to ring them. That was in Oxford and because of the proximity of the Colleges they had to limit ringing, therefore he was not always as popular as he might have been with the ringers.

'I welcome the work that is being done by your Associations and I think it makes a big difference if what goes on in the belfry is in real fellowship and harmony with the rest of the Church. I often think you have a very great influence and opportunity of bringing young people into the closer fellowship of Christ's Church: they get interested in ringing and realise what ringing stands for—in summoning people to God and the fellowship of His Church.'

The president (Mr. E. H. Lewis) in thanking the Dean for his kind welcome said the Council was very pleased to come to Bristol, which he believed was a return visit. It was a delightful place to come with its wealth of towers; with the exception of Oxford he was sure there were more bells per head of population than any other city. He also thanked the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association for all he and his committee had done to make them welcome.

Mr. Cyril R. Harding, Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, in a message of welcome said they very much appreciated the work of the Central Council. They would realise, however, that the majority of their towers were in agricultural districts where the work of the Central Council had not been heard of. They did try when they went into these country villages to get the ringers to conform to the rules of the Central Council.

'I am perfectly satisfied that the ringing that has been carried on in the precincts of the city of Bristol has upheld the prestige and standard of ringing which was one of the objects of the Council. I hope your deliberations will be successful and that you will return to your homes with an everlasting memory of your visit to our ancient city of Bristol.'

THE ATTENDANCE

The president took the chair supported by the librarian (Mr. F. Sharpe), the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. A. Barnett) and the assistant hon. secretary (Mrs. Barnett). Those present were:—

Life members: Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. E. A. Barnett, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fletcher.

Honorary members: Mrs. E. A. Barnett, Messrs. J. T. Dyke, F. I. Hairs, A. A. Hughes, D. Hughes, C. K. Lewis, W. Osborn, Mrs C. C. Marshall, Messrs. E. C. Shepherd, P. L. Taylor, W. H. Viggers.

Bath and Wells Diocesan Association: Messrs. S. G. Coles, R. O. Fry, H. J. Sanger, Miss N. G. Williams.

Cambridge University Guild: Messrs. P. A. F. Chalk, B. D. Threlfall.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. W. Clarke, R. G. Corby.

Coventry Diocesan Guild: Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Derbyshire Association: Messrs. A. Mould, W. Robinson.

Devon Guild: Messrs. J. E. Lilley, T. G. Myers, Rev. J. G. M. Scott.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. H. J. Shuck.

Ely Diocesan Guild: Messrs P.. Border, F. W. Lack, H. S. Peacock.

Essex Association: Messrs. J. H. Crampion, F. B. Lufkin, Miss H. G. Snowden.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association: Messrs. A. L. Barry, T. Borcham, W. B. Kynaston, F. Skidmore.

Guildford Diocesan Guild: Mr. A. C. Hazelden.

Hereford Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. L. Lewis, W. F. Moreton, G. E. Oliver, J. J. Webb.

Hertford County Association: Messrs. W. Ayre, R. G. Bell, E. Edmondson, C. W. Woolley.

Irish Association: Messrs. F. E. Dukes, J. T. Dunwoody, Miss J. Stewart.

Kent County Association: :Mr. T. Cullingworth, Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Messrs. T. E. Stone, J. Willis.

Ladies' Guild: Miss D. E. Colgate, Mrs. A. Richardson.

Lancashire Association: Mr. J. Ridyard, Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith, Mr. A. Tomlinson.

Leicester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. S. Burton, P. A. Corby, H. J. Poole, A. E. Rowley.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Messrs. J. Bray, G. E. Feirn, J. Freeman, J. A. Freeman.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Miss J. S. Evans, Mr. T. M. Roderick.

London County Association: Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr W. G. Wilson.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. W. Goodfellow, T. J. Lock, R. F. B. Speed, E. C. S. Turner.

Midland Counties Guild: Mr. J. W. Cotton.

North Staffordshire Association: Mr. R. S. Anderson.

Norwich Diocesan Guild: Messrs. H. W. Barrett, F. N. Golden, N. V. Harding, Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. A. E. Lock.

Oxford University Society: Miss K. Higgins, Mr. R. B. Meadows.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. P. I. Chapman, G. W. Jeffs, E. Nobles, W. Rose.

St. David's Diocesan Guild: Mr. J. A. Hoare.

St. Martin's Guild (Birmingham): Mr. F. E. Haynes.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. G. H. Harding, W. C. West.

Sheffield and District: Mr. N. Chaddock.

Society of Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. P. N. Bond, F. E. Hawthorne.

Southwell Diocesan Guild: Messrs. C. Glenn, J. Segar.

Stafford Archdeaconry Society: Mr. B. G. Key.

Suffolk Guild: Mr. C. W. Pipe.

Surrey Association: Messrs. F. E. Collins, W. F. Oatway, H. N. Pitstow.

Sussex County Association: Messrs. R. G. Blackman, F. H. Dallaway, H. Stalham, L. Stilwell.

Swansea and Brecon Guild: Mr. G. I. Lewis.

Truro Diocesan Guild: Mr. D. Burnett, Miss M. Lidgey, Mr. H. Miles.

Universities Association: Miss M. R. Cross.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild: Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, Messrs. C. H. Kippin, G. Pullinger, F. W. Rogers.

Worcestershire and Districts Association: Messrs. B. C. Ashford, W. B. Cartwright.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. W. G. Critchley, L. W. G. Morris.

SUMMARY

	Associations	Present	Absent
Wholly represented ..	26	72	—
Partially represented ..	18	38	24
Not represented ..	10	—	15
	54	110	39
Life members		5	2
Honorary members ..		11	8
		126	49

The hon. secretary reported that there were 54 Associations affiliated to the Council with 150 members; there were also 24 honorary members and 7 life members, making a total of 181. There was one vacancy among representative members and 5 among honorary members. All subscriptions had been paid with the exception of the North Wales Association.

APOLOGIES

The secretary read apologies from the following members: Mr. F. Ainsley, Miss P. J. Ayris, Messrs. C. A. Bassett, H. D. Boreham, T. R. Butler, F. Dunkerley, J. P. Fidler, S. Foskett, T. H. Francis, A. Harman, J. E. Hobbs, Rev. J. Kingdon, Messrs. E. G. Fenn, H. J. Mansfield, A. H. Pulling, F. Precey, W. N. Park, J. W. Raithby, C. W. Roberts, Rev. A. S. Roberts, Messrs. C. J. Sedgley, B. F. Simms, J. F. Smallwood, Miss M. E. Snowdon, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth, Messrs. G. E. Symonds, T. H. Taffender, A. Walker, R. St. C. Wilson, J. R. Worrall, E. A. Young, E. W. Biffen, G. H. Cross, C. Wellater.

PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

The following new members were presented: Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher (Kent), Miss M. Lidgey (Truro), Mr A. L. Barry (Gloucester and Bristol), Mr. H. W. Barrett (Norwich), Mr. D. Hughes (Hon. Member), Miss K. Higgins (Oxford University), Mr. R. O. Fry (Bath and Wells), Rev. R. D. St. J. Smith (Lancashire), Mr. P. Border (Ely).

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. YOUNG

The president announced that a telegram was sent to Mr. E. Alex Young, a former hon. secretary of the Council, on his birthday on May 20th: 'On behalf of all members of the Central Council may I offer you the good wishes and congratulations of the members of the Council on your 90th birthday.—Barnett.'

Mr Young had sent a reply.

ELECTION OF HON. MEMBERS

The secretary reported that there were five vacancies for hon. members. Mr. Rowe retired and was eligible for re-election. The Standing Committee had not made a recommendation. The recommendation was adopted.

LOSS BY DEATH

The company stood while the members remembered Mr. F. Warrington, a member of the Council from 1936–47, representing the Ely Diocesan Association, who had died since the last meeting.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting, published in 'The Ringing World' of April 8th, were adopted subject to the following amendment: the name of Mr. J. Seager being substituted for Mr. C. Glenn.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

One important matter decided during the year was the Council's liability for Income Tax. This matter was taken up with the Inland Revenue authorities by the auditors of the accounts of 'The Ringing World' and the following points established:—

(1) Any excess of affiliation fees over expenses of the Council itself is not taxable, based on the principle that mutual trading exists.

(2) Profits from the sale of publications and 'The Ringing World' are taxable only so far as they arise from persons who are not members of the Council or the affiliated societies.

(3) Income tax would be payable under Schedule 'A' on any real estate owned by the Council or under Schedule 'D' on any income from investments not already taxed at source.

Members will note that the interest on 3½ per cent Defence Bonds invested from the funds of 'The Ringing World' comes under (3). With regard to (2), the Inspector of Taxes accepted the computations of assessable profits based on my estimate of such sales as one per cent, and as the amounts involved were very small, he did not propose to raise an assessment up to and including the fiscal year 1953/54. The position regarding 1954/55 is at present under discussion.

The decision to increase the price of 'The Ringing World' from 4d. to 6d. is dealt with in its proper place, but it may be of interest to set out the position which would have arisen but for the generous donations received from ringers during the past three years:—

Year	Loss on Trading	Donations	Nominal Surplus
	£	£	£
1952	.. 180	254	74
1953	.. 272	311	39
1954	.. 87	336	249

Thus, instead of a deficit of £539 during this period the paper has been able to show a surplus of £362.

It was agreed by the Standing Committee last year that consideration should be given to increasing the amount for which the Library was insured, and as a result it was decided that the figure should be amended from £250 to £600.

I would like to express my thanks to Association secretaries who send me copies of their annual reports, and also to those who send other publications. The Council is again greatly indebted to Mr. W. G. Wilson and Miss C. L. Groves for very kindly making themselves responsible for the typing and duplicating of these papers.

A final thought—the first three societies to pay their affiliation fees for 1955 (apart from one Guild who did so in advance) were the Scottish and Irish Associations and the St. David's Guild, in that order.

The hon. secretary moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. R. S. Anderson seconded and thanked the secretary for his work for the Council.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE HON. LIBRARIAN

During the year the borrowing of books of reference increased considerably. Sales of publications increased by 25 per cent above the previous year's total, and would have been greater had not the popular books on 'Doubles and Minor Methods' and 'Preservation and repair of bells' been out of print for most of the year. A new edition of the latter is now available and, at the moment of writing, negotiations are in hand with printers regarding a new edition of the Doubles book.

As a result of the price increases sanctioned last year, income exceeded expenditure by £4 2s. 1d. The 'best seller' has been Mr. W. G. Wilson's book, 'On Conducting,' with 'Village Bells' second and 'Hints to Beginners' third.

Typed index sheets of the printed books in the Library have been made during the year and a welcome addition to the equipment has been the acquisition of six bookcases.

Where there are many copies of any book in the Library, printed since 1850, I recommend that all above three copies be sold.

During the year the Library has received the following gifts: 'Cheshire Bells, Part III,' from the author, Mr. J. W. Clarke; 'Beginners' Grandsire,' from the author, Mr. A. Waddington; 'Notes for Beginners,' from the author, Mr. W. G. Wilson; the late Mr. C. Perry's MSS., from Mr. A. C. Hazelden; and 'The Irish Bell News,' from Mr. F. E. Dukes.

Once again I must pay special tribute to the painstaking and efficient work of Miss P. J. Ayris in running the sales section of the library.

Mr. F. Sharpe in moving the adoption of the report said they would notice that they had made a profit which was very gratifying to him. It was necessary because the profit they made was absorbed by 'The Ringing World' charges for advertisements and helped with publications.

He had received that day from the president a treatise on experiments carried out at All Saints', Loughborough, on the swinging position of bells and on experiments carried out in the Loughborough foundry with a spring bell-frame. He had also received a copy of the history of the London County Association and the North Southwark Diocesan Guild.

He expressed his thanks to Miss P. Ayris for seeing to the despatch of books and to the Rev. Eric Tarrant, Rector of Launton, for the use of a room in his Rectory for the library.

Mr. H. J. Poole seconded and the report was adopted.

CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE

Mr. A. A. Hughes reported that the machine was in good working order and was demonstrated on two occasions last year.

Mr. H. J. Poole, seconding, said he would like to express thanks for the demonstration given when the National Police Guild visited London.

The report was adopted.

THE ROLL OF HONOUR

Presenting the report of the Roll of Honour Sub-Committee, Mr. Harry Miles said, 'You see in front of you a happy man. He has done a job given to him at York in 1949.' The Roll of Honour was now finished. Another thing which had made him happy was the wonderful response from all quarters in the compilation of the roll.

There were a number of people he would like to thank. First, the two librarians of St. Paul's Cathedral, Mr. G. W. Henderson (since retired) and the Rev. W. M. Atkins; then Mr. C. Cullen, of Farnborough, Kent, who offered and wrote the roll free and designed the oak case. The roll in its case was placed just outside the gallery at St. Paul's Cathedral. The College Youths had agreed to turn over a page periodically.

It was proposed that photostat copies should be made of the roll. He asked Mr. F. Dunkerley to arrange with a firm at Oldham to make the stats—to send the original roll back to St. Paul's, the stats to him and the account to the general secretary. Mr. Dunkerley sent the roll back to St. Paul's, the stats to him and he paid the account personally. He thanked Mr. Dunkerley for his help and generosity.

Mr. R. S. Anderson in seconding the adoption of the report said he did not think there was a memorial in the country that had been done entirely by the people concerned. He moved that the secretary send an official letter of thanks to all who had contributed to the successful completion of the roll.

The report was adopted.

THE ACCOUNTS

THE BALANCE SHEET

The balance sheet of the Central Council was as follows:—

Creditors, £558 17s. 4d. (£778, 1953); Payments in advance, £848 12s. 11d. (£767); Capital Accounts: 'The Ringing World,' £1,695 11s. 4d.; General Fund, £452 10s. 4d. Total, £3,539 11s. 11d.

Goodwill and blocks, 'The Ringing World,' £200; Library, £10; Bookcases, £15 15s.; Typewriter, £18; Stock of Publications, £289 13s. 6d.; Debtors, £715 3s. 1d.; 3½ per cent Defence Bonds, £800 (£800); Cash at Bank and in hand, £1,491 0s. 4d. (£1,486). Total, £3,539 11s. 11d.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Expenditure—Biographies Committee, £4 6s. 7d.; Council meeting, Newcastle, £2 15s.; Accountants' Fees, £15 15s.; Stationery and Printing, £9 7s. 3d.; Postage, £6 8s. 2d.; Telephone, etc., £1 5s. 5d.; Typewriter written off, £3; Bookcase written off, £3; Cheque book and Bank charges, 9s. 1d.; Insurance (Library), 14s.; Wreath, £2; Typing, £1 1s.; Excess of income over expenditure, £32 12s. 1d. Total, £82 13s. 7d.

Income—Affiliation fees, £75; Donations, £1 11s.; Balance (case for roll of honour), £2 0s. 6d.; Balance (publications account), £4 2s. 1d. Total, £82 13s. 7d.

'THE RINGING WORLD'

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Expenditure—To Woodbridge Press Ltd. (printing and blocks), £3,369 2s. 9d.; Despatch of copies, £140 10s. 6d.; Postage and wrappers, £583 13s. 9d. Editorial Office: Editor's fees and expenses, £294 8s. 8d.; Clerical assistance, £120 3s. 8d.; Postage, stationery and sundry, £28 18s.; Accounts Department: Clerical assistance, £104; Postage, £20 5s. 2d.; Stationery and telephone, £17 19s. 9d.; Audit fee, £21; Sundry, £2 13s.; Net profit, £249 0s. 1d.

Income—Rolls Publishing Co., £1,844 7s. 11d.; Postal subscribers, £1,907 0s. 6d.; Donations, £335 14s. 4d.; Sundry sales, £25 12s. 9d.; Notices, £378 14s. 10d.; Advertisements, £421 9s.; Interest, 3½ per cent Defence Bonds, less tax, £18 16s.; General Fund advertisements, £20.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

Moving the adoption of the report the hon. secretary said he suggested that the accounts of 'The Ringing World' be left to 'The Ringing World' report. On the general fund they had made a profit of £32, which was a welcome change. This had been brought about by the doubling of the affiliation fees which now amounted to £75. The accounts had been audited by Mr. A. A. Hughes and Mr. F. W. Perrens.

Mr. A. A. Hughes seconded the adoption of the report, which was adopted.

'THE RINGING WORLD' COMMITTEE

Your committee has to report another year of strenuous effort to maintain solvency. During 1954, another campaign was launched to obtain more postal subscribers. All affiliated Societies were invited to elect members to act as District representatives of 'The Ringing World,' their functions to be to try to obtain more subscribers, and also to forward to the Editor news of what was happening in their Districts. The result was encouraging and your committee is most grateful to these representatives for their efforts.

Towards the end of the year we felt there was a danger of an adverse balance, and your committee was forced to the necessity of raising the price of the journal to 6d. This decision was taken after three years' vigorous struggle to keep the price at 4d. Rising costs left no alternative and it is to be hoped that when the effects of the increase are realised we may experience financial stability. So far as can be estimated the resultant drop in circulation is between three and four per cent—much less than we had expected.

The situation was saved last year, as in previous years, by the generous help received in personal, voluntary peal, quarter-peal and other donations.

In view of the discussion last year regarding the non-publication of letters written over a nom-de-plume, your committee decided to advise the Editor to consider such communications for publication provided they did not contain attacks on persons or bodies. A notice to this effect was published and the result has been obvious to all readers.

Your committee looks forward to the time when it may be possible to include more illustrations in the journal, and as soon as the financial position is sufficiently improved this, and other possible improvements, will be made. For the time being, however, economy and even austerity must continue until we sail in smoother waters.

Finally, we would place on record our sincere thanks to all who have helped in the production of the journal: to Mr. Tom White, the Editor, for his able and conscientious work; Mr. Jeater for his efficient supervision of the accounts; to all literary contributors; to all readers; to all district representatives; and last but by no means least to all who have, by their donations, helped us in a most difficult year.

Mr. F. I. Hairs in presenting the report regretted the absence of Mr. Smallwood. The rise in the price to 6d. was only made after careful consideration and was due to the fact that they were still depending on charity.

Mr. H. G. Poole seconded the adoption of the report.

The Rev. J. H. M. Scott said a great many people in his area were not change ringers. Call change ringers had no means of publicity for the results of their competitions except the local press. If those results were put in 'The Ringing World' they would get a substantial increase in circulation.

Mr. H. Miles supported this point of view.

Mr. Anderson said if the call change ringers sent the information to the Editor it would be published.

Mr. G. Pullinger: Could it be made possible for the paper to be open for advertisements?

The President: It is quite open.

Mr. J. E. Lilley: I don't want to cross swords with Mr. Scott, but I feel this is a very controversial subject. We are struggling very hard in Devon to introduce change ringing and I am very pleased to say that through my influence there will be a change ringing band at Buckfast Abbey.

The Rev. J. H. M. Scott spoke of the friendly relations with the call change ringers and the Devonshire Association at the annual competitions at Dean Prior and had invited a band of change ringers to ring the service touch. A peal was rung at South Molton in honour of the South Molton band winning the ringing competition.

The report was adopted.

Introducing the accounts, the hon. secretary said they would notice on the income side that during the year the income from postal subscribers had increased and that was before the price increase. Donations had also increased. They would not have made a profit had it not been for these generous donations. The expenditure during the year was nothing unusual. It became clear that the paper would not have paid without an increase in price. The Standing Committee recommended that the accounts be passed subject to audit. These accounts were audited professionally.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded and the report was adopted.

BIOGRAPHIES COMMITTEE

The Committee have been gratified by the response made by 1954 new members to their request for the prompt return of the forms handed to them when they were introduced to the president.

Of the total forms distributed at Newcastle just over half were returned duly filled in, a few complete with a photograph. This, although better than previously, could be much improved. The particulars for which we ask have proved by our experience to be the minimum foundation required for the record of each member which the Council wishes to preserve.

The album, already containing a good number of finished obituaries, is on view. From those sheets it is hoped members will note the information that is wanted, also that provision is made for a photograph of *post card size*. This point is specially mentioned because, in the case of members elected before 1935 (many already deceased) photographs have in many cases been obtained only with difficulty and often only by reproduction from loaned and faded copies.

Our books now contain the names of 713 persons who have been elected to membership of the Council. Of this total 76 have not attended a meeting and 100 have attended one meeting only. 315 are known to be deceased. We have complete biographies of 215 deceased past members, and 72 others, whose biographies are partially complete, are those on whom Mr. Stilwell and myself are spending many hours of searching the pages of volumes of the ringing papers. In the hope of enlisting the help of present members we append a short list of records which need only a photograph for completion.

E. E. Burgess (Bath and Wells), died 6th April, 1933.

Rev. H. C. Courtney (Bath and Wells), died January, 1929.

Rev. C. C. Parkes (Bath and Wells), died 18th December, 1930.

C. W. P. Clifton (Lincoln), died 28th November, 1926

C. Edwards (Hereford), died 2nd January, 1953.

J. P. Hyett (Hereford), died 23rd June, 1944.

F. E. Dawe (College Youths), died December, 1942.

H. A. Heywood (Chester Diocesan), died 20th July, 1943.

R. Sperring (Chester Diocesan), died 6th February, 1953.

T. Groombridge, Senr. (Kent County), died 29th October, 1951.

T. Groombridge, Junr. (Southwell), died 24th May, 1948.

R. A. Daniell (Cumberland Youths), died 20th December, 1935.

G. Longden (Lancashire), died 4th August, 1908.

W. E. Wilson (Lancashire), died 11th February, 1943.

R. G. Knowles (Worcester), died 22nd September, 1942.

F. Lees (Durham and Newcastle), died 12th August, 1897.

F. C. Willey (Yorkshire), died 29th October, 1929.

J. Basden (Middlesex), died 14th December, 1911.

Since the meeting at Newcastle and up to the time of preparation of this Report no deaths of members or of past members have been reported. We are, however, able to report on the deaths of some former members not previously reported to the Council which have come to our knowledge.

Thomas Card (Society of Royal Cumberland Youths 1906-1908), died 24th March, 1932.

A. E. Nye (Sussex 1894-1896), died 13th January, 1952.

G. H. Howse (Sussex 1909-1917).

G. A. Black (Essex 1915-1917), died 8th April, 1951.

J. W. T. Holgate (Yorkshire Association), died 15th October, 1951.

Moving the adoption of the report, Mr. A. C. Hazelden said information of the date of death was required of the Rev. W. W. Covey Crump, Ely Diocesan Association; Mr. S. J. Hughes, representative of the Dudley and District Guild; Mr. John Holden, of Saddleworth, Yorkshire Association; Mr. James Maddock, Bath and Wells; Mr. A. Taylor, Chester Diocesan Guild; Mr. J. W. Milner, Chester Diocesan Guild. He appealed to members to fill in the forms and send photographs.

Mr. John Willis, in emphasising the appeal, said to members of the Council, 'This is the only lasting record that you will get.'

Mr. F. W. Rogers suggested that members should place a note with their wills asking executors to send a postcard giving the date of their death.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards paid a tribute to the work of Mr. Hazelden and his committee.

PEAL BOARDS COMMITTEE

The publication last year of a list of towers where early peal boards exist, and from which details have been recorded, gave a clear indication of the progress made as well as a reminder that many more are still awaiting discovery.

Boards in towers where the bells are rung regularly—and especially where there is a band of change ringers—have in all probability been fairly well covered. On the other hand, there are towers where ringing once flourished but for some reason or other has now lapsed, and the bells have fallen into disuse. Such places provide opportunity for exploration, as instanced at Dedham, in Essex. Here the bells have not been rung for more than a century, but the ringing chamber has recently been examined with the result that a peal board recording 5,040 of Bob Major rung in 1818 has been added to the list. No doubt there are others to be located in similar circumstances.

Quite obviously the committee must depend on the interest and support of the members of the Exercise in general for the completion of its task and makes an earnest appeal for the search to be continued. The history of ringing will be enriched by these efforts.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

During the past year some thought has been given to the form of binding for the safe storage of the records collected and it seems clear that in view of the possibility of extra sheets having to be added at any time in the future, a loose-leaf binding must be adopted. The committee is prepared to be responsible for the binding and it is hoped that the matter can be taken in hand shortly.

Mr. J. W. Clarke moved the adoption of the report and said that details were slowly coming in and 15 were received last year. Mr. W. Ayre seconded and the report was adopted.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES COMMITTEE

During the past year the committee has produced a revised edition of the Council's handbook, 'The Installation, Preservation and Repair of Bells, Bell-frames and Fittings.' Members of the committee have given advice on restoration work in 40 towers—an increase of two on the previous year.

Mr. J. W. Clarke has advised on the restoration of the bells and fabric of one tower in Suffolk; and, in his capacity as chairman of the Chester Diocesan Advisory Committee, has done much useful work in that Diocese.

Mr. F. E. Collins has inspected the bells and gear in four towers in Essex and Hampshire. In each instance his advice has been taken and restoration schemes are pending. A scheme for the complete rehanging and augmentation of the bells in a Sussex tower, upon which he reported last year, has been adopted and the work is in hand.

Mr. J. Freeman has dealt with four inquiries in Lincolnshire. In one tower a major restoration involving the recasting and augmentation of the bells was advised; in two towers inspections were made following applications for faculties to rehang bells, and approval was recommended; in the other tower advice on the safety of ringing the existing bells was given.

Mr. E. H. Lewis has dealt with an inquiry from a Suffolk parish where precise calculations were required of the effect of lowering the swinging positions of the bells from 70 feet to 45 feet from ground level. He is also dealing with an inquiry from a Warwickshire tower.

Mr. W. Osborn has visited 12 towers in the West Country. In four instances he had advised on work of a major character involving the complete renewal of bell-frames and gear. In four towers he advised on the recasting of bells or the desirability of replacing them. In another tower, after a major structural restoration had been completed, the architect refused to allow the bells to be rung. Mr. Osborn advised the installation of reinforced concrete beams encircling the inner face of the tower walls, which has been done, and all is now satisfactory. As a member of his Diocesan Advisory Committee, he has given advice resulting in the granting of ten faculties. An application to install recorded bells in another tower was successfully quashed.

The convener has dealt with 15 inquiries in Bucks, Berks, Norfolk, Northants, Oxon, Suffolk and Yorks. In five instances major restorations involving complete rehanging in new frames are being carried out; in two instances problems regarding vertical vibration cracks in the masonry of towers were dealt with; in three towers advice on augmentations was given; in five towers repair work was advocated. In addition to these he has been in correspondence regarding minor repairs to the bells in a Cornish tower, and in two instances has given advice on sound control. An endeavour to persuade a donor to install a small ring instead of a larger chime was unsuccessful but a private arrangement was made with the bell founders that these bells should be cast to ringing weights. Lectures have again been given to the York Architectural Institute. This Institute has recently purchased a disused church and it is proposed to convert this into lecture rooms and a library. In the church is a derelict ring of six bells, four of which are mediæval. These are to be rehung in a new frame as a practical example for the instruction of students of Ecclesiastical Architecture.

Mr. F. Sharpe moved the adoption of the report and said it was a very brief summary of a considerable amount of work done by members of the committee.

Mr. F. E. Collins seconded.

Mr. C. Pipe asked the name of the Suffolk tower.

Mr. Sharpe said it was at Ipswich; they did not mention the names of towers for commercial reasons.

Mr. P. A. Corby said the Council must not lose sight of the great importance of the work of the committee. He thanked the committee for the work they were doing. There was a great scope for the work of this committee and it was his personal opinion that they ought to concentrate more on this aspect of their affairs than on the technical matters of change ringing, which took so much of their time. As one went round the country one realised the many towers that could take advantage of the services of the committee. He wondered if there were any means of making the work and services of the committee more widely known among the clergy and the diocesan advisory committees.

Mr. F. Sharpe replied that the chancellors and the secretaries of the diocesan advisory committees had been notified.

Mr. R. G. Blackman said for the annual meeting of the Friends of Chichester Cathedral the Archdeacon of Chichester had on the agenda 'The bells and tower.' He felt that such reports should be given to all annual meetings of parochial church councils.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said such a responsibility was up to the towers themselves. A measure had gone through the Church Assembly which required every church council to have their fabric examined by an architect every five years. The remedy was getting a ringing member on the parochial church council.

Mr. J. W. Clarke said there was not one architect in 100 who knew anything about bells. He had only seen one architect report on bells and that stated 'bells rusting.' On one occasion an architect designed a frame of timber and rubber. Fortunately that report came to the Advisory Committee and he was able to express his opinion. Many architects were still sent out by the Central Council for the Care of Churches who did not know anything about bells. He still felt that the best method was a representative of the committee on the Advisory Committee. Mr. Clouston had recently been appointed to the Ipswich Advisory Committee.

Mr. John Freeman, who is a member of the Lincoln Advisory Committee, thought local ringers should be more active and report conditions to parochial church councils.

The Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow said when the quinquennial inspections began it seemed most important that advice should be taken in every case where the bells were out of order. He had met cases where the incumbent did not know how many bells he had got. At the quinquennial inspection somebody should submit a complete list of all unringable bells. Mr. Nolan Golden had provided such a list for the Norwich Diocese. Such lists might do no good, but they would prevent Archdeacons from saying they did not know.

Mr. W. Osborn stressed the importance of each tower having a steeplekeeper. Where there was a good steeplekeeper the bells were in good order. The steeplekeeper should report regularly to the parochial church council.

Mr. N. Chaddock asked Mr. Sharpe to send a circular concerning the services of the committee to the diocesan advisory committees where there was no ringing representatives.

Mr. J. A. Hoare asked if this would cover their Church in Wales.

Mr. Sharpe: I have on many occasions been down to Wales and examined towers and belfries. I have written a book on 'The Church Bells of Radnorshire,' and I have completed two-thirds of a book on the bells of Cardiganshire and one-third of one on Pembrokeshire. In regard to the quinquennial survey the difficulty will be to find architects who have any knowledge of bell ringing. As a rule they don't know very much and don't like to be told. We are making progress and the Council is represented on the York Institute, which instructs surveyors.

Mr. D. Burnett said it had been the practice at Truro Cathedral, where the meeting was presided over by the Bishop, to ask if the bells were in good order.

Mr. Sharpe called attention to the new edition of 'Preservation and Care of Bells.' A copy should be in the hands of each incumbent and secretary of the parochial church council.

The report was then adopted.

(To be continued)

A CORNISH PRACTICE NIGHT

(With apologies to the Exercise.)

It is a beautiful evening, late in spring. The birds are singing gaily in the treetops; young lovers out for an evening stroll gaze longingly into each other's eyes; and at the local bowling club men in shirt sleeves and pipes in their mouths are innocently pursuing their leisurely hobby.

Suddenly the peace is shattered by a harsh jangle of sound; strong men wilt, mothers hasten to ensure that their offspring are safely indoors, and the members of the bowling club speedily retire to the soundproof clubhouse.

Why? It is the local ringers' practice night, of course! and for the next hour and a half the peace of the lovely countryside is obliterated by the wild cacophony of Grandsire Triples, the majestic thunder of Bob Major and the haunting melodies of Stedman Triples.

Let us for a while view the source of all this disturbance. Within the cool, grey walls of the old tower there is gathered a company of young people, both men and women. One unfortunate learner is being 'pushed' through a course of Grandsire Doubles, and a group of young ladies are sitting in a corner equipped with knitting needles and fashion magazines and exchanging local gossip. After an interval in ringing, the leader, a burly, fierce-looking young man solemnly makes the announcement, 'We are now going to ring a course of Camoridge Major, and woe betide anyone who goes wrong.' Eight young hopefuls stand to the ropes, and eight sweaty brows are puckered in concentration as each endeavours to guide his bell correctly along the intricate path of Cambridge.

As the hands of the clock creep toward the hour of nine, and as the bells are rung down and the last throbbing chord dies away, the sun seems to shine again, the birds sing once more and the members of the bowling club thankfully resume their game; peace reigns.

Outside the church the young people are gathered, smoking and talking. One bighead is heard to remark, 'When I rang Stedman Cinques with George Fearn at St. Martin's—but is hastily booed down by the remainder of the company. So here we leave them, a gathering of young sorcerers gleefully discussing arrangements for future disturbances, and the inhabitants of the surrounding countryside, both animal and human, rejoice in the fact that they will be left in peace, at least until Sunday morning.

ANNE ONYMOUS.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—With reference to a letter in 'The Ringing World' on muffled ringing, church bells are rung (or should be) to the glory of God and in His service.

Why, then, should we muffle this praise because one who has served Him faithfully in this way for many years has now been called by God to higher service? Surely the reasonable thing to do is to ring the bells open to express our thankfulness for the years that have been.

I, personally, shall always be glad that the day my husband passed on we had a ringing meeting here and the bells were ringing for many hours. He always said that he hoped they would ring for him, but not muffled, and the peal and quarter peal in memoriam and the funeral ringing were all open. It certainly helped to add to my belief in the fact that he is not far away.

I do not think Mr. Paice is right in suggesting that the passing of a loved one is any less solemn now than ever it was, but to my mind the use of muffles has passed with the fashion that decreed crepe and widow's weeds and black clothes even for little children.—Yours sincerely,

DORIS COOPER.

Croydon.

MUFFLED RINGING IS NOT MORBID

Dear Sir—'If these requests and desires become more general as during the last 20 years or so they have tended to do,' says Mr. Paice, then there is little we ringers can do—against requests and desires—but try and see that the Exercise and public should be educated to see things in their proper perspective and respect them.

'Will it then eventually become the regular custom to ring the bells "open" on all occasions, sad and gay?' he asks. Most certainly not—least, God forbid.

Any change arising from modern age and thought to muffled ringing should be resisted to the full.

Bells have been rung for years to celebrate every mood and every occasion, grave and gay, for rich and poor alike. Who would ever dream of ringing 'open' for Good Friday, the most sad and solemn occasion in Christian history; or who would think of ringing muffled for 'The Day of Resurrection,' to tell it out abroad? It is the contrast that makes muffled ringing for its own occasions and purposes so stately, impressive—yes, and majestic. **Long may it continue so.**

Incidentally, at our last practice we had a distinguished ringer visitor, Mr. Ronald Dove. Our bells were muffled for one of our ringers, Harry Furber Holding, to be laid to rest the following day. Before the practice ended we walked some distance to the station for the sole purpose of hearing the muffled bells; we could see quite a number of people looking to where the ringing came from, and apparently enjoying it. They usually ask on Good Friday what it is that is different about the bells.

The retention of muffled ringing—there is nothing morbid about it—is more important to the Exercise than whether Bob Triples is or is not to be allowed.

Moral: a place for everything and everything in its place.

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

A much appreciated gesture was the entertainment of the ringers who successfully rang a peal at Great Doddington, Northants, to tea by the incumbent.

SYNTHETIC BELLS — A CONTRIBUTORY CAUSE

Dear Sir,—Artificial reproduction of bell sounds are an abomination, whether they be formed from recordings of actual bells or by some form of electronic device. Both lack the richness of harmonics of real bells, the former through lack of sensitivity and the latter from obvious monetary considerations.

The clergy up and down the country are consistently being reminded of this evil; this mockery of what for so many centuries has become part of the English way of life.

To be fair to the clergy, though, we must probe deeper into the problem and take into consideration both sides of the argument. Too many rings of bells, especially in country towers, to-day hang silent. The parishioners are called to worship Sunday by Sunday to the tolling of a single bell. It would be interesting to find out how many rings of bells actually do hang silent, disturbed only by an occasional visiting band. It is sometimes the case that a new ring of bells is hung in a tower where before there were only one or two. In many isolated country places these bells soon become silent.

Let us take the case of a clergyman whose former parish had one of these 'silent rings.' He arrives at a church with probably only a single bell. A parishioner approaches him on the possibility of the installation of an amplified system of recorded bells, which he, the parishioner, will pay for. What, in view of his previous experience, are his reactions to such a suggestion likely to be? Take also the case of a similarly situated clergyman whose bells which are hardly ever rung have become unsafe for ringing. Would it not be cheaper for him to hang the bells dead?

These are only a few incidents of the many which force the clergy to take a more enlightened view on artificial bells.

It is all very well to put forward wordy arguments against artificial bells. It is very well to say that any tower containing bells is a potential centre of ringing. It is all very well the 'potential' being there if there is insufficient energy to release it!

The only real and solid barrier to the encroachment of this mechanisation of bells is the human one! The silent towers must be peopled once more. It is the duty of every one of us, wherever possible, to train a new team for those towers, to aid those who are left to build afresh.

This is the only reply; theoretical arguments are of no avail without material backing.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN E. COOK.

Branston, Lincs.

UNRINGABLE BELLS

Dear Sir,—I am working on a list of unringable towers throughout the country and I would appreciate the assistance of enthusiasts who would be prepared to send lists of unringable towers in their various counties.

This does not include Middlesex, Kent or Shropshire, as I have personally investigated these. If there are any counties so fortunate without black spots I would be glad of confirmation.

By unringable I mean all towers, from those whose bells lie cracked on the floor to those whose silence is due to the proverbial 'Parson's Gag.'—Sincerely yours,

ERNEST J. ROWE

3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15.

A FORMER PEAL AT WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS

Dear Sir.—The peal at Willoughby Waterleys, Leicestershire, on May 28th, recalls vividly to my mind the occasion when I conducted the first peal on these bells on June 18th, 1927. The then Rector (the late Rev. E. A. Ingham, M.A.), once Precentor of Liverpool Cathedral, was given 'Standard Methods' to digest during the ringing. Although he was not a change ringer he wrote the following lines during our peal, which show his quick grasp of our 'ringing phrases and terms,' and will be of interest to present peal ringers:—

TREBLE TO TENOR 'SNAPPING'
'Up' and 'down' and 'in' and 'out,'
Do not 'course' if you have gout;
'Hunting,' 'leading,' 'changes,' 'strokes,'
Do not think that these are jokes.
'Dodge the middle,' 'behind,' 'before,'
Be a 'Bob' but not a bore.
Don't go 'Wrong' but get 'right' 'home,'
Else climb down from up the dome.
'Maximus' is just a twelve,
'Tuffings' not the only helve;
'Minors,' 'Majors,' 'Triples' call
Men of muscle, short or tall.
'Caters,' 'Royal,' 'Cinques' there are,
'Single,' 'Doubles' don't debar;
Then you'll flourish 'touch' or 'peal'
Show your nous and prove your zeal.

Sincerely yours,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

A COMPOSITION OF YORKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Warwick, attention was drawn to the falseness of this composition to Yorkshire in 'The Ringing World,' No. 2,251, page 350. Confusion may have arisen in that a composition of Yorkshire in my name was inadvertently withdrawn in mistake for the false composition the week before. To the best of my knowledge this peal (Report No. 53/97) is not false.—Yours faithfully,

D. W. BEARD.

East Ham, E.6.

REVERSE UNION BOB

Dear Sir,—The method mentioned by Mr. George Francis, which is St. Simon's with the 2-3 at the lead end instead of 2-5, was rung at Stanwell on or before February 15th, 1952, as Reverse Union Bob. Also Bampton had been rung before it was published in 'The Ringing World' as St. Faith's Place. Accordingly the names Bampton and Reverse Bampton should be changed.

All the plain Doubles methods, about 100, have been rung at Stanwell in the last two or three years, and unless you go on to methods with four blows occurring at other than trebles lead or tie there are no more to be named.

In the absence of any publication of Doubles methods I will willingly supply information about same on the receipt of a stamped addressed envelope.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

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Near Staines, Middlesex.

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OBITUARY

MR. FRANK L. FISHER

With regret we record the death of Mr. Frank L. Fisher, of Ufford, Suffolk, on May 20th, at the age of 54, as briefly announced in our last issue. Frank began ringing immediately after the first world war and continued in his quiet way until late 1953, when illness compelled him to go into hospital where, with the exception of a few weeks at home and convalescent, he remained to within a week of his death, which occurred on May 20th.

One of the few East Anglian men who made a real study of Grandsire Triples, he had called Holt's Original from every bell, including the tenor, and from each pair of handbells. His peals, which numbered over 200 for the Suffolk Guild, included Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus.

Frank was a friend of everyone who knew him and Suffolk ringers feel his loss intensely, as shown by the many who attended his funeral, which took place on May 25th at Ufford, conducted by the Rector. In his address the Rector said Frank Fisher was an inspiring example of a man whom not even years of painful ill-health could turn from the assiduous worship of our Lord in His church. Sunday by Sunday until he was no longer physically capable of getting there, he would be seen at church at Sung Mass, Matins and Evensong.

He loved his bells and did great service in training as ringers any young people who desired his help. There is probably no better known ringer in Suffolk. It may seem a small thing, but every other day for many years he wound up the church clock—often at much inconvenience—a benefit shared by the whole village. He ended his life as he lived it—in faith and in the love of God.

MR. HARRY FURBER HOLDING

We regret to record the death of Mr. Harry F. Holding, who died at the age of 64 and had been a ringer at Christ Church, Crewe, for 50 years.

He was known by ringers in many counties, having rung 230 peals, including one of 17,280 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major, which took place at Over Parish Church on July 21st, 1923, taking ten hours to complete, and remaining a record for many years. He was a member of the regular Sunday service band and held the office of tower secretary for 30 years.

His remains were carried into Christ Church by his fellow ringers on the eve of his funeral on May 25th.

The bells were rung half-muffled on both occasions, the ringers being: Richard D. Langford, William Holding, George A. Packer, Wilfred Kerr, Ivor Nicholls, Frank Stenson, Steve Leyland, Jack Holloway, Malcolm Owen, Herbert Edge, Clifford Thomas, also Herbert Sutton, from Acton.

He will be greatly missed by his fellow ringers. R. D. L.

MR. A. WEAVER

The death occurred on May 23rd at the Hamadryad Hospital, Cardiff, of Mr. Bert Weaver. 'Old Bert,' as he was affectionately called, was for many years captain and steeplekeeper at St. Augustine's, Penarth.

Born at Marden, in Herefordshire, he was a carpenter by trade and for many years worked for Mr. William Greenleaf, the bellhanger, assisting in the rehanging of many rings of bells up and down the country. He later entered the service of the old Taff Vale Railway, later absorbed into the Great Western Railway. He was a regular attender at Association meetings and his genial presence and quaint humour will be greatly missed. F. J. H.

MR. PETER WOOD, SEN.

The sudden death of Mr. Peter Wood, sen., of Billingshurst, on May 23rd, came as a great shock to all who knew him. He was not a great peal ringer, having rung only three or four, but was one of those who never failed to fulfil his work for the church and service ringing.

He served St. Mary's Church well and truly for 57 years in choir and ringing and as head server for the latter years. R. W.

16 TOWERS VISITED DURING WHITSUN

A very enjoyable and successful week-end, mainly in Shropshire, was had by members of various Societies of 'Tower Grabbers.' The advance guard arrived in Shrewsbury on the Saturday afternoon and took part in a tour arranged by the assistant curate of St. Julian's, the Rev. A. James Vincent, himself a ringer. Towers visited (all sixes) were Westbury, Worthen, Bishop's Castle and Clunbury but Pulverbatch was reached so late that there was no one there to unlock the belfry door.

The non-arrival of expected ringers from Warwickshire and Somerset caused the cancellation of a tour on the Sunday afternoon, but service ringing was enjoyed at Shrewsbury, St. Chad's (12), in the morning and at two Staffordshire towers, Eccleshall (6) and Broughton (8), in the evening. Late on Sunday evening two well-known ringers arrived in the green Commer van from Truro, and with the co-operation of the incumbent enabled Little Wenlock to be 'bagged' early on Monday. Arriving at Much Wenlock (8), where the Hereford Guild were holding their 'annual,' the party was joined by members of the N.S.T.G. and rang here and at Coalbrookdale (10), Madeley (8) and Broseley (8). It was then decided to try to 'bag' Willey (5), and Michael Horseman's winning ways proved successful in obtaining permission. Morville (6) was the next 'official' tower, and here the band were met by the Vicar and captain. These two gentlemen suggested that the party should ring at Quatt Malvern, and permission was readily obtained for the use of these delightful six bells. The last tower was Powick (6) in Worcestershire, where the party, delayed by heavy returning holiday traffic, were grateful to find a local ringer patiently waiting for them. So ended a happy week-end, enjoyed by ringers from the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Monmouth and Somerset, joined by others from Bedfordshire, Staffordshire and elsewhere at certain of the towers. E. T. P. F.

LATE NOTICES

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Kingston Seymour, June 18th, 4 o'clock. — Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6487

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Worsley, June 18th, 3 p.m. Business following tea. Names for tea to P. Derbyshire, 251, Beesley Green, Worsley, by 16th.—R. Benson. 6485

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Second quarterly meeting, Lymington, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. Tea. Business meeting follows. Lyndhurst bells (8) evening. Please notify for tea Arthur Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 6486

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Rostherne, June 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mrs. N. Sanders, Old Chapel House, Reddy Lane, Millington, near Altrincham, by June 21st.—C. K. Lewis. 6489

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ENGAGEMENT

MUNDAY—RAWSON.—The engagement is announced between Ernest J., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Munday, of The Orchard, Rogate, Sussex, and Monica Anthea Ann, daughter of the late Captain G. Coulthard Rawson, of Praxeds, Horley, Surrey, and of Mrs. G. Coulthard Rawson, of The Witch Ball, Horsham, Sussex. 6462

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—An extra meeting will be held at Bathampton (6) on Saturday, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Gooding, 2, Rose Cottages, Bathampton. 6464

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Huish Champflower, June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea for number notified.—A. R. Tudball, Dunster. 6457

DEVON GUILD—Exeter Branch.—Meeting at Shobrooke (new tower for most), Saturday, June 11th. Bells on arrival. Service 4.30 p.m., conducted by the president. Tea 5 p.m. Catering by local ladies. Extra support this time, please!—F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 6436

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Coleman's Hatch (8), June 11th. Names to John Ryman, Vicarage Cottage, Coleman's Hatch, Hartfield. —C. A. Bassett. 6456

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A limited number of ringers are invited to the following lectures at Clarance House, Thaxted:—Change ringing: 10-12.30. Saturday, June 11th; Construction of Bells: 2.30-4.15, Saturday, June 11th; Growth of the Parish Church: 2.30-3.45, Sunday, June 12th. 6484

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Meeting, Witcombe (6), June 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—A. Lynall, Marlyn, Ermin Park, Brockworth, Gloucester. 6458

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Tortworth (6), June 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 6459

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Farnham District.—Meeting at Crondall (6) on Saturday, June 11th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (Note change of meeting place from Farnborough, as per programme.) —G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6423

HERTS ASSOCIATION—Eastern District.—June 11th, Great Hormead 3 p.m. Names for tea (5 p.m.) by Thursday, 9th, to Mrs. A. J. Baker, 18, Willow Close, Great Hormead, Nr. Buntingford. Ringing at Braughing from 6 p.m. —T. J. Southam. 6446

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Tring (8), Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Badrick, 53, Western Road, Tring, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 6452

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Lewisham District.—Practice meeting at Chelsfield, Saturday, June 11th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Rochdale Parish Church, June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. No tea arrangements; plenty of cafes. Business 6.30.—F. Pritchard. 6455

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Willesden on Saturday, June 11th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. with tea and business to follow. Buses 660 and 664, alight at the White Hart, or Neasden Underground Station, turn right and 5 minutes' walk. 6434

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Netherseale, on Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify W. F. Woodward, Netherseale, Burton-on-Trent. 6441

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Stone, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 6461

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Annual meeting at Wingrave, Saturday, June 11th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m.. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea.—F. Gibbard, 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 6454

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Nottingham, Saturday, June 11th Bells available 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Old and new members welcome.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Proposed meeting, Beccles, June 11th, **postponed** to July 16th. Early cards for tea, please. — C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 6488

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—**Cancellation** of meeting at Rudgwick on June 11th. Will be held at **Warnham** on the same day. 6491

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Wallasey St. Nicholas, June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea **free** for those notifying by 15th. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6480

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Dullingham, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Weston Colville (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6469

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5) Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, D's. Sec. 6470

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION—Cirencester Branch.—Coln-St. Denis (5), Saturday, June 18th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business 5.15. Bibury (6) 6.30 p.m.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln-St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 6467

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Cobham, June 18th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. Please help the ladies by sending numbers, by June 15th, to Ann Moore, Chippings, Ickleham Road, Cobham.—A. H. Smith. 6451

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—Meeting, Monken Hadley and Barnet, Saturday, June 18th. Bells available: Monken Hadley (8) 3 to 5; Barnet (8) 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. —S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 6465

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Monday, June 13th, to Mr. L. Harmer, 138, Woodlands Road, Gillingham.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 6449

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 2-5 and 6-8. Old friends and new all welcome.—Stedman H. Symonds. 6483

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Claybrooke, June 18th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Village Hall, Ullesthorpe, 5.15. Please notify, by June 15th, Miss S. Proctor, College Street, Ullesthorpe, Rugby. 6472

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD — Gainsborough District.—Next meeting, Owston Ferry, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lee, Gainsborough (Tel. 2623). 6399

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Northrepps on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) from 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names or numbers, not later than Wednesday, June 15th, to Rev. E. W. Blyth, The Rectory, Northrepps, Cromer.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 6482

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting, Shipton-under-Wychwood (8) on Saturday, June 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Branch Sec., Charlbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Milton on Saturday, June 18th. Ringing at 3. Service at 4. Tea afterwards for those who notify me not later than June 14th.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 6476

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — The 25th anniversary meeting at Wicken on June 18th. Service 3.30. Names for tea, by June 11th, to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham 6460

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Maiden Bradley, Wilts, on Saturday, June 18th. Visitors welcome. Write Rev. William Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 6466

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD—Annual meeting, Lichfield, June 18th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 2.30—3.15 and 6.30—7.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6), also available during afternoon and evening. Service at St. Mary's 3.45 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, June 15th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn.

Preliminary notice. The joint meeting with the Shropshire Association and Hereford Guild will take place at Walsall on July 9th. 6439

SURREY ASSOCIATION—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Charlwood, June 18th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 15th to A. J. Ede, 1, Claremont Villas, Charlwood. 6437

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Uckfield, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by June 15th, to: C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 6468

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The annual quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 18th, at Horbury. Horbury and Ossett bells available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Co-operative Cafe, Horbury, followed by business meeting. Special business: Election of officers. Subscriptions are now due and Association reports for 1954 available. All names for tea should be sent, by Wednesday, June 15th, to Mr. M. Hunt, The Lodge, Dovecot Lane, Horbury, Wakefield. — A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6448

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Summer festival, Leighton Buzzard (10), Saturday, June 25th, 3 p.m. Good attendance, please. Names for tea, before 23rd, please, to Mr. B. Witney, 25, Mentmore Road, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. 6479

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual prize contest, Cawthorne, June 25th. Entrance fee 10s. to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester. For teas, notify, by June 18th, N. F. Moxon, Green Gables, Cawthorne, Barnsley.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6475

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District. —Will hold a meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and the business meeting. Names for tea, by Saturday, June 18th, to Mrs. Shields, The Central Cafe, Staindrop (price 2s. 3d.). A special bus has been arranged to leave Bewick Street, Newcastle, at 2 p.m., but so far only 11 seats have been booked. Will anyone interested please communicate with Mrs. N. I. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. In the event of the bus not being filled, anyone who has booked a seat will be informed of cancellation. 6473

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Gedney Hill, June 25th. Usual times. Names for tea by June 18th to J. E. Allen, 31, Quadring Road, Donington, Spalding. 6490

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Summer outing, Saturday, June 25th, to Northants District. Ringing at Chalcombe (6), Sulgrave (6), Daventry (8) (tea), Staverton (6), Southam (8). All welcome. Details and reserving tea, please contact Miss Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 6450

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Meeting at Pitsford, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by June 20th, to G. F. Roome, 116, Derby Road, Northampton. 6463

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Edithweston (6) on Saturday, June 25th. Names for tea, by June 21st, to E. E. Gibson, Estcan, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, near Oakham, Rutland. 6481

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Annual festival, Knighton, Radnorshire, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. and also after meeting. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. T. E. Griffiths, Rector of New Radnor. Tea (4s.) and meeting to follow. Names for tea by June 11th.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 6432

THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL. —June 25th. Ringing at Egham, Staines (St. Mary's) and Wraysbury at 2.30, and Chertsey, Staines (St. Peter's) and Old Windsor at 6. Service 4.30 at Egham. Tea 5 at Egham. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 22nd, to D. S. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham, Surrey. 6428

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Annual meeting, Howden (8) on Saturday, June 25th. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Newnham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole. Business: Election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 6474

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary Notice: Annual general meeting and festival, Saturday, July 16th (D.V.), Oxford.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 6477

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THE COUNCIL MEETING

THOSE who journeyed to Bristol for the Central Council meeting must have wondered what effect the threatened rail strike was going to have on the attendance; yet in the event almost a record number of members signed the roll. Perhaps it was the glorious weather, or the attraction of a famous city, or maybe the members hastened westward determined to avenge the wrongs which the experts—the dictators—the indefinable 'they'—had been inflicting on the Exercise for so long. Bob Triples must be legalised, many times over according to the agenda, or it was clear that twenty thousand ringers (from counties other than Cornwall) would want to know why.

An informal gathering had been arranged for an hour before the Standing Committee meeting, of such proposers and seconders of the various motions as were available, in an attempt to agree on a composite version. Success was achieved with a minute to spare, but the revised motion was not without its critics in the Council, mostly on the grounds that it did not go far enough, although one member at least thought it went too far. But after considerable discussion an amendment was carried as a result of which the Council will now recognise all true peals which conform to the conditions laid down four years ago, but amended slightly two years ago and again this year. It follows from this, of course, that such peals will be included in the Analysis. Let it be noted, however, that the Council did not depart from its definition of a 'regular' method, which was reaffirmed during the long discussion on the Handbook Sub-Committee's report.

This re-examination of the Council's Decisions and Reports, which occupied most of the afternoon, was not exactly light going, and it was as well that the morning had provided some light relief, as when Mr. Harry Miles warned members of the dangers of undertaking seemingly small tasks—his had taken something like seven years to complete. Nevertheless, all were grateful to him and to his associates for the immense trouble they had taken, and for their help.

Some amusement was also caused by the reference to 'Passallatessera' and 'Passallatria' methods. It was eventually agreed to regard these survivors of the 1906 Report on Method Classification as Exercise methods, should any be rung. The critic who reproached the sub-committee for not finding other names confessed himself unable to do so, but the fact is that 'Surprise,' 'Delight' and so forth are accepted because they have come down from ringing's early days, whereas modern expressions of a like character would sound slightly ridiculous—for example, 'Marvel,' tried out some fifty years ago, but soon abandoned.

The meeting had begun with the reading of a message sent to a former secretary on his 90th birthday and a welcome to another respected member, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, who had come almost straight from a long spell in hospital. It was followed by a civic reception at the historic Red Lodge, graced by the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and by the Dean of Bristol. Ice-cream and a handbell course of Stedman Cinques were served up on the lawn, and one young lady at least preferred the former. So to Leicester next year, and perhaps a visit to Ireland in 1958. E. A. B.

NOT FAIT ACCOMPLI

Dear Sir,—In your leading article in the issue of June 10th you refer to a decision taken at Bristol to have a President's badge of office, and also say that a vice-president is to be appointed. I think it should be made clear that the Committee which was set up is to consider the desirability of recommending the purchase of a badge and the creation of this new office, and that neither should be taken as a fait accompli. If such recommendations are made they will, of course, have to be accepted by the Council before further action can be taken.

Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

HARRY MILES	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. MASON	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	8
JOHN S. MASON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	PETER BORDER	10
SYDNEY T. HOLT	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	6	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK E. COLLINS.

TEN BELL PEALS

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb. in E flat.

BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
MURIEL REAY	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
JOHN PINFOLD	5	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

Rung as an eightieth birthday compliment to Mrs. Laura Rymer and Mrs. Frances Ashford, grandparents of Miss Shirley Rymer.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., May 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	*ROGER SAVORY	6
SYDNEY T. HOLT	2	ALAN MORGAN	7
REGINALD WOODYATT	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	8
E. TREVOR NEWBURY	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	9
GERALD C. HEMMING	5	JOHN STANIER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters and 50th for the Association. Also 50 years since the conductor called his first peal of Stedman Caters, May 27th, 1905.

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
C.C.C. No. 8. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

GEORGE W. PIPE	*Treble*	*GEORGE WATERMAN	6
DIANA M. MATTHEW	2	JOHN S. WYBREW	7
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	3	*SAM J. TWITCHETT	8
*ROSEMARY SEABROOK	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	9
ROBERT E. LESTER	5	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal on ten. First peal of Plain Royal by all except treble.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

J. HOWARD FREEBORN	*Treble*	HAROLD W. ROGERS	6
D. KAY ADKINS	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	7
MRS. H. W. ROGERS	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	8
WILFRID G. WILSON	4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	9
*ALBERT WENBAN	5	JOHN E. ROOTES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
J. A. Lambert's Variation of Pritchard's. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	EDWIN BROMLEY	5
BETTY A. TESTER	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	6
COLIN A. TESTER	3	JOHN W. MEADE	7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., May 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5120 LADYWOOD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

*DIANA J. PERRINS	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	PETER BORDER	7
FRANK E. HAYNES	4	†GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal. † 100th peal on the bells. First peal in the method. (Tipler's D 5/3.)

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. LEWRY	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	LUTHER J. HONESS	6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	JOHN W. MEADE	7
EDWARD JENNER	4	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN W. MEADE.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., May 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
RONALD G. EDWARDS	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY	6
BARNABAS G. KEY	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
*DOROTHY T. GARDINER	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	BERT GOGLE	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE POYNTZ	7
G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	4	THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

AYLESFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

M. ANGELA CARTER	*Treble*	*M. ALISON WOOD	5
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	PETER G. DAVIES	6
JOHN W. MEADE	3	WILLIAM L. GILKS	7
LUTHER J. HONESS	4	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal 'inside.' † 50th peal of Major.

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BITTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in E.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	WILFRED WILLIAMS	5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by MAURICE HODGSON Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

FREDERICK PRICE	*Treble*	THOMAS PRICE	5
*HAROLD F. WHITE	2	F. HECTOR BENNETT	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	EWART H. EDGE	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.
* First Surprise peal 'inside.'

ELY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	*Treble*	RICHARD J. W. HOUSDEN	5
†TREVOR BEVIS	2	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	6
T. REGINALD DENNIS	3	†STANLEY SHIPP	7
‡WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	4	§PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Surprise Major. ‡ 100th peal for the Association. § 300th peal.
Rung to mark 50 years' membership of this Association by T. Reginald Dennis. The composition contains one lead of Primrose (the 8th place variation of Cambridge).

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWARD W. ROAST	*Treble*	ALAN R. SYDER	5
*BRIAN J. HOWARD	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
PETER CAME	3	RONALD SUCKLING	7
JOE E. G. ROAST	4	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*MAY LOMAS	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	JOHN WORTH	6
BASIL JONES	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise.

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5
GEORGE GILBERT	2	A. JAMES GLASS	6
DEREK W. STONE	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—On May 22nd, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Heath 1, J. Faithfull, jun. 2, Miss E. Arthur 3, Miss M. Beamish 4, D. Jackson 5, J. W. Faithfull 6, M. J. Butler (cond.) 7, O. N. Curtis 8. Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to Miss E. Arthur.

BARROW GURNEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND EDWARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

KENNETH MEDWAY	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN	5
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	2	F. CECIL MOGFORD	6
MARJORIE LEGG	3	*GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
BRIAN GRINTER	4	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* 100th peal for the Association.

DOWNTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

MARGARET PAGE	*Treble*	DAVID R. REED	5
FRANK L. HARRIS	2	JAMES E. DANIELS	6
HERBERT H. ABRAHAMS	3	RONALD N. MARLOW	7
DANIEL T. MATKIN	4	CYRIL CHURCHILL	*Tenor*

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
The first peal of Stedman on the bells.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., May 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 25¾ cwt.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON	*Treble*	GEOFFREY INGHAM	5
*CHRISTINE PEDDER	2	†HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	6
†MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	3	‡JOHN PEARSON	7
M. VIVIEN COPPING	4	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by VERNON BOTTOMLEY.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Plain Bob Major. ‡ 50th peal.
A 14th birthday peal for Christine Pedder.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Ten-part No. 1. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

DAVID J. SMITH	*Treble*	ERNEST J. HILL	5
MALCOLM S. CLOKE	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	6
LINDA R. BINNINGTON	3	BERTRAM J. COGGINS	7
ROBERT B. BLOND	4	BERTRAM D. COSTAR	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
The first peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., June 2, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

BETTY SYRETT	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	2	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	6
*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	7
JAMES B. MORLEY	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., June 2, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. (approx.)

*ARTHUR T. DUTTON	*Treble*	DEREK K. KNOWLES	5
JAMES S. EASTWOOD	2	†PETER J. BARKER	6
ERNEST STITCH	3	‡STELLA HUGHES	7
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal of Major. † First peal. ‡ First peal on eight bells and in the method as conductor.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On May 25th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each Plain Bob, April Day, Northrepps and 540 Grandsire): M. Bishop 1, R. Brewin 2, B. S. Payne (cond.) 3, R. Wilmore 4, G. Brewin 5, P. Plowright 6. First quarter in four methods for all but 3 and 4.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	3	JOHN WORTH	7
ALAN CARVETH	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal in the method.

NEWTON ABBOT, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., June 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE VIRGIN, WOLBOROUGH,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

JOHN QUICK	*Treble*	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	5
WILLIAM J. HARVEY	2	*OWEN T. NORTHWOOD	6
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3	*PETER R. JOHNSON	7
SIDNEY SKINNER	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
* First peal in the method.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

RONALD W. ADAMS	*Treble*	EDMUND MALIN	5
*GERALD W. GIBBS	2	HERBERT WAKELAM	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH	7
ROY K. MOWFORTH	4	*WILLIAM ALLSOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER L. HAWKSWORTH.
* First peal.
Rung on the day of the S.P.G. garden party at Chillington Hall, Brewood, and the visit of the Bishop of Nandyal (S. India), the Right Rev. W. A. Partridge.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

JAMES FERNLEY	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
ROBIN G. TURNER	3	ALAN CARVETH	7
*ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal of Surprise.

DAYBROOK, NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

*MAURICE SELBY	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	5
CLEMENT GLENN	2	J. DAVID CLARKE	6
†PETER M. GILES	3	GEORGE R. PAYNE	7
HAROLD MARCON	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major 'inside."
A compliment to Allan Simpson and Miss Joan E. Hoodless on the occasion of their wedding at Cotgrave.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOE E. G. ROAST	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	5
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	EDWARD W. ROAST	6
MARY DOWSETT	3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	7
JOHN WEST	4	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Ivan J. M. Saunders.

ROMSEY, HANTS.—On May 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Money 1, C. Herbert 2, J. Page 3, M. Northway 4, D. Greenlaw 5, J. Templeton (first 'inside') 6, C. T. Drew (cond.) 7, J. Salvi 8.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF B.V.M., SS. GEORGE AND DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Reversed. Tenor 28 cwt.

MARY WALSHAW	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	5
JOSEPH THORNLEY	2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	6
THOMAS C. LARKEY	3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE	7
FREDERICK S. ALMOND	4	JACK N. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.
Rung in honour of the Trinity ordinations at this Cathedral Church on the day following.

MONMOUTH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E flat

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	DAVID J. KING	6
REGINALD T. JONES	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
LESLIE EVANS	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

THOMAS E. SONE	*Treble*	*ERNEST J. LADD	5
DORIS E. COLGATE	2	RALPH BIRD	6
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	*PETER BERESFORD	7
*IAN H. ORAM	4	*PETER N. BOND	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. POOLE. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal in the method. The conductor has now 'completed the circle' in this, his 15th tower.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SHIPBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., May 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JOHN A. BEACH	*Treble*	JOHN T. MEDHURST	4
*JANET FRENCH	2	KEVIN S. HOHL	5
COLIN A. TESTER	3	†R. G. FAIRWEATHER	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEVIN S. HOHL.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all.

EDLESBOROUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being an extent each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOAN M. BROOKS	*Treble*	ROBERT L. PIRON	4
JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	JOHN W. SINFIELD	5
R. JOHN SCOTT	3	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. PHILLIPS	*Treble*	THOMAS J. GUNDY	4
REGINALD G. POWELL	2	AUBREY J. PROBERT	5
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE H. COLCOMBE.
First peal as conductor.

OCKHAM, SURREY.—On May 30th, 1,360 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Pollard 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin (cond.) 3, J. King (first of Doubles) 4, Miss D. Gibbons 5.

TANNINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., May 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD LEATHER	*Treble*	ROBERT PLUMMER	4
BETTY SYRETT	2	GEORGE FILBY	5
JAMES B. MORLEY	3	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

The first peal of Minor in three methods on the bells.
Rung as birthday compliments to Miss D. Syrett and the conductor.

BARROW-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob and three extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 15¼ cwt.

JAMES DICKINSON	*Treble*	RAYMOND SUART	4
ALAN CAPSTICK	2	HAROLD WILSON	5
FRANK BIRKETT	3	JAMES E. BURLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.

Rung in honour of the wedding, earlier in the day, of Mr. Harry Barnes and Miss Joan Currie, two ardent church workers and members of the belfry. Also to mark the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Capstick, of Ambleside.

GREAT HASELEY, OXFORDSHIRE
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents of ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES ADAMS	*Treble*	LAWRENCE H. BUSBY ..	4
*CHRISTINE M. HALL ..	2	THOMAS S. BOWLES	5
*HORACE A. MAIR	3	MICHAEL C. HARDING ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE A. MAIR.

* First peal of Grandsire Doubles. First peal as conductor.

HINDERCLAY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, and combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CRACKNELL ..	*Treble*	*JAMES B. MORLEY	4
LEONARD S. SHARPE	2	†CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE ..	5
KENNETH G. BROWN ..	3	*GEORGE FILBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.

* First peal in four methods. † First peal of Minor.

WHISSENDINE, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being eight six-scores each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob (four callings), three 240's Pitman's Grandsire, and 20 six-scores Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 15 cwt.

THOS. TEMPLETON	*Treble*	FRANK T. LONG	4
ALFRED E. HINMAN	2	GEOFFREY BOWCUTT	5
J. HARRY COOK	3	FREDERICK WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

Rung as a farewell to Canon W. A. Mandall, in recognition of his 50 years in the ministry, of which 25 years were spent as Vicar of Whissendine. He retired at Whitsun.

WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in nine methods: Four extents each of Stedman, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas'; five of Winchendon Place Bob; six of Plain Bob; and seven of Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt in B flat.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	*ERNEST J. JELLEY	3
*MRS. B. G. WARWICK ..	2	ERNEST MORRIS	4
		*†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in nine methods. † First peal of Doubles.
Rung for the Festival of Whitsuntide.



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WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford Treble Bob, and two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

J. DEREK SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN SCOTT	4
VICTOR NEAL	2	HENRY PARKER	5
ERIC HORNBY	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.

The band wish to associate this peal with Albert H. Crawley, of Barrow, for many years leader at Wistaston. This is the 77th peal on the bells and the first one he has not taken part in.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one extent each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's. Tenor 10 cwt.

DAVID NICHOLLS	*Treble*	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	4
WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	2	FRANK PEARSON	5
*DAVID VOKES	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

* First peal in five methods.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

GEORGE W. BARNES	*Treble*	ALAN R. ANDREWS	4
*WILLIAM J. BRUNT	2	GEORGE A. BUTTON	5
ROY DUESBURY	3	BERNARD FAIRHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

* First peal.

TYBERTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

ALLEN COLCOMBE	*Treble*	REGINALD G. POWELL	3
THOMAS J. GUNDY	2	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	4
AUBREY J. PROBERT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., May 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in fourteen methods: (1) Fulbeck Bob, Reverse Bob, Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) Double Court and Single Court, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's and Childwall, (5) Double Oxford and Thelwall, (6) Cambridge Surprise, (7) Double Bob and Plain Bob. Forty-nine changes of method. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in A.

*ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	*JOHN A. ACRES	4
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	*JOHN R. SMITH	5
*MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in 14 methods. First in 14 methods as conductor.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNEBURGHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents with varied callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE SUMNER	*Treble*	BERTIE BALL	4
WILLIAM ROSE	2	HERBERT GOAKES	5
WALTER LONGFOOT	3	*JOHN COULSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Michael Longfoot (son of the third ringer) and Miss Ruth Watts.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Roper (first quarter) 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, J. Harmsworth (first of Triples) 3, F. Goulter 4, J. N. Diserens 5, R. F. Diserens 6, N. J. Diserens 7, B. Stirland 8.

ASH-IN-MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On May 22nd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Sweet 1, Miss J. L. Taylor (first of Treble Bob 'inside') 2, F. T. Locke 3, J. T. Locke 4, E. T. P. Field (first of Kent Treble Bob and first in method as cond.) 5, E. V. Williams 6. First of Treble Bob 1 and 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Locke (Langport) on the 29th anniversary of their wedding.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On May 26th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. C. Ingram 1, B. Downie 2, H. Yardley 3, J. V. W. Conduct 4, J. Butler 5, W. Pettigrew 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, A. Short 8. In memoriam F. W. Rishworth, a ringer at this church.

BITTON, GLOS.—On May 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. J. Milsom (first of Triples on treble) 1, Mrs. M. de Jong 2, Miss J. Midgley 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, L. R. G. Taylor 5, A. F. Lee 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, R. S. N. Brown (first on eight) 8.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.—On May 28th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Hall 1, S. Hough 2, M. Sage 3, N. Lomas 4, I. Jenkins 5, S. Sage 6, B. J. Woodruffe 7, W. A. Smith (cond.) 8. A compliment to the Vicar on his appointment as a Canon.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, S. W. Bigmore 3, E. Deacon 4, K. Everett 5, H. Stebbings (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

CLUTTON, SOMERSET. — On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. C. R. Fray 1, A. N. Church 2, Miss M. E. Fray 3, A. H. Rogers 4, C. S. Bennett (cond.) 5, C. H. Parson 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. W. J. Pullen, former headmaster of Clutton School.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS. — On May 28th, 2,160 of Minor (720 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Oxford Treble Bob): Miss P. Thompson 1, Mrs. M. I. Pailing 2, F. A. Salter 3, J. H. Pailing 4, C. W. Towers 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to L. Henson, local tower captain.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.—On June 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. Richardson 1, H. Curtis 2, A. Osborne (first as cond.) 3, A. Cozens 4, K. Perkins 5.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.—On May 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Thrush 1, H. Belcher 2, Kathleen Weller 3, D. Fowles 4, M. V. Chilcott 5, J. Chilcott 6. A 21st birthday compliment to Michael V. Chilcott.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.—On May 29th, 1,320 Doubles (120 each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's and 1,080 Plain Bob): Miss M. Crosier 1, C. H. Newell 2, L. G. Berridge 3, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 4, D. W. James 4. First in three methods by all the band. Rung by the Sunday Service band for Whit Sunday.

CRIPPLEGATE, LONDON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on June 5th, 1,282 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. C. Watts 1, Miss K. Weller 2, M. V. Chilcott 3, H. Belcher 4, B. K. Lunn 5, J. Sansom 6, W. Rawlings 7, S. H. Dearden 8, C. Watts 9, R. F. Deal 10, J. Chilcott (cond.) 11, J. Phillips 12.

DUBLIN, EIRE.—On May 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Jones 1, E. G. Buchanan 2, J. A. Atkinson 3, W. H. Wilson 4, C. J. Reede 5, W. Lynch 6, T. McMorran (cond.) 7, H. H. Jones 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Whit Sunday, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: G. Peck 1, W. Bowers 2, J. Sharpe 3, W. Paul 4, D. Reeve 5, B. Myles 6, H. Fuller 7, J. Paul (cond.) 8.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sheila Sands 1, D. Houghton 2, J. Blick (first quarter) 3, Ann Fundrey 4, P. Shipton 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung to commemorate the dedication of two new trebles in 1953. First quarter in method on the bells.

HADLOW, KENT.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Bowen (first way from tenor) 1, G. Fry 2, L. J. Honess 3, C. G. Parsons 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, A. Skinner (first quarter) 6. A farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who is leaving the district.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL, MIDDLESEX.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. G. Pitcher 1, Miss S. H. Dorey (first quarter) 2, Miss M. C. Howe 3, R. E. Waters 4, J. Schofield (cond.) 5, J. Pitcher 6. Rung for Whit Sunday.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On May 22nd, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, Mr J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, G. Perkins 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Lomas 1, W. Seldon 2, J. Salway 3, A. Tapley 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, R. Retter 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss R. Lake, a ringer at this church, and Mr. M. Pearce, of Hele (Devon).

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 All Saints' Doubles: N. D. Davies (13, first quarter) 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, B. E. Shedel 3, C. E. Hill 4, E. M. Baker 5. For morning service.—Also 1,260 Doubles (Grandsire and Plain Bob): N. D. Davies 1, M. Baker 2, C. E. Hill 3, E. M. Baker 4, B. E. Shedel (cond.) 5. For Evensong. Ad gloriam Deo.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 1,020 Plain Bob): F. L. Weller 1, Miss V. Phillips (first in two methods) 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, M. A. Richardson 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5.—Also on May 31st, 1,440 Spliced Doubles—(1) Place Bob, Colnebrook S.S., (2) Twincham, Bedfont S.C., Reverse Bampton, (3) Plain Bob, Candlesby S.C., (4) Reverse Canterbury, Raveningham S.C., (5) Westminster II., Chesham S.C., (6) Blackburn Place Bob, Chesham S.C., (7) New Bob, Itchingfield S.C., (8) Huntspill, Itchingfield S.C., (9) St. Nicholas, Longford S.C., (10) Winchendon, Longford S.C., (11) St. Simon's, Rugby S.C., (12) St. Martin's, Rugby S.C., 89 changes of method: Miss V. Phillips 1, Miss S. A. Richardson 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, G. Francis (cond.) 4, W. L. Weller 5. First in 21 methods for all.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Evans (first quarter) 1, C. A. Brass 2, J. H. Joyner (cond.) 3, B. J. Townsend 4, J. R. Joyner 5, A. Edginton 6. Rung after the service of induction of the Rev. R. J. B. Smith as Vicar of All Saints', King's Bromley.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Preston (first of Triples) 1, B. Morgan 2, M. Wright 3, F. E. Jukes (cond.) 4, C. Peakman 5, R. A. Peakman 6, C. F. Jukes 7, D. Griffiths 8. Rung for morning service and as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. Frederick E. Jukes. Also as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. Harry W. Dodd, a regular ringer at St. Mary's for 65 years, and Mrs. Dodd.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire): A. Callow (first in 4 methods) 1, Mrs. L. Crocker 2, Stella Allen 3, F. J. White (first in 4 methods as cond.) 4, A. Bown 5. Rung on the anniversary of the Queen's Coronation.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 300 of Grandsire): R. J. Vardy 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, D. Sweet 3, J. T. Locke (first in 5 methods 'inside') 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, A. J. Goodfellow 6. Rung for Empire Day.

LEICESTER.—On Trinity Sunday, at the Church of St. Mary de Castro, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. H. Turner 1, Mrs. H. J. Poole 2, D. Theedom 3, H. Broughton 4, H. J. Poole (cond.) 5, T. Thornber 6, J. Acres 7, R. Prime 8. Rung for the annual Trinity Hospital Service.

MARESFIELD, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss V. Phillips 1, M. A. Richardson 2, Miss D. K. Saunders 3, Miss J. M. Phillips 4, Miss J. Clements 5, Miss S. A. Richardson 6, G. Francis 7, W. L. Weller (cond.) 8. First of Major for 2 and 3.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss Jill Cook 1, Miss Heather Bonner 2, Mrs. E. D. Poole 3, R. E. Dean 4, Miss Evelyn Gibson 5, E. Silvey 6, E. D. Poole (cond.) 7, L. J. Young 8. For Evensong.

MELLS, SOMERSET.—On May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Norris 1, J. Moore 2, E. Connock 3, E. Knapton 4, E. Bray 5, E. Nash 6, G. Massey (cond.) 7, T. Smith 8. For morning service.

QUARTER PEALS

MERROW, SURREY.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Kennington, 240 St. Columb, 240 Clifford Pleasure, 240 Southrepps Pleasure, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure): Rosamund A. May 1, Jillian H. Wilson 2, Eva Taussig 3, A. Pamela Warren (cond.) 4, G. M. Battersby 5, G. M. Purnell 6. First in 5 methods for all the band.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICS. — On June 1st, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of St. Simon's, Eynsham, St. Martin's, St. Giles', St. Miles', Reverse St. Bartholomew, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day, Canterbury, Northrepps and 60 of Grandsire): R. Handford 1, J. Handford 2, R. Wilmore 3, G. Brewin 4, B. S. Payne (cond.) 5, G. Harrald 6. First in 11 methods by all. A birthday compliment to the 4th ringer.

NEWTON ST CYRES, DEVON. — On June 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Williams (first quarter) 1, G. Cole 2, T. Ridgeman 3, F. Wills 4, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 5, G. Skinner 6, E. G. Cork 7, G. S. Luxton 8. Rung to celebrate the 12th centenary of the martyrdom of St. Boniface.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On May 12th, 1,260 Doubles (two extents Plain Bob, 8½ extents Grandsire): M. Journeaux 1, R. Gallop 2, R. Trebilcock (cond.) 3, V. Green 4, T. Smith 5. A wedding anniversary compliment to Tom Smith.—Also on May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Gallop 1, M. Stone 2, J. Hadfield 3, J. Cruickshank 4, R. Trebilcock 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6.—Also on May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (one extent each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, 8½ Grandsire): John Dart (first quarter) 1, J. Cruickshank 2, J. Hadfield 3, T. Smith 4, R. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, R. Gallop 6.—Also on June 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Journeaux (first Minor) 1, J. Cruickshank 2, R. Gallop (first 'inside') 3, C. Holloway (first Minor) 4, R. Trebilcock 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. To commemorate the Coronation of H.M. the Queen.

OXFORD.—On May 29th, at New College, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss G. M. T. Powell (first on eight) 1, J. Enton 2, D. Hodgson 3, D. A. Edwards 4, R. J. Cook 5, D. H. Niblett 6, P. R. Sanders 7, W. H. Jackson (cond.) 8.

SHIPLAKE, OXON. — On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Roberts 1, Miss O. Smith 2, E. H. Smith 3, D. Cobb 4, A. K. Street (cond.) 5, F. G. Henbest 6. First 'inside' 2 and 4.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on May 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Tombs 1, P. W. Webb (first 'inside') 2, D. J. Midgley 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper (first as cond.) 5, F. B. Cookson 6, R. Smith 7, A. L. Dunn (first on tenor) 8. Rung for Evensong and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th; also to Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cookson for the gift of a son, Mr. G. C. Cookson being a member of the local band.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On June 5th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. V. Sinkins 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, R. Sanders 3, J. Chapman (cond.) 4, T. Welbourne 5, J. Rea 6, S. Howard 7, E. Wright 8. In memoriam Walter J. Anscombe, for many years ringer and steeplekeeper at Immanuel Church. Also first quarter peal by the treble ringer since he attained the age of 90 last January.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. C. Taylor (longest length away from tenor) 1, H. Rumens 2, A. J. N. Boyack 3, F. C. Maynard 4, E. E. Holman (cond.) 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, R. Chapman 7, B. Collard 8. Rung for Evensong.

WEST HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—On May 24th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. Clarke (first of Stedman as cond.) 1, J. Hobbs (first of Stedman) 2, D. Miller 3, W. Stevens 4, R. Short 5, M. Stone 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. Morgan, chairman of the Bridgwater branch, on leaving the district.

WOODEATON, OXON. — On May 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Woodward 1, Christine Woodward 2, R. H. Jones (first in method as cond.) 3, M. Journeaux 4, C. Holloway 5.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

To mark the 12th centenary of the martyrdom of St. Boniface, a pilgrimage was made from Exeter Cathedral to the birthplace at Crediton, headed by the Bishops of Exeter and Crediton and 300 clergy and laity, which numbered 300 by the time Crediton was reached. A brief halt was made at Newton St. Cyres Church, which is about halfway along the route, where the pilgrims were welcomed by the bells. As they left the church a well-struck quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the saint.

Following upon the decision of the Central Council a member informs us that he is already planning a peal of Plain Bob Caters, and also hopes to ring Grandsire Minor or Major.

Fifty years ago on May 27th Mr. J. Thomas conducted his first peal of Stedman Caters. The anniversary was commemorated by Mr. Thomas calling the same method at Worcester.

The ten bells at the Imperial Institute were rung for the first time for the Queen's birthday since being rehung by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Bowden, of Haslemere, while on holiday in South Wales with their daughter, Margaret, helped to complete the band at St. Mary's Church, Tenby, for the Whitsun services.

Old Headington ringers, past and present, recently held a successful dinner at Eastgate Hotel, Oxford. It is hoped to make this an annual event. On June 18th they are joining with Marston ringers in a combined outing, when several Oxford towers will be visited.

Mr. Frederick Sharpe has informed us that he made a mistake in replying to Mr. Cecil Pipe's question on the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee (page 364). The Suffolk tower which received attention was Lowestoft, and not Ipswich.

The bells of All Saints', Colchester, now a redundant church, are to be used in the proposed new church at Little Horkesley, which will replace the one which was destroyed by a parachute mine during the war. Four of these bells were cast by Miles Graye, the Colchester bellfounder, and the third by Richard Bowler (1587). The bells are being reconditioned in a London foundry.

'E. C. S.,' in his admirable leader of June 3rd, referred to A. G. Driver. J. W. Driver, mentioned in the text, was a ringer at Chelsea many years ago and had no connection with A. G.

The Guild of Devonshire ringers in 1954 elected 85 performing members. Three bands, Brixham, Kentisbeare and Uffculme, joined the Guild.

St. George's, Camberwell, band, saw the Thames Valley at its best on June 4th, when they held their second annual outing. Towers visited were Marlow, Burnham and Cookham, where local ringers made them welcome and also assisted previously in planning the tour.

St. Albans Cathedral has a keen young team of beginners, average age 15, who are making good progress in Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman. On June 4th they organised an afternoon tour, visiting Sandridge, Kimpton and Redbourn. After a picnic some of the party cycled to Abbots Langley to attend a ringing meeting.

Thanks to Mr. G. W. Jeffs, Lincolnshire ringers from Thurlby, Bourne, Rippingale, Billingborough, Silk Willoughby and Sleaford had an enjoyable tour in Northamptonshire on June 4th. Towers visited were Wilby, Mears Ashby, Cogenhoe, Brafield and three in Northampton. Through 'The Ringing World,' the party wish to thank Mr. Jeffs and all tower captains.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT BRISTOL

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BROADCASTING COMMITTEE'S GOOD WORK — BOOK ON DOUBLES IN PRINTER'S HANDS — WIDENING THE RANGE OF PEAL RINGING. SHOULD RECORD LENGTHS BE TREATED DIFFERENTLY? COUNCIL SAY 'NO'

BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION COMMITTEE

The formation of this new committee at Newcastle was considered necessary to cope with the ever increasing field of sound and vision radio, and as an endeavour to ensure that, eventually, all aspects of ringing introduced on sound and vision programmes should be of a good standard and suitably presented from the ringers' point of view.

Your committee has, during the past year, made considerable effort to become acquainted with the heads of departments in the various regions and has attained some measure of success.

We have been fortunate in enlisting the co-operation of the Publicity Department of the B.B.C. in the person of Mr. F. L. Cobb, the chief of this department. We now have an understanding with him to the effect that all items relating to bell-ringing shall be sent to him from the various regions and particulars passed to 'The Ringing World' for publication. Obviously an arrangement of this sort will take a considerable time to reach perfection, as it involves the complete co-operation of the powers-that-be in the various regions. In this direction the members of your committee have made every endeavour to contact their religious directors and others concerned with the use of the bells in broadcasting and to persuade them to pass the necessary information in good time for publication. In due course we hope that we shall receive sufficient recognition by the B.B.C. to be consulted on all matters in this sphere of broadcasting. This may sound a little Utopian but should, we feel, be our ultimate objective.

In the main our contacts have concerned sound radio; we have, however, achieved some measure of success on the vision side. A suggestion regarding the Interlude on vision has been received from a member of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and we have been fortunate in enlisting the good offices of one of the leading vision producers to get this passed to the proper quarter. Should this idea become a fact, we feel sure it will be well received by the ringing fraternity.

We have during the year co-opted the services of the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow.

It is not proposed in this report to go into any great detail with regard to what has been seen and heard on the radio during the year under review. Many rings, from all over the country, have been heard prior to divine service. In the main, the ringing has been of a fair standard. An old sore, of course, is how much uninterrupted ringing there should be. When we have established ourselves a little more firmly with the B.B.C. we hope to do something in this direction. Such items as the Bedfordshire Young Ringers' tour and the long length attempt at Loughborough were well covered on the air. On the vision side, bells, particularly handbells, have been introduced on a number of occasions.

The most important point concerning all broadcasting in which ringers take part is that the highest possible standard of performance should be aimed at. The ringing of good rounds is much to be preferred to poor change ringing. This applies more particularly to country towers where a shortage of competent ringers precludes good change ringing. With the best will in the world, we feel our efforts will be in vain if ringers themselves do not put their house in order, and on this theme we would end our report.

Mr. H. Sanger moved and Mr. F. W. Rogers seconded the adoption of the report.

Mr. H. Miles said when big conferences were held the B.B.C. generally gave a news item. He thought that some arrangement should have been made.

Mr. Brian Threlfall suggested that the B.B.C. should be invited to broadcast a ringers' meeting.

Mr. Sanger replied that the B.B.C. were not easy people to deal with and while they might suggest things it was not easy to get them through.

Mr. F. W. Rogers said that as to the B.B.C. reporting their activities at Eastbourne, some ringing at the Council meeting was recorded in the news the same evening.

Mr. F. Skidmore: The B.B.C. were informed of this meeting and said they would do what they could but they did not do anything.

Mr. C. Pope: I think the B.B.C. are more interested in the religious service than the bells. If an approach was made through the incumbent perhaps a little more time for the bells might be arranged.

Mr. F. W. Goodfellow said until recently the B.B.C. had a feature of the bells on Christmas Day and Easter Day. Could they inquire why it was dropped?

Mr. T. J. Lock said in regard to television it was pointed out to him that because of the apparatus required, ringing should be from the ground floor.

The report was adopted.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE

The report of this committee appeared on page 350.

Mr. E. Shepherd moved the adoption of the report and said the committee was very self-conscious of its defects. In the past, under the direction of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, the reports were prepared with great care and scholarship. He thanked ringers who had forwarded papers and articles.

Mr. F. E. Dukes seconded the adoption.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards thought the committee had produced an admirable report.

PEALS ANALYSIS COMMITTEE

The year 1954 showed a steady decline in the number of peals rung, particularly in the realm of handbell ringing. The grand total was 2,406, made up of 2,283 on tower bells and 123 on handbells. The former were split up as follows: Maximus 34, Cinques 33, Royal 104, Caters 83, Major 923, Triples 266, Minor 621 and Doubles 219. It will be noted that the last two make up 34.9 per cent of the total. (Good for you, the countrymen!)

This total includes one peal of Plain Bob Cinques by the Norwich Association, one of Plain Bob Caters by the Suffolk Guild and one of Plain Bob Triples each by the Essex Association, Oxford Diocesan Guild, Suffolk Guild and the Truro Guild. One peal of Grandsire Doubles, by the Derbyshire Association, was not acceptable as 60 changes were added.

Outstanding performances. Peals worthy of special mention are:

A peal in 45 methods of Doubles in which the conductor rang two 'inside' bells, for the Middlesex Association.

Original Triples by the Winchester Guild.

Peals of Spliced Triples in 11, 10 and six methods by the Worcester and Districts.

Thirty-two Spliced Surprise Major by the Lincoln Guild.

Peals in 36, 42 and 48 Spliced Surprise Major methods by the Yorkshire Association.

Handbell peals. These are made up as follows:

Cinques 1, Royal 5, Caters 5, Major 45, Triples 10, Minor 36 and Doubles 21. The outstanding performance was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by the Leicester Guild.

We deplore the fading away of this branch of our art and fully recommend its fascination to the younger exponents of tower bells.

It is our sincere wish that a permanent decision may be reached regarding the inclusion of peals of Plain Bob on the odd numbers.

Heading the peals totals was the Leicester Guild with 197 peals (10 on handbells) followed by the Kent County with 146, third was the Suffolk Guild (127) and the Essex Association fourth (123). The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association and the Ladies' Guild both failed to produce a peal this year.

Mr. W. Ayre moved and Mr. H. Miles seconded the adoption of the report and this was carried.

METHODS COMMITTEE

The Methods Committee has had a quiet year. Having completed the book of Doubles Methods, it has turned its attention to the revision of the Minor and Triples Methods books, as requested by the Council last year. The former, being a very popular publication, it was decided to reprint the last edition with only few alterations and then to produce a completely new work over the next few years. The revision of the Triples Methods book has commenced and we hope to have it in print for next year's Council. Its contents will depend to some extent on the decisions of the Council about such methods at this session. We would like to express our appreciation at the help given to us by Mr. Segar.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead in moving the adoption of the report said there was not very much to say for once.

Mr. F. W. Rogers seconded.

Mr. W. E. Critchley asked about the Doubles book.

Mr. Sharpe replied that it went to the printers six weeks ago and the printer hoped to have the proof ready in a fortnight or three weeks' time.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE PEALS COLLECTION COMMITTEE

The Committee has not proceeded further with the proposed collection of compositions for Stedman Caters and Cinques. At the last Council meeting it was decided to await publication of the revised edition of 'Stedman' in the J. W. Snowdon series and reconsider the need for such a collection.

Mr. C. W. Woolley moved the adoption of the report and said he had a strong letter from Mr. C. W. Roberts who disagreed with the report.

Mr. W. E. Critchley seconded.

The President: How is the revised book on Stedman Caters going?

Mr. E. C. S. Turner: It is anticipated that the new edition of Stedman will be finished by about the end of this year.

The report was adopted.

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RECORDS COMMITTEE

The committee reported the following new methods rung during the year ended December 31st, 1954:

Jan.
2. 5184 Farndon Imp. Bob Maj. (Chester).
4. 5152 Hockley Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
9. 5088 Horsham Sur. Maj. (Sussex).
16. 5056 Southwell Sur. Maj. (Southwell).
25. 5280 Langley Sur. Maximus (Leicester).
27. 5040 Cawston Little Bob Maj. (Norwich).
30. 5056 Rugby Sur. Maj. (Oxford).
30. 5088 Holywood Del. Maj. (Irish).

Feb.
4. 5024 Harlesden Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
8. 5280 Stoneygate Sur. Maximus (Leicester).
13. 5152 Handbridge Imp. Bob Maj. (Chester).
13. 5088 Spliced Sur. Maj. (36 methods) (Yorkshire).
19. 5088 Stoughton Sur. Maj. (Leicester).
20. 5056 Shrewsbury Bob Maj. (Chester).
27. 5040 Ludgate Sur. Royal (Lancashire).

Mar.
8. 5280 Gartree Sur. Maximus (Leicester).
20. 5040 Southwell Sur. Royal (Winchester & Portsmouth).

April
5. 5280 Framland Sur. Maximus (Leicester).
8. 5152 Colmore Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
8. 5055 Byfleet Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
22. 5152 Evington Sur. Maj. (Lincoln).
24. 5120 Hodnet Imp. Bob Maj. (Shropshire).

May
13. 5056 Shirley Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
15. 5152 Queen Imp. Bob Maj. (Chester).
22. 5280 Southwell Sur. Maximus (Yorkshire).
22. 5040 Ellesmere Little Court Maj. (Shropshire).
29. 5088 Spliced Sur. Maj. (42 methods) (Yorkshire).
29. 5056 Winchester Sur. Maj. (Winchester & Portsmouth).

June
10. 5024 Quinton Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
10. 5040 Spliced Triples (11 methods) (Worcester).
14. 5152 Erdington Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
16. 5056 Falmouth Sur. Maj. (Essex).
18. 5088 Spliced Sur. Maj. (48 methods) (Yorkshire).
24. 5120 Twickenham Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
28. 5024 Ribblesdale Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).

July
7. 5024 Portsmouth Sur. Maj. (Essex).
14. 5088 Gainsborough Sur. Maj. (Suffolk).
15. 5056 Moseley Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
19. 5152 Frankley Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
29. 5152 Ventnor Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
31. 5040 Winchester Sur. Royal (Winchester & Portsmouth).

Aug.
19. 5280 Goscote Sur. Maximus (Leicester).
21. 5040 Oakham Sur. Royal (Lincoln).
28. 5152 Enfield Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).

Sept.
11. 5088 St. Wolstan's Del. Maj. (Leicester).
11. 5040 Regina Bob Maj. (Oxford).
30. 5024 Ufford Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).

Oct.
1. 5152 Wombourn Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
2. 5120 Elford Sur. Maj. (Yorkshire).
7. 5184 Bordesley Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
9. 5024 Colchester Sur. Maj. (Essex).
15. 5056 Campsall Sur. Maj. (Yorkshire).
18. 5152 Tyseley Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
21. 5120 Olney Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).

Nov
4. 5024 Zennor Sur. Maj. (Middlesex).
8. 5056 Tyburn Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).

Dec.
7. 5056 Beretun Bob Maj. (Hertford).
18. 5088 Fordham Sur. Maj. (Ely).
20. 5152 Ullenhall Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).
30. 5152 Bromford Sur. Maj. (St. Martin's).

The report was proposed by Mrs. Fletcher and seconded by Mrs. Marshall and adopted.

ALTERATION OF RULES

Mr. E. A. Barnett moved an alteration of rules as follows: To amend Rule 4, Section (ii), by inserting the words 'Non-Territorial' between 'the' and 'Societies.' The section to read: 'The representation of the Non-Territorial Societies now affiliated to the Council shall be as specified in the schedule of these Rules unless modified in application to and by permission of the Council.'

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded and this was agreed to.

BOB TRIPLES, CATERS AND CINQUES

The president said that a number of motions before the Council had the same object in view. A meeting of proposers and seconders of these motions was held previous to the Standing Committee meeting to see if agreement could be reached on motions (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g). He was thankful to say that they had agreed to the following:—

'That this Council while not encouraging the ringing of peals which are not in accordance with its decisions resolves to recognise all true peals rung in conformity with the conditions required for peals laid down in 1951 (see "The Ringing World," page 187, in the issue of March 25th, 1955) as subsequently amended, except that the Council is not prepared to recognise any peals rung to surpass a previous peal in length, number of methods or in any way which does not comply with its rules and decisions.'

This motion was considered by members during the luncheon interval and upon resuming the president asked Mr. C. K. Lewis to speak first.

Mr Lewis said he became very concerned over this matter some time ago and he had come to the conclusion that they should be wrong from an historical point of view—and a member had suggested from a moral point of view—if they commended these irregular methods. 'Some people may have felt I have shifted my views. I have not. What I want is consistency for all decisions.

'I still hold the view the Council's decisions are a very desirable aim, but if people wish and desire to ring something that does not conform we shall be wrong from the historian's point of view in abolishing them. Irregular peals would be lost completely and in 50 years' time someone might come along and there would be no record. If Annable had his way peals with singles would be out. He did not like them. There was a danger that we should be losing something. I am anxious that nothing shall be lost, either regular or irregular, and the main point is that we should not dismiss anything because it is not in accord with our own ideas. Let us leave it to history to say if we are right. I have much pleasure in proposing this resolution.'

Mr. E. A. Barnett, in seconding, said it was the intention if the motion was passed that peals rung in 1953 which were deferred at last year's meeting would automatically be allowed.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said he had rung a fair amount of Plain Bob but probably on even numbers. He had the pleasure in taking part in the first peal of Bob Royal which was ever recorded for the Ancient Society of College Youths and that was rung on the Shrove Tuesday of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. He only attempted one peal of Bob Triples and that was not successful. On the five bells in his village church they rang Bob Minimus with the tenor behind because they were not capable of ringing any more. He knew many members of the Exercise enjoyed ringing Bob Triples, Bob Caters and Bob Cinques and found it a useful way of bringing on young ringers. He thought the Central Council should recognise any peal. The first peal ever rung was Bob Triples and the motion if passed would cover Bob Triples.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner: The amended resolution does not cover all I desired but I am content to let it stand.

Mr. C. W. Woolley said it was the first time he had come to a Council meeting with a decided opinion from his own consituents as to what they wanted. He felt the Council should not discourage anything. He had a ring of eight with 30 cwt. tenor and a young band. They were advised to ring Plain Bob and did so very successfully with the tenor behind. A band like that wanted encouraging. These extra words in the amended resolution were, he presumed, for long length peals. Personally he was all for them being recognised as peals.

Mr. W. F Moreton said there were two points he would like to make. The first was that the resolution would allow all Minor methods—regular and irregular—to be included in the resolution. Secondly, there had recently been a lot of criticism of the Methods Committee and one of the things was Bob Triples. He would like to ask if the Methods Committee had ever said anything about Bob Triples.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: Bob Triples has never been referred to the Methods Committee and we have never passed any judgment about it.

Mr. P. A. Corby said they did aim the previous night on a wording that would meet the case generally and suit all parties—the wording was perhaps a little less strong than suggested by Mr. Poole and himself. It was a fact that they should not lose sight of, that there had been strong expressions from the Exercise as to certain methods. The Council as a body was accused of saying that certain methods should or should not be rung and the rank and file of the Exercise did not like that and in some quarters they had been vocal in saying so. The purpose of the resolution was to realise the function of the Council in regard to the advice it should or should not give. In other words how far should the Council go? In the past the Council had got itself in difficult situations in seeking to find legitimate answers to many problems and there had been a tendency to draw the attention of the Exercise to some to the exclusion of others. In the past there had been an under emphasis on the word 'surprise' and more latterly there had been an over emphasis on 'extension.'

'So far as Bob Triples is concerned Mr. Poole and I made an attempt to test the feeling of the Exercise with regard to the resolutions coming before the Council today. I may say that with the exception of two members of the Council every reply was in favour of both resolutions. We had 120 replies and that shows that the Exercise generally is in sympathy with what we are trying to do today.'

Mr. H. J. Poole said it would be obvious to the members of the Council the confidence Mr. Corby had gained since he left Kent and went into Leicestershire. 'I have agreed to the substituted motion and I think what we should be more concerned about than Bob Triples is the Exercise's reaction to what the Council has done in recent years. It is quite obvious from all quarters that there is a strong feeling that the Council has gone beyond its intention or authority and it is very necessary we should bear in mind that we want and need the support of all the Exercise. We want not merely the support of members coming to this meeting but every ringer of the country and the only way

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to get that support was to be reasonable. I feel in the past that between the technicians (I have the highest possible regard for those people who have gone into method construction) and the practical ringers there was a gap which it was difficult to bridge. What we must however be concerned about is the Sunday service ringers. Whatever our views may be about peal ringing—and I am a keen peal ringer—we ought to bear in mind the Sunday service ringer. Up to now we have said, "You should not ring Bob Triples in peals." We have many who say, "If it is good enough to be rung for Sunday service it is good enough to be rung to peals," and this is having its reaction. We should listen to these people.'

Mr. Norman Chaddock moved as an amendment that the words beyond all true peals be deleted.

Mr. J. T. Dunwoody seconded.

Mr. C. K. Lewis in reply to the amendment said those who were a lot older than he would remember they used to ring Woodbine Treble Bob and with bobs call it Merchant's Return, thus claiming two methods. If they were going to ring record lengths conditions should be more stringent than for ordinary gain.

Mr. N. Chaddock said the same fallacy would occur in an ordinary peal.

Mr. Lewis: You must protect people going for records by protecting them from spurious records. If you want to make a record in any direction you observe very strongly all the rules. Records require more stringent rules.

Mr. John Freeman opposed the amendment. He agreed that rules and decisions wanted to be considered from time to time and revised, but there was one proviso—some benefit should be gained. In his opinion nothing would be gained. He had never agreed that Bob Triples was a good start for the beginner. Having come from a tower brought up on Grandsire and Stedman it was not surprising. He did not think Mr. Corby's Gallup poll could be taken as an expression of opinion. Mr. Poole pleaded the case of the blue line written three years ago; he expressed the opinion that if they followed the blue line they would get nowhere. If they supported the amendment they would be opening the door for everything they thought right or wrong to be swept away because they got a spate of letters in 'The Ringing World.'

Mr. W. E. Critchley felt that by the resolution they would get the confidence and goodwill of many.

The Rev. J. G. M. Scott said in the matter of the last wording of the motion they would have to draw a distinction between peal records in length and records in the number of methods. Mr. Lewis had said one could call a bob in a method and call the result another method, like calling a bob in Cambridge and calling it Timbuctoo. If they chose to ring 105 methods and called a bob in each method they would get 210. Without some distinction in methods there would be a lot of dissatisfaction.

Mr. C. W. Woolley: Surely the Council will retain the right to say whether Cambridge with a bob is Timbuctoo?

Mr. E. A. Barnett: If we do that we shall be held as dictators.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner: Would it not be better to have a type of record for regular methods and another for irregular?

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead: I think we must be very careful about this. There ought to be some distinction between record peals and ordinary peals.

Dr. Hatcher: Surely we should specify conditions about record peals.

Mr. C. W. Pipe: Can we clear up Plain Bob on all numbers?

The President: This motion covers Plain Bob on all numbers. It also covers irregular methods.

Mr. H. Miles: The whole of the controversy has arisen because of the reference back of the Peals Analyses Committee. I should like to hear the views of the convener of the Peals Analyses Committee.

Mr. Walter Ayre: The convener of the Peals Analyses Committee has nothing to say.

Mr. Miles: As a member of the Peals Analyses Committee I don't agree. At the last meeting I said that most of the Associations agreed to abide loyally by the rules and decisions of the Central Council and that was what we (the Committee) tried to do. We have tried to draw up the analyses under the rules and decisions of the Council. I contend if there is any rule that is not wanted all that is needed is to bring up a resolution to rescind the rule. All the time these rules and decisions appear on our books we must abide by them. We have heard a lot about dictatorial methods and who are the Central Council. The affiliated Associations are the Central Council. I think there is a lot of tosh being talked this afternoon.

Mr. A. E. Lock: I think it was said in 1905 that Bob Triples should not be practised because it is not worthy of being retained. That does not lay down a hard and fast rule. We on the Committee of the Oxford Diocesan Guild were almost unanimous that that resolution should be dropped.

Mr. A. D. Barker: There were 29 who voted for that and I voted against it.

Mr. N. Chaddock: The reason we should leave out the latter part of the resolution.

The amendment, which reads: 'That this Council will recognise all true peals rung in conformity with the conditions laid down for peals in 1951, as subsequently amended,' was put to the meeting and carried by a very large majority.

(To be continued)

A NEW BELL AT ST. MARTIN'S, BIRMINGHAM

The new bell in the tower at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, has been in position for some time, but it has been the wish of the Rector that it should not be rung until complete success had been achieved in the £100,000 appeal for church restoration and extension. The amount asked for has now been fully subscribed, and on Thursday, June 2nd, the bell was rung for the first time.

The service of dedication was held in the ringing chamber, and was conducted by the Rector, Canon Bryan Green, assisted by the senior curate, the Rev. G. C. Potts. In the course of the service prayers were offered for ringers and their work, and the Rector expressed his appreciation of the ceaseless labours of his ringers as office bearers in the church.

The Master of St. Martin's Guild, Mr. Albert Walker, thanked the Rector for his constant interest in the belfry, after which Canon Green rang the new bell. A bob course of Stedman Triples and a course of Cambridge Major were then rung on the new eight.

The bell, which is in B flat, weighs 8 cwt., and bears the inscription: 'I was first rung on the completion of the appeal for £100.000 for the restoration of St. Martin's Church.' It adds a flat sixth to the existing twelve, and gives a fine octave in F with a tenor of about 14 cwt. It is expected to provide a useful light eight, both for general purposes and for the training of beginners.

The Master has pointed out that on Tuesday nights at 6.30 there is a special practice for beginners in various stages, and it is hoped that more aspirants will take advantage of this opportunity to benefit by the help and advice of more experienced practitioners. A. W.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

Spring Meeting at Bristol

On May 7th a party of College Youths under the leadership of their Master (Mr. C. J. Watts) and accompanied by their secretary (Mr. A. B. Peck) and other officers travelled from London to Bristol, where, by invitation of the members in that city, the Society's spring meeting was to be held.

Mr. Albert Tyler and other country members met the party at Temple Meads Station and quickly rushed them off to St. Stephen's, the first tower of the day. En route the leaning tower of Temple Church was pointed out and regret was expressed that time did not allow any ringing there. (It was found later that the bells had been taken out.) St. Stephen's are a pleasant ten, and their merry tune was soon sounding out over the city.

By the time everyone had had a ring it was time for lunch, which was served at headquarters for the day, the Grosvenor Hotel, and where a room had been set aside for the Society's use. In the afternoon ringing took place at St. Mary Redcliffe, but unfortunately this was not up to the Society's usual high standard and consequently this glorious twelve was not heard at its best. Moving on to St. Thomas' the Society found that London did not have a monopoly of bad-going bells.

A company of more than 60 sat down to tea, which was followed by a short business meeting. Mr. C. R. Harding, on behalf of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, gave the Society a warm welcome to Bristol to which the Master replied suitably. The Master then addressed the members saying how glad he was that the meeting had been so well attended by members from as far away as Cheshire and Cornwall. He remarked that this was a sure sign that the members of the Society throughout the country, and in particular those in the West of England, realised that while the day to day business of the Society must necessarily be carried on by the London members, those in the country had just as important a place in the Society and were always welcome to take part in the Society's ringing and deliberations whenever they were in London. He urged them to use their endeavours to further the well-being of the Society, bearing in mind its proud history extending over 300 years, and to make the future a worthy successor of the past. He also tendered the Society's sincere thanks to Mr. Albert Tylor for the able way in which he had organised the day's programme, which had gone without a hitch.

A social hour then followed, during which old friendships were renewed and new ones made, and all too soon it was time for the members to leave for home after what all declared had been a very successful and enjoyable day.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Meeting at Marlborough

The festival and annual general meeting was held at Marlborough on May 21st. Fourteen towers were open for ringing, which started just after midday.

The annual meeting was held in the Town Hall before a good gathering, the Master, the Rev. Canon C. Cox, presiding, supported by Mr. W. C. West (hon. secretary and treasurer) and Mr. F. Slatford (assistant hon. secretary).

In his report the hon. secretary stated that membership remained static at 1,030 ringing, 15 honorary and 11 associates, life members being 12, elected during the year. Some Branches had increased membership and two Branches had decreased slightly. Peals numbered 18, the lowest for many years, and included one of Cambridge Maximus (first for the Guild).

Apologies were received from the Earl of Shaftesbury, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mrs. Hibberd, Messrs. J. I. Davis, F. Precey and R. H. Duke.

Election of officers:— President, Lord Shaftesbury; Master, Rev. Canon Carew Cox; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. C. West; hon. assistant secretary, Mr. F. Slatford; hon. auditors, Messrs. J. S. Weeks and C. F. Andrews. Thanks were expressed to the above for the work of the past year.

The Guild office and service were held in St. Mary's Church conducted by the Rector, the Rev. F. B. R. Brown, R.D., assisted by Canon Cox, the Ven. C. A. Plaxton, Canon White and the Rev. J. S. Arthur. The Rector gave the address, and the Archdeacon of Wiltshire the Blessing. A band of ringers from Lyme Regis rang a course of Grandsire Caters during the service.

Tea was served in the Town Hall, to which 140 sat down, the company being welcomed by the Deputy Mayor, Mr. A. J. Free, on behalf of the town of Marlborough.

Hearty thanks were expressed to all concerned in the arrangements and the members dispersed to the various towers available for ringing both in and outside the Branch area.

OUTING

HUTTON, ESSEX

After an enjoyable ring on Kelvedon's pleasant bells, our coach sped on its way to and through South Suffolk.

Our Guild was revisiting this fair county and, as before, in 1952 and 1954, we were cordially welcomed, enjoying the mellow rings at St. Gregory's, Sudbury, and Rougham. Two hours flew by at Bury St. Edmunds—lunch first and then to the Abbey Gardens, the Cathedral Church of St. James and the massive pile of St. Mary's.

Another couple of happy hours were spent at Cambridge, sampling the punts on the river of viewing the Backs, St. John's Gateway and the wonderful Chapel of King's before proceeding to Thaxted, back in Essex.

Here, for an hour, we admired the many gaily-attired teams of Morris dancers performing with skill before a large audience in front of the ancient Guildhall. Then we revelled in our last touches of the day on the musical ring at St. John's.

The following Saturday, May 28th, saw us again on a tower-grabbing expedition—travelling poor man's fashion this time—on bicycles. Fobbing and Stanford-le-Hope, with their merry tuneful rings, were our main objectives, and a call in and a joyful pull on Ingrave's bells on our way home.

'Thank you,' we sincerely say to all incumbents and friends who welcomed us to their towers. ONE OF THE PARTY.

A SUSSEX VILLAGE & ITS AUGMENTATION

The story of the rehanging and augmenting of Wadhurst bells can truly be said to be different from the ordinary rehanging job, for although some £1,300 was raised by public subscription, not once were the parishioners asked to give to the bells.

After the repairs of 1938, it was obvious that the old timber frame was near the end of its useful life; it was installed in 1760 and strengthened in 1891, and had got so loose that further repairs would be waste of money.

With the end of hostilities in 1945 the tower captain tried to get the Parochial Church Council interested, but each time the matter was brought up, something else had prior claim, viz., extensive repairs to the church roof, elimination of damp in the north aisle, a new chapel in the south aisle and converting a disused school building as a church in another section of the parish.

In 1952, when everything seemed set fair, the death-watch beetle made itself known and another £2,000 had to be raised. But the beetle proved to be a friend in disguise, for it was decided that all the timber in the church should be examined and the beetle was found to be working in the beams supporting the bell frame.

In 1953 Mr. F. E. Collins was asked to report on the state of the beams and bell frame, and later on it was decided that estimates should be invited, based on Mr. Collins' recommendations. At the end of October, 1953, the three founders presented their estimates, and a Parochial Church Council meeting was called. It seemed obvious that the only wise thing would be to accept one of them, but a section of the Council thought that as the famous 'Whiligh' oak grew in the parish, another timber frame should be installed. Lord Courthope was at the meeting and said that he doubted if enough good seasoned oak could be found on the whole of the estate.

A faculty for a new steel frame, etc., was applied for, but the timber devotees protested to the Chancellor, and he said that an independent consultant architect should be called in to report on the matter. It speaks well for Mr. Collins that on reading this architect's report it seemed to be the whole of Mr. Collins' report, worded differently, the facts and the recommendations being exactly the same. On the receipt of this evidence the faculty was granted in June, 1954, and the bells removed in August.

In the meantime the public heard the one and only appeal for the bells and that was that someone should give two new trebles to complete the octave, but no one seemed interested. Just as the bells came back in December, a legacy of £100 was left to the Vicar and wardens, who decided to use this for a new bell, and on the day that the last of the six bells was installed in the eight-bell frame, an anonymous person offered to give the other bell.

The six bells, in their new frame and fittings, were dedicated on December 19th, 1954, when everyone voiced their appreciation of the 'go' of the bells. The old treble, having been recast, sounded a little prominent, but as the new frame is lower in the tower and the bottom half of the louvres has been bricked up, the bells sound very pleasant outside.

On Saturday, May 28th, a large congregation of parishioners and ringers gathered for the dedication of the two new trebles by the Vicar of Wadhurst (Rev. A. N. H. Roscamp). An interesting address was given by the new Rector of Rotherfield (the Rev. R. F. K. Hare). The opening rounds were rung by C. A. Bassett 1, L. W. Giles 2, J. Newick 3, Mrs. E. Bassett 4, Ann Bassett 5, J. Bishop 6, D. Neal 7, C. Pilbeam 8.

After the service there was a meeting of the East Grinstead Guild, when some 50 ringers tried out the new octave. The company were entertained to tea by the Church Council, after which the Vicar presided over the business in a manner reminiscent of the late Guild president. The Vicar was left in no doubt that Wadhurst now has a very fine octave, mechanically perfect and quite good tone, and with a band of 18 ringers in various stages of proficiency, the future looks very bright. It was regretted that the Sussex County Association were unable to be represented owing to a meeting that could not be altered.

The work, which was ably carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., was as follows: Two new trebles, the old treble recast, the back five retuned and were actually the only old work to go back into the tower, everything else, down to the smallest nut and bolt, being new. The weights of the two new bells are about 4¼ cwt. and 4¼ cwt., the rest as follows: No. 3, 5 cwt. 7 lb.; No. 4, 5 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.; No. 5, 6 cwt. 15 lb.; No. 6, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.; No. 7, 11 cwt. 11 lb.; tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in F sharp.

NOTTS RINGERS' WEDDING

On June 4th, at Cotgrave Church, Notts, the wedding took place of Mr. Allan Simpson and Miss Joan E. Hoodless. The ceremony was conducted by the chairman of the Southwell Diocesan Guild, Canon R. F. Wilkinson, assisted by the Rector of Cotgrave, the Rev. A. H. Wakefield. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Arthur E. Hoodless, and Mr. Brian Buswell was best man.

It is noteworthy that the officiating clergyman, bride, bridegroom, bride's father and best man are practising ringers, as are also the bride's grandfather and uncle.

The bridal pair were duly rung 'in' and 'out,' and on leaving the churchyard had to pass under a canopy of ten handbells charged with confetti, which was liberally bestowed.

At the reception the numerous guests enjoyed a most bountiful repast. A musical touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells by the bride, bridegroom, best man and C. Glenn evoked loud applause. In the afternoon a peal was rung at Daybrook by fellow-ringers in commemoration of the happy event.

The newly-married couple are taking up residence in Nottingham. Since ringing their first peal in August, 1952, their 22 peals have all been rung together, and this they hope to continue.

A HORRIFYING SIGHT

A party of ringers visiting Peterborough for the Diocesan Guild's annual meeting were impulsed out of curiosity and for archæological reasons to pause and look into the church at Orton Waterville (three miles from Peterborough and in the county of Hunts), where a feeling was that there existed three bells. They found four—treble by Thomas Norris, 1670; 2nd by Joseph Eayre, 1754; 3rd by Tobie Norris, sen., 1606: and tenor of approximately 6¼ cwt. by Joseph Eayre, 1755. All were on badly worm-eaten headstocks.

The frame for five bells would be capable of restoration after renewal of certain portions. A carpet of rubbish lay under the bells; the wheels were all broken and only one rope was any good. On the floor of the tower there was at least three-quarters of a ton of coke where chimers have to stand amid walls black with filth and a ladder in the middle of the belfry.

Curiosity also took the same party to Yarwell, where a ring was given on the four light bells, tenor 5 cwt. 4 lb., treble 2 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. Thornhaugh and Nassington were visited in addition. At Nassington they had a rope break; fortunately the Rector was present at the time. P. A.

LETTERS

HALF-MUFFLED RINGING

Dear Sir,—With reference to W. J. Paice's letter in 'The Ringing World' of May 27th, I sincerely hope the day will never dawn when muffled and half-muffled ringing is just a memory. To ring the bells open at funerals is about the most disgusting thing I have ever heard. I wonder what sort of service those clergy who uphold open ringing at funerals conduct in Lent, Holy Week and Good Friday?

Contempt is the only feeling we can have for the Rector who refused permission for an attempted muffled peal at the time of the death of H.M. King George VI.

Bells **should always** be rung muffled at every sad occasion and period connected with the Church, eg., Lent, Palm Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, etc.—Yours truly,

PETER J. ROBERTS.

Barry, Glam.

WITHIN THE WALLS

By gad, Sir!

Shades of John Stow! Who has moved the Parish Church of St. Botolph without *Bishopsgate 'in a fair churchyard, adjoining to the town ditch, upon the very bank thereof' so that it has become 'St. Botolph* within *the walls, Bishopsgate' (R.W., 3/6/66, page* 343)?

Verily 'a fable, foolishly stowed together.' Yours sincerely,

Harborne. W. E. BOX.

A FALSE COMPOSITION OF YORKSHIRE

Dear Sir, — In answer to Mr. Brian G. Warwick's letter regarding a false composition of Yorkshire, I should like to point out that as the conductor of the peal at Writtle on November 21st, 1953, I myself withdrew the peal about two months afterwards through the columns of 'The Ringing World.' If Mr. Warwick would care to peruse the journals for February and/or March, 1954, he will find confirmation.

I had already notified the secretary of the Essex Association, but apparently it arrived too late to avert publication in the 1953 annual report, as the prototype had already been sent to the printers.

I deeply regret this had to occur again to Mr. Golden's composition (which runs true to Superlative), but I am entirely to blame and not Mr. Golden, because he sent it to me as a 5,088 Superlative. I hope Mr. Warwick will accept my apologies for 'leading him (unwittingly perhaps) up the garden path.'—Yours sincerely,

Chelmsford. PERCY GREEN.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Some twenty members and friends attended the monthly meeting at Batley on May 28th. During the afternoon and evening methods from Bob Minor to Double Norwich were rung. A broken treble rope brought ringing to a stop during the last lead of a touch of Kent prior to tea. The refixing of this rope gave rise to considerable ingenuity on the part of certain members afterwards!

At a short business meeting held in the tower a list of proposed meetings for the next two years was approved. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens, to the local company (especially to the young ladies who had served cups of tea), and to those members who had helped to get the treble rope back to its rightful place.

It is hoped that the next meeting will be a joint one with the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild at Braham.

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

Presentation to Mr. W. Carnwell

The May meeting of the North Staffs Association was held in Leek, where the ten bells were rung to a variety of methods in the afternoon and later in the evening. The service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Youell).

At the business of the meeting, which followed tea at the Swan Hotel, one new member was elected. The meeting also unanimously endorsed a recommendation of the committee that a collection should be taken at the services which are held at the monthly meetings.

After the formal business was completed the chairman, on behalf of the Association, presented a table lamp to Mr. W. Carnwell in appreciation of his eight years of service as secretary, from which office he had resigned at the annual meeting in December, 1954.

His membership of the Association began 35 years ago and he had succeeded his father, 66 years a ringer, as Ringing Master at Kingsley. He had rung 110 peals, the majority of which had been for the North Staffs Association, and had taken part in the first peal of Staffordshire Surprise Major and in the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major for the Association by a resident band. He was known to all the towers in the district and was held in high regard and affection by the Association members. It was a pleasure to know that his retirement from office, accepted with much regret, would not diminish his enthusiasm for ringing or his active membership of the Association. The Association extended its best wishes and thanks to Mr. Carnwell's wife and daughter for the support they had given him.

A further presentation of a cigarette lighter was made to Mr. W. Edwards, of Kingsley, who had been assistant secretary to Mr. Carnwell throughout his term of office. E. H. E.

500 PEALS RUNG BY MR. L. STILWELL

Congratulations to Mr. L. Stilwell, of Horsham, on ringing his 500th peal. His first peal was rung at Pulborough on October 6th, 1904, and his 500th at Marshfield, Gloucestershire, on June 1st, 1955. Details are appended:—

Doubles.—Stedman 1.

Minor.—1 to 12 methods 125 (conducted 14).

Triples.—Grandsire 44 (16), Plain Bob 1, Oxford Bob 8 (6), Stedman 29.

Major.—Plain Bob 35 (7), Single Oxford Bob 1, Little Oxford Bob 1, Double Oxford Bob 1, St. Clement's Bob 1, Ashbourne College Bob 1, Cambridge Court 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 16, Kent Treble Bob 9, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Spliced Plain and Double Norwich 1, Spliced Double Oxford, Plain and Double Norwich 1.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 35 (3), New Cambridge 8 (3), Superlative 31 (1), Yorkshire 28 (3), Bristol 8, London 10, Ashtead 9, Painswick 5 (1), Pudsey 1, Lincolnshire 2, Windsor 1, Ipswich 2 (1), Belgrave 2, Rutland 2, Chiltern 2, Berkshire 2, Truro 1, Runnymede 1, Boveney 2, Belvedere 1, Melbourne 1, Sandringham 1, Pyrford 1, Lutterworth 1, Cranbourne 1, Cassiobury 2 (1), Norfolk 1, Dublin 1, Guildford 1, Aldenham 3, Shalford 1, Imberhorne 1, Horsham 1 (1), Southwell 3, Warnham 1, Ramsey 1, spliced in two, three and four methods one each.

Caters.—Grandsire 7, Stedman 10.

Royal.—Plain Bob 3, Kent 4, Cambridge Surprise 7, New Cambridge 1, Albanian 1, Lincolnshire 1, Yorkshire 2.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2, Stedman 13.

Maximus.—Kent 1.

Total.—500 (conducted 58).

Includes one peal on handbells (Bob Minor), one of Stedman Triples, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, non-conducted. Seventeen methods rung for the first time. Rung in 160 towers, with 604 ringers, for 18 Associations.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

Quarterly Meeting at Meopham

Attendance at the quarterly meeting of the Society, held on a beautiful summer afternoon at Meopham, Kent, suffered severely on account of the rail strike, and only a very small number of members and friends (all of whom had travelled quite long distances to be present) enjoyed ringing in various methods on the good light octave at St. John's during the afternoon. The Vicar (Canon V. S. Nicholls) conducted a most enjoyable service in church, and in the course of a brief but interesting address welcomed the Society to Meopham and regretted that transport difficulties had precluded a larger attendance.

A short business meeting followed tea in the Cricketers Inn, with the Master (Mr. T. H. Francis) in the chair. The belfry elections of Messrs. R. H. R. Parker and J. R. Cooper and Miss M. Parker were ratified, and the following new members elected: Messrs. P. F. Romney (Keymer), T. K. and K. W. Price (Bristol) and H. A. Nobes (Alverstoke). The secretary reminded members of the annual dinner, to be held at the Old Bell, Holborn, on Saturday, October 1st, and announced that the next quarterly meeting would be held at Dunstable and Totternhoe on Saturday, September 10th. The support of members was asked for.

The Master asked all present to stand in silence as a token of respect to the memory of Mrs. C. J. Matthews, and reminded members of the great loss which the Society had suffered.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to Canon V. S. Nicholls for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, to the organist and to Canon Earle (Vicar of Wrotham) for the use of the bells there.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District

At the quarterly meeting held at Frindsbury on May 21st approximately 50 members and friends attended. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Prentice), who also took the chair at the meeting. Tea, which was provided by the local ringers, was taken in the Parish Hall. Five new members were elected at the business meeting, and a 'get well quick' card was signed by all members and sent to one of the local band, Mr. 'Gus' Hewitt, who is in Dartford Hospital.

After the meeting handbells were rung before a return was made to the belfry for more ringing. The customary methods were rung but unfortunately were not up to the usual standard of striking.

OUTING

ST. MARY'S, HENDON

Friends from St. Andrew's, Kingsbury, St. Mary's, Finchley, and four visitors from the United States were included in the party of 32 when St. Mary's, Hendon, had a very enjoyable outing to the Sandy area of Bedfordshire on May 21st. The only disappointment was that 'Pop' (80-year-old Mr. E. E. Pratchett) was prevented from attending through indisposition.

The friendly welcome received will not be forgotten, nor the magnificent tea provided by the Vicar of Potton and his lady helpers. Thanks are also extended to the Vicar of St. Leonard's, Old Warden, and Mr. Webb, the Rector of St. Peter's, Tempsford, and Miss Joan Harding and Miss Joan Ashton, of Sandy.

Miss Ruth Foreman, Hendon's Ringing Master, carried out the duties of master of ceremonies in a charming way.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK L. FISHER

An Appreciation

In the passing of Frank Fisher we here in East Suffolk have lost a ringer of no mean ability. Although seldom did he get any practice, he could always be relied on as a sure ringer and an excellent striker on all numbers.

In latter years he took to handbells, which he soon mastered, as also Holt's Original. This he called from all tower bells and all except 7-8 'in hand.' Some two years ago I asked him to stand in in an attempt for Cambridge Surprise Major (silent). His cheery answer was: 'I will if you call the Original.' I admit that here I had to let him down. Over a period of 30-odd years whatever the weather or distance, Frank would always be there for a peal.

When I packed away the muffles after his funeral I could not but wonder who would take his place. His pride in the bells and the work he put into those bells that he loved could not be surpassed. His kind, quiet and genial disposition will always be remembered.

L. G. BRETT.

MR. W. H. PASMORE

By the passing on May 15th in his 79th year of Mr. William H. Pasmore, the Ancient Society of College Youths has lost one of its stalwarts. He was a Past Master of the Society, and for several years held the honoured office of trustee. He was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral Guild and also of the Westminster Abbey band, and up to within a few months of his death rang regularly at both places.

Learning to ring at Southwark Cathedral, he made quick progress, and joined the Ancient Society in 1895, the Waterloo Society and St. Margaret's Society in 1896, and the famous St. Stephen's Society in 1898. This latter was the Rochester Row band, which at that time ways making history with advanced methods, not only on tower bells but also on handbells, and in 1901 Mr. Pasmore and his brother took part in a silent peal of London at St. Stephen's, and also rang in the first Surprise handbell peal ever rung—Superlative Major.

His first peal, at the age of 20, was rung in 1896 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, being Stedman Caters, and his last, Stedman Cinques, at Southwark in 1949.

He was a very outspoken man and was always in the forefront in maintaining the high traditions of the Ancient Society. He earned and held the respect of all who knew him, and his passing on to higher service leaves the Exercise the poorer. May he rest in peace.

As is the custom with Abbey ringers, his body was conveyed to Westminster Abbey, there to lie for one night before burial. The last rites were performed by Dr. Jocelyn Perkins, superintendent of the belfry.

Following is a record of the peals in which he took part:—

Grandsire.—Triples 6, handbells 2—8; Caters 2, 1—3; Cinques 1, 1—2.

Stedman.—Triples 23, 2—25; Caters 13, 2—15: Cinques 17, 5—22.

Plain Bob.—Major 1, 3—4; Royal 0, 1—1; Maximus 1, 1—2.

Treble Bob.—Major 5, 1—6; Royal 7, 0—7; Maximus 4, 0—4.

Superlative.—Major 8*, 1—9.

Cambridge Minor 1, Cambridge Major 11, Cambridge Royal 12, Cambridge Maximus 8, London Major 29, Bristol Major 3, Westminster Major 3, St. Stephen's Major 1.

Double Norwich Major 3, Double Norwich Royal 5, Spliced Surprise Major 2, St. Clement's Bob Royal 1.

Total 167 tower, 20 'in hand'—187.

* Includes 9,312 rung at Irthlingborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Joint Meeting With Ladies' Guild

It was at the church of Biddenden—a gem in the magnificent setting of this unspoilt village and its lovely surrounding countryside, that the Ashford District had its first combined meeting with the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild on June 6th. Our hosts were the Society of Biddenden Youths, a flourishing band numbering nearly 20 with their learners. The luxury of their ringing chamber must be seen to be believed!

Mr. H. G. Payne, the secretary, with Mr. Geoffrey Waters, had been responsible for the arrangements. Ringing started at 3 o'clock and then came the customary service at 4.30. This was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Richardson). It was his first meeting, and he welcomed the ringers to his church.

A fine tea followed at the Chequers Inn, provided by the local band and their friends, and their generosity was thoroughly appreciated by the 40 members and friends. Then came the business meeting—District first, at which Ladies' Guild members were present. Mrs. Mitchell, on behalf of the latter, thanked the District for having made the combined meeting possible. Four new members were elected. Mr. G. Waters called attention to a forthcoming service for ringers which was to take place at Evensong on June 25th at Biddenden. He also said he hoped to organise fortnightly practice meetings in the western half of the District next winter, similar to those of last winter. The District secretary asked for a volunteer for similar meetings in the coastal area. Mr. T. Cullingworth thanked the Vicar, the organist, choir and local band for all they had done to make the meeting successful.

Then the men were thrown out and the ladies had their meeting!

During the evening Mr. Harry Baker had arranged for Frittenden tower to be open, and both towers were well patronised. Altogether 22 towers were represented by over 50 members and methods were rung up to Superlative.

Once again we had many young ringers with us, and we wish to emphasise how welcome they are and hope they will join us whenever they can. W. P. G.

LATE NOTICES

SELBY & DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Monthly meeting, Tadcaster, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Market Cafe 5 p.m. (mod. charge). Names to Mr. E. W. Tiplady, Brante House, Hutton, Tadcaster.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6527

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Ilkeston, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, to Mr. E. Fletcher, 30, Margaret Avenue, Ilkeston.—M. Bailey. 6525

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, Saturday, July 2nd, 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 6526

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Annual general meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells: St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (9), 1.30-3.45 and after meeting; Bramley (8), Church Oakley (6), Deane (6) 1-3.15. Service in St. Michael's 4 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, Church Cottage, 5 p.m., **to those who notify Mr. J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, by Wednesday, June 29th.**—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Portsmouth. 6528

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.— Quarterly meeting at Tanworth-in-Arden, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. to those who notify by June 29th. — G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 6530

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DAVENTRY BRANCH OUTING.—Members taking part please note: Harpole turning 7.15, Lower Heyford 7.30, Weedon main road 7.40, Daventry 7.50, Charwelton 8, Byfield 8.5 F. W. Hancock. 6497

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Dullingham, Saturday, June 18th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Weston Colville (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin. Dis. Sec. 6469

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Brampton (5) Saturday, June 18th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6470

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting, Cobham, June 18th. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room 5. —A. H. Smith. 6451

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— St. Albans District.—Meeting, Monken Hadley and Barnet, Saturday, June 18th. Bells available: Monken Hadley (8) 3 to 5; Barnet (8) 6 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. —S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 6465

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. — By-meeting at Gillingham on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—Cyril S. Jarrett, Hon. Sec. 6449

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—Ringing anniversary, Saturday, June 18th. Bells available 2-5 and 6-8. Old friends and new all welcome.—Stedman H. Symonds. 6483

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Blackrod, Saturday, June 18th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 (moderate charge). Business 6.—J. Thornley. 6498

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, June 18th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. No arrangements for tea.—J. H. Foster. 6494

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next Rossendale Branch meeting will be held at Newchurch on Saturday, June 18th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 6499

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Chipping Norton Branch.—Annual meeting, Shipton-under-Wychwood (8) on Saturday, June 18th. Service 4 p.m. Tea afterwards. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte, Branch Sec., Charlbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Milton on Saturday, June 18th. Ringing at 3. Service at 4.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 6476

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch. — The 25th anniversary meeting at Wicken on June 18th. Service 3.30. 6460

SURREY ASSOCIATION—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Charlwood. June 18th. Bells (6) 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. 6437

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Uckfield, June 18th. 6468

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD (Basingstoke Branch) and OXFORD GUILD (Newbury Branch). — Combined and quarterly meeting, Wolverton, Hants, on Saturday, June 18th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 6495

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The annual quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 18th, at Horbury. Horbury and Ossett bells available from 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Co-operative Cafe, Horbury, followed by business meeting. Special business: Election of officers. Subscriptions are now due and Association reports for 1954 available. — A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6448

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Practice meeting, East Brent, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 6516

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Summer festival, Leighton Buzzard (10), Saturday, June 25th, 3 p.m. Good attendance, please. Names for tea, before 23rd, please, to Mr. B. Witney, 32, Mentmore Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds. 6479

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. — Meeting at Rostherne, June 25th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea please advise Mrs. N. Sanders, Old Chapel House, Reddy Lane. Millington, near Altrincham, by June 21st.—C. K. Lewis. 6489

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Barthomley (**not** Bunbury), June 25th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by June 22nd.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6507

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Priors Marston, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 22nd, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby. 6513

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Pleasley, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6515

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting at St. George's, Bristol, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, June 21st, to C. R. Harding, No. 68, Cleeve Hill, Downend, Bristol.—W. F. Scudamore, Sec. 6504

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Childswyckham, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Notify for tea by June 21st.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 6512

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Hewelsfield, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 22nd, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, near Coleford, Glos. 6510

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual prize contest, Cawthorne, June 25th. Entrance fee 10s. to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester. For teas, notify, by June 18th, N. F. Moxon, Green Gables, Cawthorne, Barnsley.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6475

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—Quarterly meeting, Broseley (8), June 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, June 22nd, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 6501

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—King's Walden, June 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Wearmouth Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6502

LADIES' GUILD.—North Eastern District. —Will hold a meeting at Staindrop on Saturday, June 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and the business meeting. Names for tea, by Saturday, June 18th, to Mrs. Shields, The Central Cafe, Staindrop (price 2s. 3d.). A special bus has been arranged to leave Bewick Street, Newcastle, at 2 p.m., but so far only 11 seats have been booked. Will anyone interested please communicate with Mrs. N. I. Lea, 9, St. Vincent Street, South Shields. In the event of the bus not being filled, anyone who has booked a seat will be informed of cancellation. 6473

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Annual meeting. A joint meeting will be held at Drighlington on June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Barron, Westhouse, 40, West Street, Drighlington. 6511

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Meeting at Drighlington, June 25th, at 3. Names for tea, by Wednesday previous, please, to S. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 6522

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Meeting, Gedney Hill, June 25th. Usual times. Names for tea by June 18th to J. E. Allen, 31, Quadring Road, Donington, Spalding. 6490

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Witney and Woodstock Branch. — Summer outing, Saturday, June 25th, to Northants District. Ringing at Chalcombe (6), Sulgrave (6), Daventry (8) (tea), Staverton (6), Southam (8). All welcome. Details and reserving tea, please contact Miss Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone: Eynsham 222. 6450

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Edithweston (6) on Saturday, June 25th. Names for tea, by June 21st, to E. E. Gibson, Estean, Thistleton Road, Market Overton, near Oakham, Rutland. 6481

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 332nd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. All wanting tea send card by Thursday, 23rd.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields. 6519

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Annual meeting at the Bishop's Palace, Abergwili, on Saturday, June 25th. Members please meet at St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen, by 3 p.m. A bus will take members from St. Peter's to the Palace and back. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. Service at Palace Chapel at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Names for tea, by Saturday, 18th, to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 6518

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. — Meeting, Abbotsbury June 25th. Usual arrangements. Names, by June 21st, please, to J. H. Hayne, 4, West Street, Abbotsbury. 6517

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Sedlescombe, Saturday, June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by June 22nd, please.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 6521

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Annual festival, Knighton, Radnorshire, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. and also after meeting. Service 3.30 p.m. Preacher: Rev. T. E. Griffiths, Rector of New Radnor. Tea (4s.) and meeting to follow.—J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Fforestfach, Swansea. 6432

THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL. —June 25th. Ringing at Egham, Staines (St. Mary's) and Wraysbury at 2.30, and Chertsey, Staines (St. Peter's) and Old Windsor at 6. Service 4.30 at Egham. Tea 5 at Egham. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 22nd, to D. S. Froome, 39, Manor Way, Egham, Surrey. 6428

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Powick, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Names, by Tuesday, June 21st, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 6505

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Annual meeting, Howden (8) on Saturday, June 25th. Names for tea to Mr. E. A. Newnham, 31, Pinfold Street, Howden, near Goole. Business: Election of officers, etc.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 6474

READING UNIVERSITY. — The annual general meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, June 27th, in the History Room, The University. Old student ringers welcome. 6520

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Kingswinford, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 6509

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 6508

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Tonbridge District. — Quarterly meeting at Penshurst on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.45 p.m. Names with cash, please, by Thursday, June 30th, to Mr. L. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst. 6500

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, July 2nd, 1955. Bells available:—Stoke (6) 11 a.m.–11.45 a.m., 3 p.m.–4 p.m., 7.30-8.30 p.m.; Merrow (6) 12 noon-1 p.m., 3 p.m.-4 p.m., 7.30-8.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (6) 11 a.m.–12 noon, 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m.; Shalford (8), Clandon (8) and Holy Trinity (8) 3 p.m.–4 p.m., 7.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas' (10) 12 noon–1 p.m., 7.30–8.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Congregational Hall, North Street. Reception by the Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford 6 p.m. Names for tea, by June 29th, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford, Surrey. 6524

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Deddington (8), July 2nd. Service 4. Tea 4.45. All ringers welcome. Please notify.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 6506

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting at Kingston-on-Soar (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. W. Dakin, 2, Leake Lane, Kingston-on-Soar, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers and C. W. Hall. 6514

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ONE TOWER IN A DAY

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

THE recent record of 24 towers in a day by a mixed party on a Bank Holiday is in striking contrast to travel conditions which existed in the early days of this century when one tower a day was sometimes more than enough. One memorable trip was from Exeter to Bridport for a peal of Stedman Triples on a Boxing Day when the writer was aroused from sleep at 5.45 a.m. to find the conditions bitterly cold and certainly unfavourable from a travel point of view.

My dad, my brother and myself arrived at Exeter Station and found my uncle pacing up and down the platform with his overcoat collar turned up, apparently not very optimistic about travel conditions. Uncle never spoke twenty words when ten would do, and he soon told us his version in a few words such as 'Ought not to be out. I have a cold. Wrong time of year for such a trip. Ought to wait till summer time. Too early to get up at Christmas time. We shall be perished with the cold.' These phrases brought forth no reply from the rest of the party, and shortly afterwards some frosted coaches were shunted from the siding, which enabled us to enter a dark, cold compartment for a 27-mile journey to Axminster. In those days steam-heated trains were not in use, neither did the compartments have draught excluders or modern comforts, and we were wondering what it would be like when we had to undertake the long journey by horse brake from Axminster to Bridport.

Soon we heard from uncle again: 'Draughty carriage this. No breakfast before starting. How about the conveyance? It is open or closed?' He was told that a brake would meet us at Axminster Station, but nobody could say if it would be open or closed. This brought uncle on the warpath again with: 'If it's an open brake I'm going home. It's 14 miles of open country from Axminster to Bridport, so no open brake for me.' Alighting from the train at Axminster, we found the conveyance had not arrived and one of the party hastened to the stables with uncle's words ringing in his ears: 'Don't forget, if it's an open brake I'm off home.' Before long we saw the brake approaching and it proved to be one of the open type, whereupon uncle started to make his way back to the station, followed by two of the party protesting that his departure would ruin everything. At length he returned on being told that side curtains were being fixed to exclude draughts, and soon we were on the 14-mile trip to the Dorset town. During the journey uncle shifted his seat several times to avoid the draught which came in through the divisions in the curtains, but once he exclaimed, 'Cold worse. Doctor to-morrow. Going to be laid up.'

We were received at Bridport by the Mayor, several clergy and about 20 townspeople who had gathered at St. Mary's Church. The Mayor started his address of welcome and said Bridport had figured largely in the history of England. He went on to give dates, etc., and said we would be conducted around its ancient church where historic associations would be revealed, but uncle broke in with 'Very nice, but we have just completed 43 miles in the cold. History goes down better when you are warm.' The effect of these remarks enabled us to have hot coffee and listen to the speeches at the same time.

Quite a number of people wished us 'good luck,' for Stedman ringing was not plentiful in that part of Dorset over 50 years ago, yet after 1 hour and 25 minutes' good ringing a shift took place and we had to stop. Our hosts came to enquire why the bells had suddenly ceased and explanations followed, but the peal had to be started again with more good wishes for its success, yet it was not to be, for a bad trip after 2 hours and 55 minutes' good striking ended our ringing for the day. A fine meal of Christmas fare rewarded our efforts and, after full justice had been done, we heard uncle's voice again: 'How about home? Time to be going. Soon it will be dark. Let's get on the road.'

We held no inquests on lost peals during the return journey to Axminster and, in spite of the cold, conversation was cheerful until someone started to arrange a peal at a certain tower rather remote from Exeter. When uncle was asked he said, 'Don't include me. I've had enough for a bit. Too cold. Shall be glad to get home.'

At Axminster we experienced another cold, draughty compartment on a stopping train to Exeter, dimly lit by oil, and we parted company at Exeter Station with the pleasing thought that, whatever the inconveniences of travel in wintry conditions, whatever the causes of two lost peal attempts, our greatest asset as a team had been our good striking. Had our first two thousand odd of Stedman not impressed our listeners, we could hardly have been invited to have a second try for the peal, for Bridport, historic and homely, enjoyed the visit of a party from Devon at the festive season, and well-struck Stedman Triples on an octave (21½ cwt. tenor) by visiting ringers was well worth the journey.

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* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. T. Rooke and Miss Catherine Rooke.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., May 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
A PEAL OF 5152 ZETLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
GEORGE E. FEARN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. PITMAN. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
First peal in the method for the Guild and by all.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in F sharp.

F. ERIC ROBERTS	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
HOWARD SCOTT	2	JOHN D. ROCK	6
REGINALD T. JONES	3	GEORGE DAVIS	7
LESLIE EVANS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
First peal in the method by all except the conductor, on the bells and for the Guild.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

PAMELA A. MARTIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	6
GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN	3	BRIAN M. BARKER	7
WALTER AYRE	4	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter, Gillian Mary, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Barker.

BLACKHILL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt 3 qr. 19 lb. in F.

MRS. W. MAUGHAN	*Treble*	CHARLES N. LEA	5
*DAVID R. MICKLETHWAIT	2	ROBERT BELL	6
STEPHEN THOMPSON	3	WILLIAM MAUGHAN	7
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	4	KENNETH LAWSON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.
* First peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

AUSTIN T. WINGATE	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. HARRIS	5
*JOSEPHINE GREEN	2	†PHILIP G. MORGAN	6
LESLIE EVANS	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
*MOLLIE TILBURY	4	‡REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal of Major in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	*BARRIE HENDRY	6
RICHARD F. ROE	3	LESLIE W. STEVENS	7
PAUL LEA TAYLOR	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
* First peal in the method.
A sixteenth birthday compliment to Barrie Hendry.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in A flat.

J. BRENDA SOFTLEY	*Treble*	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	5
ENID SOFTLEY	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	6
CHARLES MCGUINESS	3	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	7
*KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	4	KENNETH ARTHUR	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* Twenty-fifth peal.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 8, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

ALBERT W. BOND	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	5
RAYMOND OVERY	2	BASIL W. WHITE	6
JOHN DEARLOVE	3	WILLIAM SLAUGHTER	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	WILLIAM ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
The first peal in the method by the Association, on the bells, and by all.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Vicars's Six-part Tenor 16¼ in F.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	BERT GOGLE	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	JOHN S. BARNES	6
WALTER J. HOUGHTON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
GEORGE SAYER	4	ALAN C. HAINES	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
A golden wedding compliment to the parents of the tenor ringer.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN THOMAS	*Treble*	*RALPH HARRIS	5
*JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	2	*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	*PATRICK HARRIS	7
*GERALD C. HEMMING	4	*JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAVIS. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. P. Harris, both ringers at the above church. The conductor's 300th peal for the Association.

SOWTON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
On Wed., June 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR TAPLEY	*Treble*	JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	5
WILLIAM REEKS	2	JOHN QUICK	6
SIDNEY SKINNER	3	ERNEST W. ROWE	7
JACK SALWAY	4	GEORGE E. RETTER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by GEORGE E. RETTER.

ST. AUSTELL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

A. HUBERT EPLETT	*Treble*	HARRY HARPER	5
REV. A. S. ROBERTS	2	CLEMENT W. JOSE	6
V. MARY MATTHEWS	3	DOUGLAS BURNETT	7
FREDERICK R. ROBERTS	4	ALAN CARVETH	*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. A. S. ROBERTS.
Rung on the Queen's birthday, and for the Parochial Feast.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
PETER D. BEEDIE	2	†JOHN SCHOFIELD	6
*ELSIE K. FULTON	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	7
†WILLIAM WENBAN	4	†TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a welcome to Rev. R. D. Deasy, who was inducted to the living on June 9th.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. in G sharp

ALAN E. HARTLEY	*Treble*	*G. KENNETH WILLIAMSON	5
ROLAND W. MORANT	2	E. JOHN WELLS	6
JAMES F. DODSON	3	*ROY COLLINS	7
STEWART F. W. KIMBER	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Surprise. Mr R. W. Morant has now 'completed the circle' on these bells.
Rung for the induction of the Rev. Lewis St. Clair Gower Williams, M.C., M.A., Vicar of this parish.

LINSLADE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.
A PEAL OF 5184 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt.

*ROBERT PIRON	*Treble*	*FREDERICK VICKERS	5
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	6
GEORGE F. BURTON	3	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	7
*DONALD H. NIBLETT	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PARKER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the Feast of St. Barnabas to the honour of this Apostle and Martyr.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Treble*	*DEREK C. JACKSON	5
BERYL R. PITTAWAY	2	*ROY F. BREWER	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER	6
*RAYMOND E. FINCH	4	*PETER NASH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Kent Major as conductor.
Average age 18¼ years.
A birthday compliment to Raymond Finch.

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NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MRS. J. THOMAS	*Treble*	ROGER SAVORY	5
GERALD C. HEMMING	2	WILFRED NEWMAN	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
ALAN MORGAN	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*MARION J. PARKER	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
A. YORK-BRAMBLE	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	6
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	7
*RUSSELL H. R. PARKER	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

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

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	RALPH BIRD	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
*CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
* 150th peal.
Rung as a welcome to Rev. James Clifford, formerly of Belvedere, whose induction was on June 7th.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 15 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

ERNEST WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE GOWER	5
STANLEY W. COPLING	2	WILLIAM J. FLATT	6
E. AUSTIN HEAD	3	CHARLES W. LOOME	7
CECIL A. THOMPSON	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN S. SEAGER	*Treble*	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	5
FRANCIS WARD	2	GORDON K. CHADDOCK	6
IAN M. HOLLAND	3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	7
WILLIAM HOLLAND	4	BARRY HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS. Conducted by BARRY HOLLAND.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS	*Treble*	JAMES PHILLIPS	5
WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	2	JOHN MOORE	6
WILLIAM S. LANGDON	3	ALFRED B. PECK	7
HERBERT LANGDON	4	BROOKE K. LUNN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX. — On May 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Burroughs 1, Miss J. M. Phillips 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, M. Richardson 4, E. Fosberry 5, W. L. Weller 6, G. Francis (cond.) 7, D. H. J. Body 8. First on eight bells for 1 and 4.—Also on May 25th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. M. Phillips 1, M. Richardson (first of Minor 'inside') 2, L. Stilwell 3, R. Morant 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, A. P. Cannon 6.

SIX BELL PEALS

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Double and Single Court, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 13 cwt. 13 lb.

HARRY BARNES	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
JAMES H. MUSSON	2	GEORGE W. CREASEY	5
JAMES W. HAW	3	WILLIAM H. DALE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. CREASEY.
Rung for the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, in which the treble ringer rang the same bell in 1905. Also a birthday compliment to Miss Ruth Morgan, of Peterborough.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., May 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

FRANK ELSOM	*Treble*	OLIVER NORMAN	4
DONALD PEACOCK	2	E. JACK PARISH	5
GEORGE WALKER	3	WALTER PAPWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JACK PARISH.
First peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. P. Rose, a member of the Holywell band, and Miss E. Blewitt, which took place prior to the peal.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of St. Clement's, and two extents each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*GEORGE LEE	*Treble*	†ROBERT W. HINDE	4
PERCY SWINDLEY	2	BRIAN HARRIS	5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	3	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal for 14 years. † First peal in four methods.

BUXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., June 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb.

*PETER E. GODDEN	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
E. GEORGE CATTON	2	JOHN S. WYBREW	5
KENNETH G. BROWN	3	ALAN G. FEVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal of Minor.
A birthday compliment to Margaret Fosker, daughter of a local ringer.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	HERBERT LOWMAN	4
WALTER TOMLINSON	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.
Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
In memoriam Frederick W. Stokes.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being an extent each of Ipswich, Primrose, Netherseale, Hexham, Lightfoot, Berwick and London. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat

THOMAS COOKE	*Treble*	RICHARD BUSBY	4
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	*W. NORMAN PARK	5
DAVID ROBINSON	3	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* 250th peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

OFFWELL, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Fri., June 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 20 240's and two six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt.

BRIAN TOZER	*Treble*	WILLIAM SPARKS	4
CHRISTOPHER WEBB	2	WILLIAM WEBB	5
ALLEN HODGE	3	JOHN REAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WEBB.
First peal on the bells.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

E. GEORGE CATTON	*Treble*	JAMES B. MORLEY	4
ALAN G. FEVER	2	*DAVID BRAND	5
ARTHUR F. BALLAAM	3	KENNETH G. BROWN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.
* First peal in three methods 'inside.' Quickest peal on the bells.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

ALAN LAMBERT	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW ..	4
*HAROLD F. WHITE	2	SHELAGH R. COLLINS	5
CHARLES H. PAGE	3	EWART H. EDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son, Peter John, to Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Ackerley, and as a farewell compliment to Mrs. I. K. Showan and Neil Showan, sister and nephew of the tenor ringer, on their departure for Nigeria.

MAIDWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northampton Branch.)
On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 14 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, with four callings each.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

ERIC NOBLES	*Treble*	JOHN G. CHAPMAN	4
*KEITH F. ALTON	2	KENNETH D. PERKINS ..	5
*REV. J. M. OULESS	3	CHARLES W. DIXON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC NOBLES.
* First peal.
Rung on the eve of the Holy Trinity. A 92nd birthday compliment to Mrs. Mary Dixon, of Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray, the tenor ringer's mother. The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' as conductor.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., June 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents each of Plain Bob and April Day, and 18 of Grandsire.
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*MAURICE BISHOP	*Treble*	ROYSTON WILMORE	4
*ROGER A. BREWIN	2	†GEOFFREY M. BREWIN ..	5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3	*PERCY J. PLOWRIGHT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.
A farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Joyce, on his retirement.



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THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*DAVID G. LEWIS	*Treble*	J. ARTHUR HOARE	4
ALFRED HANNINGTON	2	GEORGE DAVIS	5
TREVOR M. RODERICK	3	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.

* First peal of Minor.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*DEXTER BULLMAN	*Treble*	DAVID P. STUBBINGS	4
JILL I. MARTIN	2	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	5
JANE THORPE	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal.

Rung in thanksgiving for the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bullman and in honour of the 21st birthday of June Stubbings.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent of York, London and Ipswich, and four of Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

DENNIS E. PEPPER	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
J. DESMOND PAINTER	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	5
JOHN G. GIPSON	3	CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER M. P. JOHNSON.

DUXFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A flat.

BRIAN J. STAFFORD	*Treble*	J. HENRY FIELDEN	4
EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	2	GORDON LILLEY	5
*MICHAEL E. STRACEY	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Audrey Halls and Roy Brasher.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different callings. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A flat.

*RAYMOND E. FINCH	*Treble*	*DEREK C. JACKSON	4
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	2	*PETER NASH	5
*BERYL R. PITTAWAY	3	*J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.

* First peal of Cambridge Minor.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

MRS. J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	J. MARTIN THORLEY	4
*MRS. HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	2	*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	5
*ANN LAYCOCK	3	PHILIP H. SPECK	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal of Minor in more than one method.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., June 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Plain Bob, and one extent each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*G. C. GALLEY (Queens')	*Treble*	J. D. L. RICHARDS (Corpus)	4
B. J. STAFFORD (Queens')	2	J. D. PAINTER (Caius)	5
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	3	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. T. COOK.

* First peal.

Rung for the feast of Corpus Christi.

GAMSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 8½ cwt.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	HAROLD DENMAN	4
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	3	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT T. ROOKE.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Misses K. and G. Burchnall.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Forty-two six-scores (15 callings). Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	4
FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5
T. MARK WHITE	3	*TONY G. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. MUNDAY.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all the band.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (10 different callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*CYRIL R. SHAW	*Treble*	†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
†WILLIAM L. EXTON	2	‡J. BRYAN SMITH	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	ALBERT FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* First peal at first attempt. † 25th peal together. ‡ First peal 'inside.'

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt in G.

RUTH MORGAN	*Treble*	CECIL WADE	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	RONALD RUSSELL	5
J. GEOFFREY GEARY	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.

A thanksgiving peal for the recovery, after a serious illness, of Mr. Percy D. Baldock. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. Ronald Russell and Mr. Geoffrey Geary.

HANDBELL PEAL

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes.*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

GEOFFERY J. HEMMING	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3-4	GERALD C. HEMMING	7-8

Composed by A. M. TYLER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Joint Meeting at Knebworth

On May 21st the St. Albans and Northern Districts held a joint meeting at Knebworth in perfect spring weather. Visitors unfamiliar with Knebworth were surprised to find that after arriving there by bus or train they had a mile walk uphill, away from the village, before finding the church in the middle of Knebworth Park.

During the afternoon several ringers visited Knebworth House, the home of the Lyttons, who have a fine memorial chapel in the church.

After a service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. M. A. Crawshaw), tea, well arranged by the wives of the local ringers, was much enjoyed by the 30 or so ringers present.

In spite of the apparently easy 'go,' due to very good steeple-keeping, restoration to the extent of £275 is urgently required to these famous bells on which record peals have been rung. The collection (£1 12s.) was given to open the fund.

Ringing in a wide variety of methods, with special emphasis on progress for beginners, continued until late in the evening.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch at Lavington

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at West Lavington on June 4th, some 26 members and friends attending. This tower has recently joined the Salisbury Guild and this was the first meeting held there for a number of years. Tea was served in the School Room. Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for taking the service, and the ladies for providing a good tea. Ringing continued until late in the evening, ranging from rounds to London Surprise.

CHANGE RINGING IN MID-DEVON

Mainly through the efforts of Mr. J. E. Lilley, of Newton Abbot, and a small number of his colleagues, instruction in change ringing has, during the past few months, been given to the community of Buckfast Abbey, who ring the Abbey bells. They have shown keen interest in this direction and they have, at various times, endeavoured to increase their knowledge with the use of handbells.

A very successful practice meeting was held there on the afternoon of June 4th, when the three instructors who attended were augmented by three young visitors from Leicestershire. Plain Bob Doubles was extensively practised on tower bells, and one of the community members creditably rang the treble through a touch of Grandsire Triples on the front octave. To conclude the afternoon the back ten bells were rung for the benefit of the Leicester boys.

The thanks of the instructors are due to the Abbey authorities for their very kind hospitality, at the conclusion of these practices.

A BICESTER WEDDING

Two Bicester ringers—Mr. Kenneth Haddock and Miss Ann Jones—were married at Bicester, Oxon, on June 4th. Ann has been a member of the local company since her schooldays and introduced her husband into the art of ringing. The bells of the parish church were rung before and after the service.

The bride was dressed in a white lace gown with veil and headdress of orange blossom and carried a bouquet of red roses. Her sister, Mrs. B. Naylor, was matron of honour.

The reception was held at the Crown Hotel, and later they left for their honeymoon in London.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Once again the cup contest, held at Old Whittington on June 4th, proved to be an attractive feature, some 50 ringers, representing 12 towers, attending. By 3 p.m. the precincts of the church bore the appearance of an 'Old Crocks' meeting (cars, not ringers), and the first of six entries were soon sending the musical light six round to a well-known tune.

Some really excellent ringing was produced during the afternoon, and the judge, Mr. H. Chant, assisted by Mr. S. Scattergood, later pronounced Warsop to be the winners, with only 18 faults, in a 360. Whittington were a close second, with 24 faults. Warsop have thus won the cup for the third year in succession. In presenting the cup the Rev. A. R. W. Andrews recalled that the first post-war cup contest was held at Whittington nine years ago, when his own ringers were also close runners-up to Handsworth.

After the customary votes of thanks it was announced that the next meeting would be at Bolsterstone on July 2nd. Ringers then returned to the spotless ringing chamber and cheerful bells for further enjoyment. N. C.

PEALS OF MINOR IN DENBIGHSHIRE

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to our friends in North Wales in ringing the first peal of Minor at Abergele, Denbighshire. They ask in 'Belfry Gossip' recently if it is the first in the county. A peal of Minor in three methods was rung at Holt on December 2nd, 1911, by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild.—Yours sincerely,

E. V. RODENHURST.

Whitchurch, Salop.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The bells of St. Luke's, Brislington, Bristol, were 'fired' 50 times (twice) on June 12th in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. William Stowell, captain of the band, and Mrs. Stowell. A touch of 720 Grandsire Doubles followed rung by: C. Palmer 1; D. C. Clibbens 2, J. M. Stallard (conductor) 3, F. Pearce 4, J. Palmer 5, G. Stowell 6. Our congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. Harold Walker was prevented from taking part in his silver wedding peal at St. John-the-Baptist, Newcastle-upon-Tyne by the action of some of his fellow railwaymen.

The Bristol Diocese has benefited to the extent of £209 from the sale of the remains of the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Clifton, which was bombed during the war, the bells being severely damaged.

Mr. R. B. Meadows asks us to state that through the railway strike he was unable to attend the Central Council meeting at Bristol. He asks if the attendance register was signed by some impersonator.

Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, on behalf of ringers attending the Odd Fellows' conference at Hastings, writes: 'Our grateful thanks and appreciation for a bit of ringing; and if a little was not quite up to Central Council standard, it was very much enjoyed by all concerned. Special thanks to Mr. Downing and Brother Podger.'

A peal attempt at Bolton Parish Church came to grief with barely three minutes to go when the rope of the sixth bell broke. It was to have been rung in honour of the ordination as priest in Manchester Cathedral on Trinity Sunday of the Rev. William Martin, son of Mr. Vincent Martin, leader at Bolton Parish Church.

Kettering Grammar School Society held its first ringing meeting at Weekley on June 2nd, when touches of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were quite well struck. The Ringing Master of the Peterborough Guild, an Old Boy of the School, augmented the band for a touch of St. Clement's Bob Minor. We wish the Society every success.

With the peal at Liverpool on May 28th, Mr. Dennis Millwood completed the Plain Bob family from Minor to Maximus, and Mr. Brian Harris the same group as conductor.

The last 100 peals at Loughborough Bell Foundry campanile have been rung in less than three years. At the present rate, Mr. Felstead calculates that the 1,000th peal will be in 1966.

Mr. John Griffiths, of Chester, had his Whitsun ringing 'cancelled' by the rail strike. He was to have called a peal of Stedman Cinques at Liverpool, and a further peal on Whit Monday at Pulford. His being called upon for extra duty necessitated hasty arrangements by the organiser.

Mr. Denis A. Bayles was the fourth and not the third conductor to conduct 100 peals for the Durham and Newcastle Association. He was beaten for this honour a few weeks ago by Mr. Roland Park, of Darlington. By a coincidence both peals were Pudsey Surprise—Mr. Park's Major and Mr. Bayles' Royal.

Being on holiday in England in search of peals, and having rung three in six attempts, Alan Carveth, the president of the Truro Guild, drove from Oxford to the Delectable Duchy on June 9th to ring in a peal at St. Austell, and so bring his holiday average up a little.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT BRISTOL

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE HANDBOOK — COMPLETE REVISION OF COUNCIL'S DECISIONS — MEETING THE NEEDS OF MODERN PRACTICE

REPORT OF THE HANDBOOK SUB-COMMITTEE

The report of this sub-committee, consisting of Mr. E. A. Barnett and Mr. C. K. Lewis, stated:—

In presenting our report, we feel that a résumé of the position which has been reached in the compilation of the Handbook is desirable.

The contents, as agreed by the Council in 1951, are to be:—

1. *Photograph of Sir Arthur Heywood.* We assume that the Biographies Committee can supply this.

2. *Preface.* A preface is being written by Mr. E. Alexander Young and we hope also to persuade Mr. G. W. Fletcher, as another past secretary of the Council, to contribute.

3. *The Council, its aims, history, procedure, etc.* This is in draft form.

4. *Rules of the Council.* The rules are as revised in 1950 and printed in 'The Ringing World' of 9th June, 1950, and we recommend that they be incorporated subject to any amendment agreed by the Council.

5. *Decisions, etc., of the Council.* These, together with our recommendations, are attached at Appendix 'A.'

6. *Members of the present Council.* The list is readily available.

7. *Active Committees. Account of work, etc.* It is hoped that drafts will be available by Whitsun for examination.

8. *Publications.* The list will be prepared in consultation with the Librarian.

9. *The Council's Library.* As (8) above.

10. *The Council's Journal.* The history of 'The Ringing World' is being compiled.

Appendices. List of annual meetings, past and present officers, list of members 1891 to date.

The above information is readily available.

In view of the urgent need for this publication, we seek approval for printing to be put in hand as soon as possible, subject to any amendments arising as a result of the Council meeting. It was suggested that the book should be in loose-leaf form, but we fear the cost of this is likely to be prohibitive, and we feel that, for some time to come, amendment leaflets issued every three years should suffice.

We recommend that, when the book is printed, one free copy should be issued to each affiliated Society, with one set of amendments as they arise.

We have tabled two motions regarding the decisions which we feel are desirable.

We ask for authority to make any minor *verbal* alterations which may be desirable, without altering the sense of any statement.

THE REVISION

The main work of the afternoon arose from the following motion, proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett and seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis, which read:

That such decisions made by the Council since its inception as have not previously been rescinded or superseded be now rescinded, and that the decisions as presented to the Council at this meeting, or as may have been amended thereat, be substituted and incorporated in the Council's Handbook.

These were as follows:—

That a committee be appointed to receive and classify all compositions of 5,000 changes and upwards and to issue an annual report in which all peals composed in the previous twelve months shall be published.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be rescinded was agreed.

That, in recording the performance of peals not previously rung, it is desirable to record at the same time the figures of such peals, unless they are already accessible in printed form, in which case the reference should be given.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be rescinded was agreed.

PEALS FOR MORE THAN ONE ASSOCIATION

That it is desirable when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, they shall decide beforehand to which Association such peal shall be credited, and that for the future no peal shall be published under the name of more than one Association.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained.

After discussion, the recommendation was amended to read: That it is desirable when a band of ringers belonging to more than one Association meet to ring a peal, they shall decide beforehand to which Association such peal shall be credited. If, however, a peal is published under the name of more than one Association it shall be included in the Analysis under the first named Association.—Agreed.

That it is desirable, whenever convenient, at all important ringing meetings of church bell ringers that arrangements should be made for holding a short service in church.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That the variation of Cambridge Surprise hitherto known as the Burton Variation be known as 'New Cambridge Surprise.'

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That the Council sees no valid objection against commencing a Treble Bob composition with one or two bobs Right.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner felt that this had now become obsolete, and on the proposition of Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. P. A. Corby, it was agreed that it be rescinded.

That it is desirable that Thurstans' well-known composition in Stedman Triples be designated his 'four-part'; and his other compositions his 'five-part' and 'one-part' respectively.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained on historical grounds, although they considered the descriptions misleading so far as the 'four-part' and 'one-part' peals were concerned. The recommendations were agreed.

That in the opinion of the Council the publication of palpably false compositions and worthless methods reflects discredit on their composers.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That, in view of the continuance of the practice of publishing peals under the title of more than one Association, it is desirable to impress upon ringers the necessity of loyally carrying out the resolution passed by the Council in 1893.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be rescinded was agreed.

That, in the opinion of the Council it is desirable that promising ringers should be given the opportunity of learning how to conduct.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That Bob Triples and Grandsire Major not being regular methods are not worthy of being practised.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained, but it was agreed to rescind it on the proposition of Mr. W. E. Critchley, seconded by Mr. Nolan Golden.

'LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL'

That the Council declines to recognise any method hitherto rung or published as being entitled to the designation of 'London Surprise Royal.'

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the addition at the end, 'unless words No. 1, 2 or 3 version' be added.

On the proposition of Mr. C. H. Kippin this was amended to, 'unless the words "Stepney Version", "Brighton Version" or "No. 3 or Beddington Version",' be added. The recommendation was then agreed.

That the attention of Associations be called to the desirability of accurate 'striking.'

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That the Council do not consider that the Peals Analysis Committee can be held responsible for any peals not appearing in print before the end of February.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be amended to read:—

'That the Council do not consider that the Peals Analysis Committee can be held responsible for the non-inclusion in the previous year's analysis of any peals not appearing in print before the end of February.' This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. H. Miles.

That the primary aim of all Associations should be the encouragement of ringing for Sunday Services and on the Festivals and their Eves.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That reports of peals, in order to obtain recognition by the Analysis Committee, must be published—within a period of eight weeks after performance.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be rescinded was agreed.

That the Literature and Press Committee be instructed to prepare a copy of the Bibliography to be deposited in the Council's library and publish it in 'The Ringing World,' or in a pamphlet, as funds would permit.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be rescinded was agreed.

That the Council compile and keep up-to-date an official list of the first peal and the longest peal rung in each method on each number of bells.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the addition at the end of 'and that affiliated Societies be asked to supply the figures of such peals.' This was agreed with the further addition after 'bells' of the words 'both tower and hand.'

That the Records Committee deal, for the time being, with peals of Triples, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the addition at the end of 'Sextuples and 14-In.'

A discussion followed during which Mr. Critchley asked for peals of Doubles and Minor to be included. To give effect to this it was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis, that the entire resolution be rescinded.

That in every Diocese there should be a recognised authority to give advice on matters concerning church bells, and that it is hoped that each Guild and Association will take steps to provide such authority.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That the County and Diocesan Associations be asked to consider the possibility of establishing in their respective areas a Bell Restoration Fund, from which grants may be made for the restoration of any rings of bells within the area, when local funds are insufficient to meet the cost.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That the collection of first and progressive lengths be typed and kept by the hon. librarian for circulation amongst ringers.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be amended to: 'That the collection of first and progressive lengths be typed and kept by the Records Committee for reference purposes.'

This was agreed to on the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. E. A. Barnett.

That the Memorial Book be placed in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and deposited for inspection and on permanent loan and produced to the Council on demand.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained, substituting 'books' for 'book' and this was agreed.

That the Roll of Honour be placed on the table at the annual meeting.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be rescinded was agreed.

NAMES OF METHODS

That this Council, while urging on the Exercise the extreme importance of choosing suitable names for methods, declines to interfere with such rights as bands and individual ringers at present enjoy of giving names to new methods, and further is of the opinion that no alteration should be made in the names of old and historical methods except where urgently necessary.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

That when any peal, practice or ringers' meeting previously arranged happens to coincide with an occasion of public mourning, whether national or local, it should be the normal procedure to make emergency arrangements with the proper authorities for the muffling of bells before use, care being taken, unless otherwise directed, to have the muffles removed at the conclusion of the ringing.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

That this Council strongly deprecates the recording as a peal on a commemorative tablet any performance which does not conform to the accepted standard of a true and complete peal, and calls upon all affiliated Societies to support the Council in this matter.

The Standing Committee recommended that that this be retained and this was agreed.

That this Council deprecates the breaking-up of church bells of proved good tone and real historic interest, urges the church authorities not to assent to their recasting except for the gravest reasons structurally or musically, and, furthermore, recommends that independent advice from persons qualified to advise on historic, engineering and musical grounds, be obtained in all such cases before action is taken.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

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The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

That this Council views with concern the comparatively small number of ringers ringing their first peal, and suggests that all ringers, mindful of their high calling, should do all in their power to encourage their less proficient brethren.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

PEAL FOOTNOTES

That to ensure the accuracy of the Council's Peals Analysis, and as a matter of general interest, those responsible for sending the reports of peals for publication in the ringing press be urged to denote all 'first peals' and 'first peals in the method' both by any of the band and 'as conductor.'

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained.

Mr. G. W. Fletcher asked if this was the time for indicating general terms.

The President: It was suggested at the Standing Committee that it might be possible to get a standard system, like (a) for first peals, and (b) for first in the method. It could be adopted by 'The Ringing World' first and if adopted by them by all the Associations.

A member said such a proposition would not be accepted.

Mr. E. C. S. Turner: I have a further objection with peal cards: 'a' and 'b' notes could not be employed.

Mr. C. K. Lewis said the idea was to get some standardised practice. The idea was to put letters from 'a' to 'e' and no footnotes.

The recommendation of the Standing Committee was agreed without any amendment.

That (1) while there may be exceptional cases in which the use of gramophone records of church bells is justified, any general adoption of such a practice is emphatically to be deprecated, not only on the grounds that a substitute for the real thing is unworthy of the Church of God, but also because it eliminates the living service of hand and heart and mind which is of the very essence of bellringing and is of true spiritual value as contributory to an act of worship; (2) the installation of such a mechanical device should be prohibited in any tower containing or capable of containing a ring of bells, except as a temporary expedient, as, for example, when tower or bells are under repair; (3) in the case of building new churches it is obvious that the erection of a tower and bells must be often left to a future generation, or even omitted altogether, but it is a vital point of principle that no sanction should ever be given to the building or designing of a tower inadequate to its legitimate purpose, with a view to the installation of a gramophone record instead of real bells. The one practical object served by a church tower is to make provision for bells and to erect a tower to hold a gramophone record cannot be regarded otherwise than as an architectural fraud, entirely unworthy of a building designed for sacred purposes.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

That the method called 'Steadfast' is no different from Shipway's principle of 150 years ago.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

That unanimous decisions of the Methods Committee shall at once be published in 'The Ringing World' and shall be submitted to the next meeting of the Council for confirmation.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained and this was agreed.

PRACTICAL RINGING

(1) Conditions required for peals.

On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds.

The use of visible aids to memory in conducting or ringing peals is not permissible.

Each bell or bells shall be rung throughout by the same person or persons.

Any objection which may be taken to a peal shall be raised at the earliest date and in any case within three months after publication, unless in respect of the truth of the composition.

With the object of emphasising the foregoing rules, and at the same time of giving a complete exposition of its views on the subject of peals in general, the Council in 1902 issued the following code, applying both to ordinary peals and also to peals rung to surpass previous achievements:—

(a) That any shift or error in ringing be immediately corrected.

(b) That no call be made, or having been made, be altered or withdrawn later than during the change at which a call would properly take effect.

(c) That no person other than those ringing in the peal shall take part in the calling or in rectifying an error.

(d) That if more than one person shall ring any bell, the fact be stated in publishing and booking the peal.

(e) That every bell must, during the peal, sound at every change.

(f) That in the case of a peal rung to surpass previous peals of 6,720 changes and upwards compliance with these further conditions is necessary:—

(i) That not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of 'The Ringing World' stating the tower, day and hour at which the attempt is to be made, and the number of changes proposed to be rung.

(ii) That similar notice shall be sent to the secretary of the Guild or Association under whose title the peal (which it is proposed to surpass) was rung.

(iii) That the composition of the proposed peal shall be submitted to at least one competent person, other than the composer, for proof, and the figures shall be published in 'The Ringing World.' These figures shall be strictly adhered to unless it becomes necessary for the conductor to call the bells round before the full length is completed, owing to an unforeseen contingency. Any alteration made in the pub-

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lished figures for this purpose shall be published with the report of the performance and also submitted before publication to those who proved the composition.

(iv) That all the ringing shall be heard by a competent, unbiased person who may give, if he thinks fit, and the performers so desire, a written certificate that the peal has been correctly rung. Any objections to the performance must be made in writing to the conductor and umpire immediately the ringing has finished, and any controversy arising shall be referred to the Central Council whose decision on the matter shall be final.

In the case of record peals on handbells, every facility should be given to those interested to hear the ringing and a notice requesting 'Silence' could be displayed to protect performers from distraction.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the addition of a new sub-clause (f) (v.):—

'(v.) That no ringer shall have any refreshment handed to him while taking part in a peal.'

This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. R. S. Anderson, seconded by Mr. F. I. Hairs.

Also that clause (c) be amended by the insertion after 'peal' of the words 'and the conductor.'

This was agreed with the addition after 'conductor' of the words '(if not himself ringing).'

On the proposition of Mr. C. K. Lewis, seconded by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, it was agreed to amend the fourth paragraph of the section regarding objection to a peal, by inserting after 'in writing' the words 'to the conductor and the association.'

Mr. C. K. Lewis proposed and the Rev. J. G. M. Scott seconded that a further sub-clause (f) (vi.) be added:—

'The methods rung in such peals shall comply with the Report of the Committee on Regular Methods.' This was agreed.

(2) Peals of Doubles.

(a) Peals of Doubles shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—

(i.) True and complete six-scores without interval between any two six-scores and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(ii.) Round blocks consisting of two or more six-scores, provided that each of the six-scores which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block.

(iii.) Twelve-scores known as Morris's and Pitman's.

(iv.) Combinations of (i.), (ii.), (iii.) or any two of them.

(b) Peals of Doubles may be rung with or without a covering bell.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the addition to clause (b) of: 'No continuous leading bells are allowed.'

This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

(3) Peals of Minor.

(a) Peals of Minor shall consist of 5,040 or more changes rung in:—

(i.) True and complete 720's without interval between any two 720's and without rounds or any other row being struck more than once before the next change is made.

(ii.) Round blocks consisting of two or more 720's, provided that each of the 720's which comprise the round block shall be itself a true and complete round block.

(iii.) Any combination of (i.) or (ii.).

(b) No covering bells are allowed.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the following amendment to clause (b): 'No covering or continuous leading bells are allowed.' This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

(4) Peals of Triples.

A peal of Triples shall consist of not fewer than 5,040 changes rung without interval and shall be always rung with one covering bell only, this bell in all cases to be the tenor.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained. After discussion it was agreed on the proposition of Mr. F. I. Hairs, seconded by Mr. C. H. Kippin, to delete the words 'no fewer than.'

(5) Peals of Caters and Cinques.

Peals of Caters and Cinques shall comprise not fewer than 5,000 changes rung without interval and with one covering bell, this bell in all cases to be the tenor.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the title and opening phrase amended to 'Peals of Caters, Cinques and Sextuples.' This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

(6) Peals of Major, Royal and Maximus.

Peals of Major, Royal and Maximus shall comprise not fewer than 5,000 changes rung without interval and without a covering bell.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the title and opening phrase amended to 'Peals of Major, Royal, Maximus and 14-In.' This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

(7) Handbell Peals.

Where practicable there should be an umpire to every handbell peal. A handbell peal rung single handed, though technically a peal, should be discountenanced.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained. Mr. C. W. Woolley proposed and Mr. E. C. S. Turner seconded that the second paragraph be deleted, and this was agreed.

(8) Spliced Peals.

Peals which contain more than one method shall be called 'Spliced,' provided that methods are so joined that the fundamental units of which they are constructed (i.e., the 'leads' in treble-dominated methods, the 'divisions' in the case of Stedman, Duffield and similar methods) remain intact. Reports of all Spliced peals shall state the number of methods rung and the number of changes from one method to another during the peal. Variations of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, where the method is changed when the treble passes through 3–4 down, cannot be described as Spliced peals.

Three-lead course Royal methods may not be included in Spliced peals.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

(9) Calls.

Calls are not part of any method, but are only means of passing from one course to another, and their form and placing can be capable of considerable variation.

A bob can affect any number of working bells and its effect should be to alter the coursing order of three of them. A single can also affect any number of working bells, and its effect should be to alter the coursing order of two of them.

Calls may be made at any place within the lead, but the traditional practice of making them at the lead end should be adhered to, and is recommended.

Only one type of bob and single may be used in any one composition.

Singles in Treble Bob methods may be used only when a desired result cannot be obtained by bobs.

In no circumstances may bells lie still on going off into changes or returning to rounds, unless it is a part of the method.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the deletion of the last paragraph. This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

(To be continued)

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The festival and annual meeting of the Guild was held at Much Wenlock, Shropshire, on Whit Monday. The bells of Madeley, Coalbrookdale and Broseley were available for ringing. There was an attendance of well over 100, representing 33 towers.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. E. N. Pennell), who, in the course of a very helpful address, referred to the history of bells in connection with the Church. Consecration of the bells also brought a strong reminder that the service of the ringers should be a consecrated service.

An excellent tea was provided in the school canteen, arranged by the committee of the local branch of the Mothers' Union.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. J. J. Webb, the Ringing Master. The election of officers resulted as follows:—Master, Mr. J. J. Webb; hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. W. R. Thomas; peal recorder, Miss Chandler; hon. auditor, Mr. W. T. Poston. The committee was re-elected with the following additions: Rev. J. C. Williams, Mr. J. E. Fox, Mr. W. Poston and Mr. H. G. Thomas. The accounts, which showed a satisfactory balance in hand, and the annual report were adopted.

It was decided to hold the next annual festival at Ross. The chairman proposed a vote of thanks to the preacher, the incumbents for the use of the respective towers, and also the ladies for the splendid tea. The meeting was then closed for further ringing.

Bristol University Society Officers

Officers of the U.B.S.C.R. for 1955-56 are:—Master, Miss Pat Bourn; hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Blundell, Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol 8; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Wright; hon. tower secretary, Mr. D. Heighton; committee member, Mr. T. Edwards.

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OUTING

DAGENHAM, ESSEX

On May 21st a party of ringers and friends from Dagenham Parish Church had a half-day tour of some towers in North Essex.

The first stop was at Finchingfield (8, 18 cwt.) after an enjoyable ride through the Roding villages and then via Thaxted. Here, on tricky-going bells but of very good tone, the standard methods Plain Bob, Kent, Grandsire, Double Norwich and rounds for the learners were rung.

At Great Bardfield (8, 16 cwt.) standard methods were rung before tea at Woolton's Cafe. The best ringing of the day was at Great Dunmow (8, 21¼ cwt.) and ringing ended with a very good touch of combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. Here the non-ringing members of the party were taken by the organist for an interesting tour of the church.

The day ended with a social evening and home was reached at 11.30 p.m. S. W.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Annual Festival

THE choice of Exmouth for this year's festival of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers proved to be a fortunate one indeed. All day on Whit Monday the sun shone from a cloudless sky, the sea sparkled and the South Devon coast was looking extremely bright and beautiful. There was one unfortunate hitch in the day's programme, the luncheon being well behind the advertised time. This was due to the room having been booked by another large party who had arrived late and could not be dislodged before they had eaten their food. Instead, therefore, of having to urge his tardy flock from church to luncheon (a not unknown experience) the general secretary spent a most uncomfortable half hour explaining to the hungry crowd of ringers waiting outside the restaurant that it wasn't really his fault, and doing his best to sound convincing.

It was for many years the practice of the Devon Guild to come to the festival in bands and ring as bands, but this habit has recently become less noticeable. The General Committee, therefore, decided this year in its wisdom to open officially only two towers, Littleham and Withycombe Raleigh, to install a ringing master in each, and so to give everyone, on the lines of a Branch meeting, a chance to ring. As far as could be judged, this plan worked admirably, and may well be repeated in future.

The service was held in Holy Trinity Church conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. King), assisted by the president (Prebendary E. V. Cox). In his address the Vicar said how pleasant it was to welcome ringers to a church which had no bells, since by their presence there they were witnessing to the fact that they regarded the worship of God as their primary duty as church members. The collection for the Guild Bells Restoration Fund amounted to £2 12s. 9d.

At the belated luncheon the president was supported at the top table by the Revs. R. F. King, J. H. B. Andrews and N. F. D. Coleridge, together with Messrs. G. H. Myers, F. C. Smale and T. G. Bartlett. The company numbered 86, which is not quite up to the average of previous years, and included a number of most welcome visitors.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The president opened the business of the annual meeting by proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the vicars of the two local churches, and to all who had contributed to the success of the festival. This was carried with acclamation. The annual report stated that although no fewer than 85 new members had been elected during the year the total membership had only risen from 524 to 544. Three new towers, Brixham, Kentisbeare and Uffculme, had joined the Guild, and the loss of Feniton was noted with regret. During the year 33 peals had been rung, only one (that of Bob Major on the back eight of the Cathedral) being by a wholly non-resident band, and 25 members had scored their first peal. Messrs. John Quick and William Webb had joined the ranks of the conductors, and Mr. Sidney Skinner had called peals in 4, 11, 14 and 21 Doubles methods. The report and accounts were adopted.

Cullompton was chosen for next Whit Monday's festival and the officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Prebendary E. V. Cox; general secretary, Mr. E. J. Taylor; general treasurer and peal secretary, Mr. A. L. Bennett; hon. auditor, Mr. T. G. Bartlett.

A motion sponsored by the East Devon Branch that the Guild Service be revised, or failing this, be reprinted without the hymns, was moved by Mr. R. Perry. A discussion followed in which several points of view were put forward (including one that a wholly clerical committee was not the ideal one for doing the revision). In the end wisdom (as expounded by the president and general secretary) prevailed, and it was decided to set up a small committee composed of the president, the Revs. J. H. B. Andrews and C. J. Poulton, with power to add to their number, to revise the Service Form, to add some ringers' hymns and to spend up to £10 in printing the result of their efforts.

The bells of various local towers were sampled during the remainder of the day, and if anyone's pleasure was dimmed in any way it was certainly not the fault of the clerk of the weather.

NEW TREASURE IN DURHAM CATHEDRAL

A new treasure has recently been added to those already reposing in the Monks' Dormitory of the Cathedral.

It is the bell from Monkhesleden Church, near Castle Eden, and it has been given to the Cathedral authorities for safe keeping, now that the church has been demolished.

The bell has been newly cleaned and its appearance belies the fact that it is believed to have been cast on the spot while the church was being built in 1307—which makes it one of the oldest church bells in the country, and well worth inspection.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

Miss Betty Heron, who is mentioned in our quarter peal column, is the first member of Christ Church St. Lawrence's new band to ring a quarter peal. The treble ringer, 'Chook' Fowell, had recently undergone an eye operation, the offending member being covered with an imposing wad of gauze. He states that not only was he ringing but seeing double(s) by the end of the quarter!

Just before Christmas the Rector of Holy Trinity, Hobart, rang some rounds for practice; he is the first ringing parson at Holy Trinity for half a century.

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MEMORIAL TO NORTHAMPTON RINGER

The evening service on June 5th saw a gathering of ringers and friends at Kingsthorpe Church, Northampton, to witness the dedication of an oak screen near the belfry by the Archdeacon of Northampton. The screen, of plain unpolished oak, is a fine example of real craftsmanship, and has been given in memory of John Dunkley, for 64 years a ringer of Kingsthorpe Church, and of his wife, by their daughter, Mrs. Goff.

Mr. Dunkley, who died in 1951, was the belfry captain for many years, and this beautiful screen, suitably inscribed, will perpetuate the high example of his leadership and devotion to Sunday service ringing. S. F. E.

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Jim Giddins and Pat Ulyatt, both ringing members of St. Jude's, Randwick, were married there in February of this year.

Miss E. Lloyd 'Roberts' quarter peal at St. Peter's, Adelaide, was also the first of 'Triples' for the brothers Cox and Laurie Holt. The Cathedral narrowly missed a quarter of Triples for the Queen's visit to Adelaide last year. Let's hope that this one will be the first of many.

St. Patrick's College, Manly, now has one fine bell weighing 10¼ cwt. and hung for ringing. 'It looks rather lonely,' says John Sheehy, of St. Mary's Cathedral, wistfully! J. H.

LETTERS

CALL CHANGE RINGERS AND HAPPY RELATIONSHIP

Dear Sir,—I am interested to read in the report of the meeting of the Central Council at Bristol that the Rev. J. H. M. Scott made mention of the happy relations which exist with the call change ringers in this part of the West Country and of the ringing festival which this Association is holding at Dean Prior on Saturday, June 25th. This is an invitation meeting organised in aid of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust. Fifteen teams have entered, from towers in South and Mid-Devon, and it is the entrance fees and profits from the teas which provide the funds to be handed over to the Trust after, of course, the incidental expenses have been met. A six-bell event was decided upon as having a wider appeal than an eight-bell meeting.

We are particularly pleased that the Mid-Devon Guild has accepted our invitation to ring 'the service touch' so to establish a 'oneness' in what, we trust, will be as much an act of praise as a ringing competition.

The Bishop of Plymouth has consented to give the address at the service and, at the suggestion of the secretary of the Trust, approach has been made to the B.B.C., Bristol, in the hope that they will be able to take some practical interest in the effort, which, after all, should provide some of the best call change ringing in the county.

I can confirm Mr. Anderson's assurance of the welcome awaiting call change ringers in your columns—from my own experience. —Yours truly,

B. E. BARTLETT, Hon. Sec.,
South Devon Ringers' Association.

Torquay.

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW

Dear Sir,—Mr. Percy Amos' letter on ecclesiastical law is something I have been trying really to understand for years, because if such a thing exists why is it not enforced? Herewith a few questions on the subject:—

Why was a past Rector at Long Melford allowed to mutilate the interior fittings, especially memorial choir stalls? At Great Cornard the bell fund was closed when money was still coming in, so a ringing five of great historical interest were rehung dead.

Church clocks are often taken over by the local authorities and the chimes on the church bells have faulty hammers. Will the local authority be responsible for any damage caused to the bells? When I took charge of Bures tower in 1948 three of the hammer return springs were broken, and to save the bells I had to meet the expense myself. Our clock is maintained by a trust fund, but not the chiming hammers.

Having laboured to raise 10s. per head of the population to install our trebles in 1951, it will interest readers to know that I have not yet seen the official receipt for the money, which included £15 for alterations to the clock hammers. A late donation of five guineas was taken by our Parochial Church Council and absorbed in their accounts, so the bells helped to maintain the rest of the church, but in spite of my four years of pleading I am still unable to persuade them to repair the windows in the ringing chamber!

A number of towers, such as Halstead, have a Bell Rope Fund, but the income has a habit of disappearing into church accounts.

Consecrated property is sold at will; we hear of bells being sold to help pay for church repairs, and at Glemsford the money subscribed to rehang the bells was taken to replace the lead roof.

I could nearly fill this week's issue with facts as stated, but have outlined enough to give readers food for thought.—Yours sincerely,

Bures, Suffolk. LESLIE D. MILLS.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 5th, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: Hazel Stevenson (first in the method) 1, Diana M. Gough (first in the method) 2, Beryl Reynolds 3, S. W. Brown 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Pamela Law (first in the method) 6. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of the treble ringer.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On June 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. H. Cook (aged 12, first quarter) 1, E. Littlewood 2, Mrs. I. M. Manton (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. H. Cook 4, R. Looker (cond.) 5, J. Day 6. Asfordby's youngest ringer scored his first quarter peal as an 82nd birthday compliment to Asfordby's oldest ringer (Mr. Stephen Read). Mr. E. Littlewood, who rang a perfect quarter, is 81, and has rung with his old friend nearly 50 years.

ASH, SOMERSET.—On June 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Mrs. C. Boyce 1, W. H. Poole 2, R. P. Selway (first of Stedman as cond.) 3, A. W. Dyer 4, W. G. Turk 5, R. Boyce 6. First of Stedman for 1, 5 and 6 and of Stedman Doubles for 3 and 4.

BADSEY, WORCS.—On Whit Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Hall 1, G. A. King 2, C. B. Longmore 3, P. L. Hatcher 4, H. J. Wheatley 5, A. J. Brazier 6, R. R. Savory (cond.) 7, E. Mitchell 8. First quarter on eight by 1, 3, 4 and 5. Rung for the Whitsuntide festival, and for the marriage at this church of Miss J. Ballard and Mr. M. Chapman the previous day.

BARROWBY, LINCS.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. A. Holmes (first quarter) 1, B. Buttery 2, W. R. Read (first as cond., aged 14) 3, B. Hunt 4, D. A. Frith 5, P. A. Hill 6. Average age of band 17¼.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On May 24th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Lucy Allen 1, E. Whiting 2, R. F. Baker 3, J. Brudenell (first quarter) 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung for Empire Day.

BUCKLAND DINHAM, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Rosemary Cook 1, R. Smith 2, D. Robinson 3, P. Bray 4, E. Bray (cond.) 5, H. Plumbly 6.

CANNINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 6th, 1,440 Double Oxford Bob Minor: D. Miller 1, G. Marchant (first 'inside') 2, M. Stone 3, W. Stevens (first in method) 4, C. Clarke 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. Longest touch in method by all.

CANTERBURY, KENT.—On June 5th, at St. Dunstan's Church, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Humphreys (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. Stockbridge 2, J. Stockbridge 3, Dr. Chatfield 4, B. J. Luck 5, A. Butler (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On June 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, 1,344 Grandsire Triples: A. V. Sheppard 1, C. Gardiner 2, W. J. Smith (first as cond.) 3, L. Hewitt 4, J. G. Wood 5, R. H. Stickley 6, O. Lamb (first of Triples) 7, J. Erntzen. Rung on the second anniversary of the Coronation of H.M. the Queen.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On May 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Dyke 1, M. Baughan 2, B. Wakefield 3, R. Russ 4, E. Baughan 5, G. J. Hearns (first as conductor) 6. First quarter of Minor for 2, 3 and 4.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On June 11th, at the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6, 4, 8 covering: Miss I. Inman 1, J. L. Morris 2, F. J. Hurrell 3, Miss R. Graves (first quarter) 4, E. Coode 5, F. J. C. Mounce 6, I. H. Oram (first in method as cond.) 7, G. E. Graves 8. Rung at the opening of the church's annual fete, and as a birthday compliment to the Vicar.

EALING, MIDDLX.—On June 8th at St. Stephen's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Enid Palmer 1, J. E. Lewis-Cockey 2, Betty Nolder 3, Jean Scrutton 4, P. A. Carter 5, F. Ranson 6, W. G. Wilson 7, G. M. Harvey (first of Major as cond.) 8. First of Major for 1, 3 and 4. Rung as a farewell to Geoffrey M. Harvey on leaving to take up his duties under National Service.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. A. Bassett 1, E. J. Jenner 2, E. C. Leigh 3, S. Jenner (first on 8, aged 14) 4, S. G. Ponting 5, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 6, B. V. Collison 7, J. W. Meade 8. Rung after the failure of a peal attempt.

FULHAM, S.W.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bell 1, Anne Garnett 2, W. S. Langdon 3, J. Waters 4, B. K. Lunn 5, John Phillips (cond.) 6, H. Belcher 7, G. W. Debenham 8.

QUARTER PEALS

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On June 5th, 1,280 Plain Bob Doubles: P. Worral (first quarter) 1, Ann Fundrey 2, Sheila Sands 3, D. Houghton 4, L. Duffield (cond.) 5, A. Lumbis 6. Rung to welcome Archdeacon Roach of the Seychelles Islands to Evensong.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On May 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. F. Yeld 1, Miss J. M. Funnell 2, J. N. Lindon (cond.) 3, A. F. Burley 4, T. Russell 5, W. J. Roper 6.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.—On May 29th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): R. Starmer 1, Miss J. Watson 2, Mrs. H. Haynes 3, R. Baker 4, H. Haynes (cond.) 5. First quarter 1 and 4. Rung for Matins on Whit Sunday.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Trinity Sunday, 720 Ipswich, 576 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, M. J. Dyer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, W. Ransome 4, F. L. Nicholls 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On May 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. F. Dodson 1, D. M. MacPherson (first of Stedman) 2, A. P. Cannon 3, I. H. Oram 4, J. L. Morris 5, R. W. Morant 6, E. J. Wells (first of Stedman as cond.) 7, Miss E. Hiley 8. Also on June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. MacFarlane 1, J. F. Dodson (cond.) 2, Miss E. Hiley (first 'inside') 3, Mrs. A. H. Kingston 4, Miss P. Collis 5, E. J. Wells 6, H. Colcombe 7, J. King 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Lewis St. Clair Gower Williams, M.C., M.A., as Vicar of the parish.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Trinity Sunday, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. G. R. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

LANCASTER.—On May 29th, at St. Peter's Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Unthank (first quarter) 1, J. Woods 2, H. Rainford (cond.) 3, R. Warden 4, R. Rainford 5, N. Cross (first quarter) 6. Rung, with 7, 8 covering, as a compliment to the treble ringer, who has joined H.M. Forces.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. G. Newman 1, June Gladman 2, R. Piron 3, D. Knox (cond.) 4, H. B. Whitney 5, C. Loke 6, K. Spavins 7, E. J. Conquest 8, R. Kendall 9, A. E. Rushton 10. For the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. P. D. C. Amor in St. Albans Cathedral.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON.—On June 4th, 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire Doubles: D. Woodward 1, V. Green 2, Christine Woodward 3, M. Journeaux 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5, S. Wilkins 6.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On June 5th, 1,260 Doubles (two six-scores each of Candlesby Slow Course and April Day, one of St. Simon's, one of St. Martin's and 4½ of Plain Bob): Miss M. Powell (first quarter) 1, C. Kortright 2, Miss M. Fray 3, L. Derrick 4, M. Horseman (cond.) 5, Miss R. Strong 6. Rung for children's service on Trinity Sunday.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On June 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Woodward 1, Christine Woodward 2, A. Gammon (cond.) 3, M. Journeaux 4, C. Holloway 5.

OXFORD.—On June 5th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. H. Jackson (cond.) 1, R. J. Nash 2, G. F. Jenkins 3, D. H. Niblett 4, D. Hodgson (first of Surprise) 5, G. Harper 6, P. R. Sanders 7, W. L. Robinson 8.

PAINSWICK, GLOS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Simpson 1, Miss D. H. Sheppard 2, W. Staite 3, S. G. Goulding (cond.) 4, R. Watts 5, T. Pritchard 6, A. Gilling (first of Grandsire) 7, C. D. Launder 8. Rung as a compliment to W. Staite on his 82nd birthday.

PEASEMORE, BERKS.—On June 11th, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob): G. Townsend 1, Miss P. A. Gaunt 2, M. H. Maisey 3, R. W. Rex 4, C. J. Castell 5, H. P. Reed (cond.) 6. Rung for the patronal festival.

PRESTWICH, LANCS.—On June 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Triples: D. Leyland 1, F. Reynolds (cond.) 2, F. Maude 3, V. Eckersall 4, A. E. Reeves 5, P. Reeves 6, G. A. Bell 7, A. Purdy 8. Rung in memoriam L. Reynolds.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Hurcombe 1, Miss J. Cockburne 2, P. Newland 3, G. P. Green 4, D. Cobb 5, F. E. T. Tranter 6, R. G. Corby (cond.) 7, S. J. Pugh 8. First quarter of Triples for all except conductor.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On May 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: J. Small (first of Triples) 1, A. Hicks 2, R. Hodgson 3, Olive Boulden 4, Pat Forster 5, Ruth Carey 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, J. Moore 8. First of Plain Bob Triples by all except 4 and 7. Rung in honour of the re-election as Mayor of Councillor M. W. Beevers.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On May 29th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob: J. E. Wightman 1, W. J. Paice (cond.) 2, Miss S. Revell 3, W. J. Parker 4, L. W. Paice 5, W. Collins 6. Rung for Evensong and for 75th anniversary of first meeting of Sonning branch of Oxford Guild (May 22nd, 1880).

SOUTHAMPTON.—On June 5th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Cecil Williams 1, Miss 'Betty' Smith 2, Miss E. Arthur 3, J. R. Faithfull 4, O. N. Curtis 5, J. W. Faithfull (cond.) 6, M. J. Butler 7, E. Brown 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Beech, a ringer and member of the Church Council.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On June 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Finch 1, R. S. Payne 2, W. Kerrison 3, C. J. Gibson 4, C. Ainger 4, Miss M. Thompson 6, E. J. Thurlow 7, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 8. First of Treble Bob Major for 1 and 5.

SPELDHURST, KENT. — On May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Butcher (first of Triples) 1, G. Fry 2, B. Pankhurst 3, E. Turley 4, L. Goater 5, B. Collison 6, E. Ladd (cond.) 7, J. Branch 8. A birthday compliment to ringer of 5.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on June 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Smith 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, D. J. Midgley (aged 13, first of Stedman) 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Cooper (first of Stedman) 5, F. B. Cookson 6, D. N. Layton (cond.) 7, Jill Tombs (first on tenor) 8. Rung for Evensong on Trinity Sunday.

STROUD, GLOS.—On June 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Riddiford 1, Doris Shepperd 2, G. Latham 3, G. Goulding 4, T. Pritchard 5, T. Witts (cond.) 6, W. Dean 7, F. Garland 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Thain, Woodchester.

SYDNEY, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On Mar. 20th, at St. Mary's Basilica, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. J. Fowell 1, Betty Herron (first quarter) 2, J. Sheehy 3, J. Cummins 4, T. W. Goodyer (cond.) 5, L. R. A. Curran 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

TINTINHULL, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (360 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob and 540 of Grandsire): J. T. Locke 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, D. Sweet 3, F. T. Locke 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. A loyal tribute to H.M. the Queen on the second anniversary of the Coronation. Probably the first on the bells.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On June 2nd, 1,260 St. Simon's Doubles: O. Pole 1, G. Marchant 2, C. Clarke 3, M. Stone 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, H. Chilcott 6. First in the method by all and on the bells. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Bryan Rowe and Miss Joy Baker.

WEST MALLING, KENT. — On May 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain Bob): W. R. Manser 1, Miss B. Tester 2, R. E. Lambert 3, L. J. Honess 4, C. A. Tester (cond.) 5, J. W. Meade 6. Rung on the back six.

WICKHAMBREUX, KENT.—On May 25th: Winifred Miles 1, J. Walter 2, S. Walter 3, F. Ellen 4, E. Wood 5, S. G. White (cond.) 6. Rung in the same tower on the 50th anniversary of the 3rd ringer's sixth and the 2nd and tenor's first peal.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On May 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. E. Morgan 1, S. Higgs 2, G. W. Smart 3, E. Anstey 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, R. R. Hack (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. G. Ludwell, a former churchwarden, who was laid to rest on this day.

WINWICK, HUNTS.—On May 29th, 1,440 Stedman Doubles: R. F. Baker (first in method as cond.) 1, E. Whiting 2, R. Chapman 3, F. W. Lack 4, C. Clarke 5. First in method for 2 and 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

YATTON KEYNELL, WILTS.—On May 7th, 1,260 Bob Minimus: R. Cater 1, S. Higgs 2, T. T. Walters 3, W. F. Scudamore 4. Rung to mark the completion of the restoration of this ring of four.

OBITUARY

MR. AND MRS. DUNKERLEY BEREAVED

The Exercise will extend its sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. F. Dunkerley in their bereavement on June 12th. Their elder son was killed when his car collided with a motor van near Bolton. His passenger was also fatally injured.

Mr. Dunkerley was away from home at the time, practising for the air race for the King's Cup. He also had an accident whilst flying; a swallow hit his windscreen and broke it.

THE REV. J. G. McCLINTOCK

The death took place on June 7th of the Rev. John Grenfell McClintock, M.C., M.A., Vicar of St. Thomas', Pendleton, and St. Anne's, Brindle Heath, Manchester. He was killed outside Pendleton Church when the motor-propelled bicycle he was riding developed a wobble and he was thrown into the path of an oncoming lorry.

Mr. McClintock was 43 years of age and leaves a widow and three small children.

The funeral took place at St. Thomas Church, Pendleton, and was conducted by the Lord Bishop of Manchester. The Bishop of Middleton and the Bishop of Hulme also attended along with civic representatives. The half-muffled bells were rung by members of the Bolton Branch. Cremation followed at the Manchester Crematorium.

This parish priest was a great lover of bells and a real friend to ringers. His church did not have a band of its own, but the bells were always available to visitors and Branch meetings; he never refused a peal attempt. J. T.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Fourteen towers were represented at the quarterly meeting of the West Norfolk Branch held at Saham Toney on May 26th. Ringing from 2.30 was enjoyed by all in methods suited to the varying capabilities of those present.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon Richmond) assisted by the Association president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingstone).

During the business meeting, in which two new members and one honorary member were elected, the chairman (the Rev. Mr. Dobson) paid tribute to the late president, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard.

An interim meeting at Holkham on July 2nd was agreed to, and as Ryborough bells are not ringable, the next quarterly meeting will be held at Scarning on August 27th (subject to permission).

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, organist, the ladies who arranged tea, and all others who helped to make such an enjoyable meeting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The meeting of the Chertsey District at Send on June 4th proved without doubt that the District is on the upgrade. Youngsters from Oatlands Park, Ottershaw, Horsell, Hersham and Send gave a most satisfying account of themselves; furthermore, many of these same youngsters' names are now appearing quite regularly in the quarter peal columns of 'The Ringing World.'

Ringing in the afternoon was followed by the Diocesan Ringers' service, conducted by the Vicar. The ladies, as usual, provided an excellent tea, and the business meeting was disposed of speedily but efficiently by the Guild's general secretary, Mr. G. Grover.

Further ringing until 9 p.m. ranged from rounds to Cambridge, including a well 'tapped' 120 of Grandsire that was recorded by Mr. John Martin, of Horsell, and played back to the delight of the participants and the caustic remarks of leg-pulling friends. J. F. D.

FOUR COUNTIES TOUR

The annual Whitsun tour by 'The Friends of the Exercise' has once more taken place. Some of the old faces were missed but several new ones were welcomed, and the same good spirit prevailed. Meeting at Backwell, in Somerset, on Saturday, May 28th, we soon decided that these bells must be one of the finest eights in the county. An hour was not long enough, but with a long programme ahead we had to be content.

A full day was spent calling at Churchill, Winscombe, East Brent, Brent Knoll, Burnham-on-Sea, North Petherton and Culmstock. What a county Somerset is for very fine churches and towers! We found plenty of time to explore and marvel anew at the exquisite work of some of the master builders of old.

East Budleigh was the headquarters and Sunday was a day of rest. The programme was: Ringing from 10 o'clock for morning service at East Budleigh, and a visit to Wolborough after dinner. Here, on rising, we found the stay of the second either broken or slipped out. Unable to investigate we held it between touches and spent a pleasant hour, followed by the lovely run down the river to Teignmouth. After tea we joined St. James' ringers and rang several touches before Evensong.

In a terrific heatwave we set off eastwards on Monday and all went well at Whitechurch Canonicorum, Dorchester, and Wareham. After this we met the holiday traffic, a thing which was not reckoned with in our time-table. However, a pleasant three-quarters of an hour at Poole and an hour at Wimborne Minster will go down among the memories. Approaching Ringwood, the traffic problem became acute. One car was lucky to get through dead on time, one more arrived 20 minutes later, and a third in time for one quick touch. Ringwood must be revisited. The fourth car reached Fordingbridge with the rest and the day and tour ended at Downton, where we were joined by members of a band who had not long since completed a peal of Stedman Triples there. Methods rung on the tour varied between Grandsire and Yorkshire Surprise Major.

'A FRIEND.'

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District

An enjoyable meeting of the Midland District was held on June 4th at Aylestone, Leicester, where a warm welcome was received. The eight bells were set going during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods, ranging from rounds to Surprise Major.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar, who, in his address, stressed the importance of bellringing in the work of the Church. Mr. B. G. Warwick kindly acted as organist.

An excellent tea was served in the nearby boathouse. Before the ladies held their business meeting Miss Thompson (vice-president) expressed thanks to all concerned, especially to Mr. F. Wilson, for making the local arrangements.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting jointly with the West Midland District at Tamworth, in September.

With the peal of Stedman Doubles at St. Mary's, Guildford, on June 10th, Messrs. W. J. Robinson, F. A. Munday, T. M. White and W. T. Beeson have rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead informs us that there have been three previous peals of Minor at Holt, Denbighshire:—On December 2nd, 1911 (three methods), December 10th, 1921 (four methods), and January 2nd, 1923 (seven methods).

NOTICES

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ENGAGEMENT

BLAGROVE—HOWARD.—The engagement is announced between Frank Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Blagrove, of Stanwell, Middlesex, and Monica Mary, daugther of Mr. and Mrs. S. Howard, of Clewer, Berkshire. 6555

MARRIAGE

DEW—COWLIN.—On Saturday, May 28th, 1955, at Christ the Saviour, Ealing, Trevor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dew, of Westbury, Wiltshire, to Beryl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cowlin, of Ealing. 6556

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. E. J. Gower is now 6, Greenfield Avenue, Low Moor, Clitheroe, Lancs. 6496

The new address of Mr. A. Harman is Greenway, Springwell Road, Beare Green, near Dorking, Surrey. 6563

The address of Mr. Eric Nobles is now The Haven, 1, Stanfield Road, Duston, Northampton. Telephone Duston 378. 6565

PUBLICATIONS

NOTES FOR BEGINNERS.—12 short easy chapters. FIFTH EDITION ready end June. Order now. 5 or more, post free, at 5 for 2s. 6d. Less than 5, 6d. each, plus 3d. postage, etc.—W. G. Wilson, 28, Abbey Avenue, Alperton, Wembley. 6383

MISCELLANEOUS

TEIGNMOUTH, SOUTH DEVON.—Visitors are invited for ringing at St. Michael's Church each Sunday during the summer at 9.30 a.m. and 8.15 p.m., the latter being for a special holiday-makers' service at 9 p.m. at this church by the sea. 6559

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

MEETINGS

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at Cromhall, June 25th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 6547

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Hewelsfield arranged for June 25th **postponed** until Saturday, July 9th. St. Briavels bells (8) available in the evening.—D. Stafford, Branch Sec. 6566

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.—Annual prize contest, Cawthorne, June 25th. Entrance fee 10s. to A. Farrand, 12, Greenhill Cottages, Roughtown, Mossley, Manchester.—A. Farrand, Sec. 6475

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—King's Walden, June 25th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Wearmouth Surprise.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6502

LADIES' GUILD. — Yorkshire District. — Annual meeting. A joint meeting will be held at Drighlington on June 25th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Barron, Westhouse, 40, West Street, Drighlington.—E. D. Kelly, Hon. Sec. 6511

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY (Est. 1623). —The 332nd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 25th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m.—L. E. Pitstow, 27, Highfields. 6519

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. — Meeting, Abbotsbury, June 25th. Usual arrangements.—J. H. Hayne, 4, West Street, Abbotsbury. 6517

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranborne on June 25th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea for those who notify I. Davis, of Restormel, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone. 6539

THAMES VALLEY RINGING FESTIVAL. —June 25th. Ringing at Egham, Staines (St. Mary's) and Wraysbury at 2.30, and Chertsey, Staines (St. Peter's) and Old Windsor at 6. Service 4.30 at Egham. Tea 5 at Egham. 6428

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Powick, Saturday, June 25th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. 6505

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Whixley, (6 bells), Saturday, June 25th. Names for tea to Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lister Cottages, Sharow, Ripon. 6538

SOCIETY OF BIDDENDEN YOUTHS. — First annual ringers' service to be held at All Saints', Biddenden, on Sunday, June 26th, 6.30 p.m. All ringers very welcome. 6534

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, Saturday, July 2nd, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30.—A. B. Peck. 6561

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Heptonstall (8) on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. A good tea at 4s. 6d. per head. Names, please, to Mr. J. C. Ashworth, 8, Church Street, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge. 6551

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Saturday, July 2nd. Colmworth available 2.45–4.15. Little Staughton available during afternoon, before tea in schoolroom 6. Special methods: Carter and New Bob Doubles. Really good support, please.—Peter Shipton. 6537

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting at Darley Dale, July 2nd, 2.45 p.m. Names for tea, by July 1st, to H. E. Taylor, 7, Vineyard Terrace, Hillside, Darley Dale. 6536

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch. — Culmstock, July 2nd. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service, Hemyock, 4.15 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Ringing after tea at Clayhydon. Numbers for tea by June 26th.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowley Moor, Tiverton. 6532

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Kingswinford, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 6509

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — South Shields, Saturday, July 2nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by June 30th, to Miss M. Softley, 88, Mowbray Road, South Shields. Method: Double Norwich. 6541

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District meeting at Over Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 6558

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 6508

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Tonbridge District. — Quarterly meeting at Penshurst on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5.45 p.m. Names with cash, please, by Thursday, June 30th, to Mr. L. Goater, 3, Pioneer Cottages, Smarts Hill, Penshurst. 6500

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Emmanuel, Oswaldtwistle, on Saturday, July 2nd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 6542

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, July 2nd, 1955. Bells available:—Stoke (6) 11 a.m.–11.45 a.m., 3 p.m.–4 p.m., 7.30-8.30 p.m.; Merrow (6) 12 noon-1 p.m., 3 p.m.-4 p.m., 7.30-8.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (6) 11 a.m.–12 noon, 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m.; Shalford (8), Clandon (8) and Holy Trinity (8) 3 p.m.–4 p.m., 7.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas' (10) 12 noon–1 p.m., 7.30–8.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Congregational Hall, North Street. Reception by the Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford 6 p.m. Names for tea, by June 29th, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford, Surrey. 6524

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan and Liverpool Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Christ Church, Aughton, on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea, not later than June 29th, please, to Mr. J. Lunham, 30, Liverpool Road, Aughton, near Ormskirk. —W. O. Farrimond, P. W. Cave, Hon. Branch Secs. 6531

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at East Keal on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, School Room, at 5 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, June 27th.—W. E. Clarke, 99, Norfolk Street, Boston. 6553

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Cheddleton, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, **not later than Wednesday, June 29th,** to J. H. Martin, 5, Vicarage View, Cheddleton, near Leek, N. Staffs.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 6554

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—An interim meeting will be held at Holkham on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Victoria at 5. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 6535

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Deddington (8), July 2nd. Service 4. Tea 4.45. All ringers welcome. Please notify.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 6506

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Weston-Underwood Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) at 5.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 6550

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Arborfield on July 2nd at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 6548

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Tanworth-in-Arden, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. to those who notify by June 29th. — G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec., 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone SPR 1025. 6530

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Urchfont, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea.—Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6543

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at High Bradfield, July 2nd (Bolsterstone unavailable). Tea available. Bus from Camps Lane 2.20 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 6564

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. —Meeting at Aldeburgh, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 7.30 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. J. Pilgrim, 52, Saxmundham Road, Aldeburgh.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 6545

SOUTHWELL GUILD (Nottingham District) and LEICESTER GUILD (Loughborough District).—Joint meeting at Kingston-on-Soar (6), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. W. Dakin, 2, Leake Lane, Kingston-on-Soar, Nottingham.—C. W. Towers and C. W. Hall. 6514

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting on Saturday, July 2nd, at Staunton-in-the-Vale. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names, by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. Merrin, The Staunton Arms, Staunton-in-the-Vale, Orston, Nottingham. 6560

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Bolney (8), July 2nd. Names for tea by June 29th to Hon. Dis. Sec., Mrs. C. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 6562

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Practice meeting at St. Enoder (8) on Saturday, July 2nd, 7-9 p.m.—D. Burnett. 6552

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD. —Annual general meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells: St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (9), 1.30–3.45 and after meeting; Bramley (8), Church Oakley (6), Deane (6) 1–3.15. Service in St. Michael's 4 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, Church Cottage, 5 p.m., **to those who notify Mr. J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John, Basingstoke, by Wednesday, June 29th.**—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Portsmouth. 6528

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Aspenden, July 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, 8th, to F. Aldridge, 14, Council Houses, Aspenden, near Buntingford. — T. J. Southam and E. G. Buck, Dis. Secs. 6540

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 9th, at Boxley. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 6546

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Meeting at Ruskington (6), July 9th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 6549

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. —Joint meeting, Walsall, July 9th. Bells: Walsall (12) available noon onwards: Rushall 6), Wednesbury (10), Willenhall (10), Wood Green, Wednesbury (8) all available from 2 p.m. Service, St. Matthew's, Walsall, 4 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, July 6th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 6544

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—N. District.—Quarterly District meeting at Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 4.30. Names, by July 6th, to Mr. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. Walton bells after. Also Weybridge bells 6.30 to 7-30, and Oatlands bells 8-9.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6492

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diocesan Festival at Launceston, Saturday, July 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service St. Stephen's 4.30, followed by tea. Bells: St. Stephen's (8), St. Mary Magdalene's (8) after tea: Lawhitton (6), Lezant (6), St. Giles' (5). No ringing during service time. Replies by Monday, July 4th.—Rev. H. Trewhella, Penhevla, Crantock, Newquay. 6533

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, King's Somborne, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Martin's Cafe, Romsey Road. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 6557

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MOIST BUT MUSICAL

THE cynics, not the tourist agencies, came into their own on June 11th, when the pick of Devon's call-change ringers rang it out at Torrington. It was grey, sunless and chilly, and until tea it tried to rain; after tea it succeeded most effectively with that soft, gentle and astonishingly wetting rain which is the West Country's speciality. In the High Street, under the arcaded front of the Town Hall, and more still in the beautifully-kept churchyard under the lime trees and among the slate headstones, ringers from all over Devon were gathered discussing the prospects for the afternoon. The judges, Messrs. T. Darch, C. Tapper, J. J. Brewer and H. Pidler, were installed in their room nearby before the teams drew for their order of ringing, that there might be no knowing which peal was whose; the first team were locked into the church; the treble of the eight chimed a few times to set the judges on their toes; and the competition was on.

The ten bands competing in this final were drawn five from North Devon and five from the South. In the North, the holders of the shield, West Down, had been second to Down St. Mary in the regional competition by a narrow margin, but many people expected them to turn the tables again now. Behind them came Mortehoe, Swymbridge and Heanton Punchardon. (If you don't believe in such a place, you'll find it on the map a few miles north-west of Barnstaple.) In the South, at Kenn. Widecombe had won from Colebrooke by over 10 faults. with West Alvington, Plymstock and Combe-in-Teignhead coming after. As in all six-bell competitions, the teams had to ring a 'peal' (as much a technical term here as among change ringers, so please bear with it) of a rise in peal, sixty-six call-changes, and a lower, the whole to be not less than 15 minutes. A clip costs a quarter fault; a bell out of place, failing to strike or striking superfluously in the rise and lower, is a full fault. And a clip means any irregularity in the beat that the ear can detect. The standard is perfection, and no previous practice on the bells is allowed in this competition.

The draw has been very co-operative in keeping the afternoon exciting, by putting the probable leaders in the second half of the list. Of the top four from the regional competitions, only Colebrooke are to ring before tea, and the holders of the shield are last of all. First on the list is Plymstock; their rise is not perfect, but pretty fair, but they push the bells up too stiff—perhaps it's the ball-bearings—and their changes, at 30 a minute, are rather unsteady. Like most of the bands competing, they failed to stop the bells from speaking at the end of their lower: oddly enough, the tenor was the chief offender in most cases. The judges gave Plymstock 56¼ faults.

The next three bands each improved the standard, and the listeners began to find the characteristics of the bells as each band rang. They had a very definite 'pitch' of 33 rounds a minute, which the next band, Heanton Punchardon, found, after trying for a while to push along at 34, a little unsteadily. Heanton also found, it seemed, that the bells should be rung up, not pulled up. On ball-bearings, with a tenor of about 15 cwt., they got out of hand if, like Heanton, you tried to rise them too fast, but at that the standard was good, and the best rises excellent. Forty-nine faults went to Heanton Punchardon.

Mortehoe had drawn eighth position, but changed with Swymbridge to ring next, and improved on the last band by 12¼ faults; their rise was notably better, and they were perhaps the first band to get their 'top ringing' (the rounds and call-changes) really swinging along. Colebrooke went still better; their rise was the best so far, and their call-changes, once they had settled down from a slightly pushed 34 to a steadier 32 rounds a minute, were excellent. The tenor lost her tongue for a few blows during the lower, and that may have brought their faults up to 26¼, but it was a good peal.

Combe-in-Teignhead had a most unfortunate peal; they didn't seem to get the feel of the bells at all, rushing them up very fast and getting them too high for their top ringing at 30 a minute. They went down badly with 63 faults. Still, Combe is a band we shall hear more of in the future, and a credit to a very small place.

After tea, the rain had come in earnest, and ringers huddled into nooks and crannies, or peered out from doorways like rabbits apprehensive of the presence of a poaching cat. But the ringing was worth peering out for. West Alvington is a name to conjure with, or was three years ago; this was their second band which came to Torrington, having beaten the first for the second year running. Perhaps it was the journey of over 70 miles or the tea interval, but West Alvington had an off day, which was a disappointment to me, who have so often heard splendid music from their tower coming across Kingsbridge town on a Sunday. They pushed the bells a little too fast at 34 and, unlike most bands, didn't slow up to a steadier pace. But they redeemed their performance with a good lower.

With Widecombe ringing next, all ears were pricked, and we certainly heard some lovely music. Widecombe lost marks on their rise and lower, particularly on the chiming at the end, when the tenor got a little behind. Enough to say that all the marks they lost (there were 27) were lost thus; their top ringing the judges found faultless, and I found a real delight. Dead on the pitch of the bells, fluent and steady, it was better than clockwork; it had a touch of inspiration. But the next to ring, Swymbridge, though without the highlights of Widecombe's peal, beat them by 4¼ marks with an excellent piece of ringing which put them into a well-deserved third place.

Now came the two great rivals, the two Downs, St. Mary and West Down, and what a treat! Down St. Mary recovered from a slightly unsteady start to rise the bells well, and went off into the top ringing at 33. They slowed by a round a minute later, but, thanks to beautiful control, kept the bells steady and even, which no other band succeeded in doing at that speed. Their lower was the best of the day. Then came West Down, the holders of the shield, with a very stiff task ahead if they were to beat the last. That they failed to do so by a mark and a half is no criticism of their ringing; it was a beautiful peal, and their lower, slow to get the very last bit of song from the bells, so slow that you could never believe they'd keep it steady (but they did), was one of the joys of the day.

And so into church. for the service and the presentation of awards. To Down St. Mary, the big Shield and 1st Certificate, 10¼ faults; to West Down, the Shelley Cup and 2nd Certificate, 12¼; to Swymbridge, the 3rd Certificate, 22¼; and to Colebrooke, the 4th, with 26¼. It will be some time before the grey Church of St. Michael hears such a treat of bell music, or Rudhall's back six make it. And if any band from 'up the line' fancies its striking, let them come and see whether they can persuade Messrs. Darch, Tapper, Brewer and Pidler to let them off with ten and three-quarter faults for fifteen minutes' ringing!

J. G. M. S.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt

JOHN A. ACRES	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	HARRY G. WAYNE	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	10
*DAVID HOARE	5	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	11
SHIRLEY BURTON	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of Surprise Maximus. A birthday compliment to Sidney O. Cheney.

LONDON, S.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 3 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	*TREVOR A. CROSS	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	8
MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	3	RALPH BIRD	9
ARTHUR G. MASON	4	FRANK B. LUFKIN	10
A. RONALD LING	5	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	11
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	6	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 19 cwt.

ALAN TAYLOR	*Treble*	ROBIN G. TURNER	6
JOAN BERESFORD	2	ALBERT E. THOMPSON	7
GEORGE E. OLIVER	3	DENIS R. CARLISLE	8
GORDON A. HALLS	4	DEREK P. JONES	9
HAROLD TAYLOR	5	*REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	*Tenor*

Aranged and Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal of Surprise Royal. First of Pudsey Surprise Royal for all and for the Association.
Rung for the Feast of St. Barnabas.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 3 Hours and 18 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5080 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24½ cwt.

CYRIL WRIGHT	*Treble*	SAMUEL SCATTERGOOD	6
*GEORGE CHALLANS	2	*DENNIS COOPER	7
ARNOLD HILL	3	STANLEY SLANEY	8
A. BENJAMIN COOPER	4	REV. G. GORDON GRAHAM	9
†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS Conducted by H. T. ROOKE.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.
Rung to mark 21 years' service as Vicar of Chesterfield by the Ven. T. H. Dilworth-Harrison.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SITTINGBOURNE. KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	2	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., June 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAYNES	5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
ALBERT WALKER	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
PETER BORDER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.
The first peal on the light eight, marking the successful completion of the Rector of Birmingham's £100,000 appeal.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in G.

ALBAN DISNEY	*Treble*	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	5
*PETER R. JOHNSON	2	RALPH ELKINGTON	6
WILLIAM A. LACEY	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
DAVID S. HARRIS	4	S. ANTHONY JESSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.
* First peal of Surprise Major.
A compliment to Gordon H. Arguile (ringer, chorister and server at this church) and Miss Iris M. Hinds on the occasion of their wedding, which took place at this church earlier in the day.

LOUGHBOROUGH. LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

MRS. H. J. POOLE	*Treble*	*DAVID HOARE	5
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	†S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of London Surprise Major. † 200th peal.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat. June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	5
*DENNIS WHENT	2	FELIX H. ERITH	6
ROY DUESBURY	3	GEORGE W. BARNES	7
CHARLES A. ANDREWS	4	GEORGE N. ORMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by HORACE HOWLETT. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since restoration by John Taylor and Co.

BRADFORD. YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

*CHRISTINE PEDDER	*Treble*	VERNON BOTTOMLEY	5
*ROBERT E. MOULDS	2	SAM LONGBOTTOM	6
ERNEST H. SIMPSON	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
WILLIAM DIXON	4	*TOM PEDDER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. CORRIGAN. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal of Triples. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells since 1905.
Rung following the marriage of the Cathedral Succentor, the Rev. Leonard R. Barker, to Barbara A. Hodgson; also for the marriage of the Rev. J. M. Douglas to Anne Hill at Guiseley Parish Church this day. A 74th birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the 6th.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. DOWDING	5
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	2	*FREDERICK JUKES	6
*MOLLY P. FLYNN	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
GEOFFREY WESTWOOD	4	SYDNEY T. HOLT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SYDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal of Surprise.

FAIRFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*MICHAEL SAGE	*Treble*	*IVOR JENKINS	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	6
MRS. A. RICHARDSON	3	WILLIAM A. SMITH	7
BRIAN WOODRUFFE	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal of Major.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5120 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. in D.

NANCY E. MARKLEW	*Treble*	LEONARD TREVOR	5
ALFRED BALLARD	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN	6
JEFFREY B. WEBB	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
First peal in the method on the bells.

WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat. June 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Brookes' Variation Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

ROBIN G. TURNER	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	5
*VIVIENNE HORTON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
DENIS A. CARLISLE	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	DAVID K. WALKLATE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor.
Rung for the Feast of St. Barnabas.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. B. G. WARWICK	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
*MRS. S. J. HAYNES	2	SAMUEL J. HAYNES	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
MRS. H. J. POOLE	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	*Tenor*

Composed by FRED DENCH Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First peal of London Surprise Major to be rung by married couples resident in the same district. All reside in the Leicester District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

*JILL TOMBS	*Treble*	†WILLIAM DAVIES	5
STANLEY PRESTIDGE	2	HOWARD HOWELL	6
†HAROLD J. SHUCK	3	ERNEST STITCH	7
JOHN A. RODEN	4	HENRY HUBBALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.
* First peal. † 25th peal together.
Mr. E. Stitch has 'completed the circle' in this tower.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

E. MARTIN FIELDEN	*Treble*	RALPH BEAUMONT	5
VERNON BOTTOMLEY	2	J. HENRY FIELDEN	6
SHEILA M. TAYLOR	3	ROBERT E. MOULDS	7
HAROLD SCHOFIELD	4	SAM LONGBOTTOM	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ROBERT E. MOULDS.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 14, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18½ cwt. in E

*MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	*JOE E. G. ROAST	5
JOHN WARNER	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	7
FRANK B. LUFKIN	4	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDLETON. Conducted by TERRY EARLE.
* 25th peal together. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Association.
A birthday compliment to John Warner.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	HARRY HALL	5
*MICHAEL CROWDER	2	ARTHUR CROWDER	6
*JOHN HALL	3	PHILIP BARNES	7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	4	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal 'inside.'

ANDOVER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

PETER NASH	*Treble*	GEOFFREY K. DODD	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	RONALD F. DISERENS	6
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	7
ADRIAN J. TUMBER	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by HARRY POYNER. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 2nd. The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (Seventh Observation).
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in D.

MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
DENNIS SIMPSON	2	*GEORGE R. PAYNE	6
J. DAVID CLARKE	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON	7
CLARENCE F. BRIGGS	4	†ALBERT FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM L. EXTON.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells.

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DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Containing 960 changes of London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol and 832 each of Cambridge, Superlative and Pudsey, with 127 changes of method. The full work of each method by all the bells. Tenor 30¼ cwt.

FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
Rung on the 111th anniversary of the birth of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, founder of the Association.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	JACK ASHCROFT	5
TERRY OWEN	2	RONALD KENRICK	6
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	3	JAMES W. GROUNDS	7
PETER COXALL	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
First peal in the method by the band and on the bells.
Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, of Blackburn.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in F.

HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
RONALD W. PANKHURST	2	KEVIN H. HOHL	6
BERNARD V. COLLISON	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
STANLEY G. PONTING	4	JOHN W. MEADE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*RUSSELL H. R. PARKER	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
*ERNEST J. MUNDAY	2	WILLIAM T. BEESON	6
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
*E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
* First peal in the method.
An engagement compliment to the ringer of the second and Miss M. Anthea Rawson.

SHRIVENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 lb. in F.

CYRIL SAVAGE	*Treble*	†WALTER H. TRUEMAN	5
*ERIC SUTTON	2	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	6
†W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	3	GEORGE F. BURTON	7
BRIAN BLADON	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by PERCY GREEN. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

ERNEST F. PAYNE	*Treble*	*JEAN A. BROOKS	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	*ROYSTON WILMORE	6
*H. LESLIE WYKES	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	7
*J. JULIAN PAWLEY	4	ERNEST MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Bob Triples. First peal of Bob Triples as conductor and 100th peal.
The treble ringer has now 'circled the tower' twice.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

SHELAGH K. SEERY	*Treble*	CHARLES S. RYLES	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	EWART H. EDGE	6
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	3	*CHARLES H. PAGE	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.
* 300th peal.
A compliment to Mr. E. A. Roberts on completing 50 years as a Sunday service ringer at this church.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

LITTLE HOUGHTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
On Mon., May 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 480 St. Simon's, 720 Canterbury, 720 Old, 480 London, 840 April Day, 840 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*DAVID RINGROSE	*Treble*	*JACK KIGHTLEY	3
*RAYMOND HENMAN	2	LESLIE BATTISON	4
		*ANTHONY FORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BATTISON.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the festival of Whitsun.

COLEBROOKE, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., June 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being eight extents each of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman, and nine each of April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR TAPLEY	*Treble*	*SIDNEY SKINNER	4
WILFRED PANTER	2	JOHN QUICK	5
L. KENNETH DAWE	3	A. COURTNEY THORNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.
* 50th peal. First peal in five Doubles methods for all. First peal on the bells.
A birthday compliment to the mother of the ringer of the third.

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

*A. COOKE	*Treble*	*A. WEBSTER	4
TONY OWEN	2	*G. DREW	5
CECIL V. EBBERSON	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal.
Rung to welcome the Rev. F. G. Gunn, who was inducted Vicar of this parish on January 6th, 1955.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed. June 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN R. G. SPICER	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
JOHN G. GIPSON	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
FRANK W. LACK	3	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

HAYNES, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
In nine methods: 240 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day; 1,320 Plain Bob; and 2,040 Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	*Treble*	*J. RUSSELL TAYLOR	3
PETER J. SHIPTON	2	PHILIP MEHEW	4
		STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal 'inside.' First peal on the bells.
Rung on the Eve of St. Barnabas, in the Octave of Corpus Christi, and in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 14 extents each of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

DAVID J. MARSHALL	*Treble*	†FRANK D. MACK	4
*TERENCE K. PRICE	2	REGINALD G. HOOPER	5
†CLIFFORD BLUNDELL	3	TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Alternate 120's conducted by DAVID J. MARSHALL and REGINALD G. HOOPER.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in three methods.
The ringers of treble and tenor have now 'circled the tower.'

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Sat., June 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*HOWARD WATSON	*Treble*	*WILLIAM JOHNSON	4
*GERALD JOHNSON	2	MICHAEL VERNON	5
*HOWARD TURNER	3	JOHN A. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. SMITH.
* First peal.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*MRS. RUTH REYNOLDS	*Treble*	GEORGE BEENEY	4
†LAURA M. BEENEY	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
†KATHLEEN M. YEO	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

SHIPDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES E. G. BANHAM	*Treble*	JOHN S. BARNES	4
THOMAS A. A. POTTER	2	ROBERT C. BUTTON	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

WESTBURY-SUB-MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven 720, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT E. CAVER	*Treble*	GWILYM SALMON	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	RONALD H. GARDENER	5
VICTOR G. ROBERTS	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
Fiftieth peal as conductor and the 50th Somerset tower in which he has rung a peal.

ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Dorchester Branch.)
On Mon., June 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

*GEORGE J. W. ABBOTT	*Treble*	*JOHN W. ROSE	4
*DOROTHY M. NICE	2	†JOHN D. KAPE	5
*BETTY J. MARSH	3	HENRY J. FORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY J. FORD.
* First peal. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor



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LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven exents in nine methods: (1) London, (2) Cambridge and Primrose, (3) Bourne, (4) Kent Treble Bob, (5) Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Double Oxford. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

BRIAN M. BARKER	*Treble*	†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4
WALTER AYRE	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
*GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN	3	WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in nine methods and the first 720's as the first five. † First peal in nine methods.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son (Andrew Philip) to the Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Martin.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CLIVE HOLLOWAY	*Treble*	VERNON GREEN	4
†JOHN CRUICKSHANK	2	ROBIN TREBILCOCK	5
JOHN HADFIELD	3	TOM SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung for the Queen's birthday by an all-Headington band, except the treble ringer.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being two extents each of Bourne, Cambridge and London, and one extent of Wells. Tenor 9 cwt.

H. GEORGE HART	*Treble*	JOHN R. MAYNE	4
ELSIE K. FULTON	2	HAROLD E. CLAYTON	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	3	RICHARD G. OUSTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD E. CLAYTON.

First peal as conductor.

Rung for the wedding of Canon C. F. Payne to Miss Rita F. Hamm, which tok place at this church on Saturday, June 11th.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four six-scores each. All Saints. Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob; one 240 Pitman's Grandsire; 20 six-scores Grandsire in ten callings. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*REV. FRANCIS D. E. BURNE	*Treble*	*FREDERICK J. WILLIAMS	4
HAROLD T. BONSHOR	2	GEOFFREY BOWCUTT	5
J. HARRY COOK	3	†JOHN DAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

* First peal of Doubles in six methods. † First peal. First in six methods as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. F. D. E. Burne, who has been an active ringer in the Melton District.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Court and Single Oxford Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*MRS. T. RUSHTON	*Treble*	JOSEPHINE GREEN	4
MOLLIE TILBURY	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	5
PHILIP G. MORGAN	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* First peal.

BUCKMINSTER, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Melton District.)
On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Single Oxford Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

J. PHILLIP EASTLAND	*Treble*	RICHARD E. MANTON	4
GEORGE E. HANCOCK	2	WILFRED RILEY	5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	3	FRANK BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOREEN ARMSTRONG.

GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE GUILD OF MEDICAL RINGERS.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

J. MARY BOISSARD	*Treble*	LEWIS CASTLEDEN	4
*F. STEDMAN POOLE	2	‡P. J. SPENCER-PHILLIPS	5
†D. J. NEAL SMITH	3	DAVID L. GULLICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID L. GULLICK.

* 80th peal. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Minor. The first peal rung for the Guild.

MARBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

*MARGARET HALL	*Treble*	JOHN E. BROUGH	4
NEIL D. LOMAS	2	*BRIAN SCHOFIELD	5
SYDNEY SAGE	3	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.

* First peal in two methods.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 42 extents in six methods: three extents St. Martin's and Reverse St. Bartholomew, six extents April Day and Grandsire, and 12 extents Plain Bob and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JAMES RANFORD	*Treble*	JAMES WARD	4
C. WILLIAM NUTT	2	FREDERICK MERRICK	5
ROLAND E. LEWIS	3	JACK MERRICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. WILLIAM NUTT.

Believed to be the first peal in six Doubles methods on the bells.

PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

J. CHRISTOPHER RIGG	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4
ROLAND BENISTON	2	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	5
WILLIAM WOODWARD	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Oxford Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	*Treble*	A. EDWARD LEGGETT	4
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	SAM. J. TWITCHETT	5
*ALLEN W. CANSDALE	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* First peal in seven methods.

A welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Keet, D.S.O., M.C.).

HANDBELL PEAL

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes.
AT 34, LEONARD AVENUE, SHERWOOD.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

MRS. A. SIMPSON	1–2	BRIAN BUSWELL	5–6
CLEMENT GLENN	3–4	ALLAN SIMPSON	7–8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

A birthday compliment to Albert H. Ward, 82 on the above date.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE

Western District at Benfieldside

A very successful meeting was held at Shotley Bridge on June 11th. Mr. Stephen Thompson presided, and in his remarks pointed out that on previous occasions the Western District depended on the support from other Districts, but to-day, apart from one member, all were residents of the District. Towers represented were Consett, Benfieldside, Lanchester, Blaydon, Chester-le-Street, Whickham and Newcastle Cathedral.

The local ringers kindly provided a free tea and were thanked by Mr. Robson (Newcastle). A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens was proposed by Mr. R. W. Leighton, who took the opportunity later to make an appeal for more members to take 'The Ringing World.' It was decided to hold the next meeting at Tanfield.

The Rev. T. H. H. Hood (Blaydon), in the absence of the Vicar, conducted the service, and Mr. Jack Brown was the organist. The collection was given to the local bell fund and amounted to 18s. 6d.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

The half-yearly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Bishopstone on June 11th and some good ringing was had on the heavy ring of eight, methods up to Cambridge and Superlative being rung. There was a fairly good attendance of members, and visitors were present from Buckland, Chiseldon and Shrivenham.

The Branch chairman (Dr. H. Craig) presided at the business meeting and Mr. W. B. Kynaston gave a report of the Central Council meeting held at Bristol. It was proposed that the next three meetings be held at Wanborough, Ashton Keynes and Cricklade and Highworth.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Resignation of S. Norfolk Chairman

The South Norfolk Branch meeting held at Pulham St. Mary on June 4th attracted 43 ringers and friends from 22 different parishes in Norfolk and Suffolk, and a visitor from Frome, Somerset. The Rector (the Rev. C. G. Kerslake) conducted the service, and the new president of the Association (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston) was the preacher.

At the meeting which followed tea, the Rev. F. E. Vokes presided, accompanied by the president, the new general secretary (Mr. Love), the Branch Ringing Master (Mr. E. Whiting) and Branch secretary (Mr. A. G. Harrison) and members of the committee. New members elected were: Mr. L. Minns and Mr. W. T. Bell (Pulham St. Mary); and Miss Moyrl J. Alden (Saxlingham), Mr. R. Plummer (Fressingfield) and Mr. C. Brown (Wingfield) non-resident life members.

The Branch chairman, the Rev. F. E. Vokes, who is leaving South Norfolk for Wales in the near future, tendered his resignation. Dr. Paul H. A. Jonason, of East Harling, was elected as the new chairman. The president expressed his thanks on behalf of the Branch to Mr. Vokes for the able way he had conducted the meetings during his term of office. Thanks were also passed to Mr. E. Whiting and the ladies who served tea.

A writer asks: Cannot Mr. E. Razzell (mentioned in these columns on May 27th) find a Mr. Brewer to join forces with Edward J. Beer, Maurice Stout and Mansfield Ginn to ring a peal? Suggested meeting place—'The World's Upside Down'! Terry Onions, Wilfred Pickles and Mr. Cheese might be invited to join forces.

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

By the kind invitation of the Vicar and the local company, the annual shield contest was held at Ossett on June 11th. Four teams entered the draw and the result of the ringing was as follows.—1 Friezland 60 faults; 2 Shelley 84; 3 Cawthorne 74; 4 Silkstone rung out.

The test piece was 720 changes. Cawthorne rang Violet, the other three rang Oxford. Mr. H. Chant (Felkirk) was the judge, and Mr. E. Atkinson (Horbury) the marker. Friezland were the winners and hold the shield for 12 months, and each ringer received a chrome jam dish. Thanks are extended to the Vicar, the local company, the judge and the marker. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at South Kirkby on July 9th.

A YORKSHIRE VETERAN

Mr. F. Parr, of Killamarsh, had a pleasant surprise for his 78th birthday, which he celebrated on Sunday, June 5th. At the invitation of his ringing colleagues at Killamarsh, ringers from Sheffield and Rotherham gathered at Killamarsh Church after evening service and rang the bells in his honour to touches of Plain Bob, Cambridge and a 720 of Kent Treble Bob.

After the ringing those taking part were invited to Mr. Parr's home to drink his health and enjoy a sample of his birthday cake. Mr. Parr is the remaining link between the present band and the old team, which was so successful under the leadership of the late Charles Severn.

N. C.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The Exercise will congratulate Mr. John Thomas, of Hinton-on-the-Green, on ringing his 1,000th peal on June 18th. It was a peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, where he rang his first peal.

The bells of Evershot Parish Church will be broadcast in the West Home Service next Sunday at 9.30 a.m.

Mr. Charles R. Morss, tower master of St. Mary's, Woodford, Essex, has the proud record of having rung at this tower for 61 years.

A touch of Plain Bob Triples rung at St. Margaret's, Leiston, Suffolk, on June 14th, is believed to be the first rung on the bells.

Mr. E. S. Ruck, the Grand Old Man of Kent, rang in a quarter peal at Willesborough on June 20th in celebration of his 88th birthday.

A peal of 53 Spliced Surprise Major methods was rung at Conisbrough, Yorkshire, on June 24th, conducted by Mr. W. Eric Critchley. This constitutes a new record.

Dr. Richard von der Riet Woolley, the new Astronomer Royal as from January 1st, 1956, is a cousin of Mr. C. W. Woolley. He rang in at least one handbell peal while at Cambridge University.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes: 'The peal of Stedman Cinques at Cirencester was the first in a method other than Grandsire for 50 years. There has not been a peal of Maximus this century—the last was of Kent Treble Bob in 1897.'

The Chartered Institute of Secretaries gave a luncheon at the House of Commons last week in honour of Mr. J. C. Mitchell (president of the Institute 1916-17), who has been a member for 50 years. Mr. Mitchell has, however, a longer membership of the Ancient Society of College Youths—over 70 years. He was formerly secretary of the London General Omnibus Company.

His many friends in the Canterbury District will wish to congratulate Mr. A. H. Sayer on reaching his 91st birthday yesterday (Thursday). Formerly of Birchington and Canterbury, he has been a ringer for many years, and is one of the last remaining members of the old band at Quex Park. In spite of his great age he still visits both Birchington and Canterbury, although not to ring. All will wish him good health.

A married couples' peal of London Surprise Major was rung by four couples resident in the Leicester District.

Congratulations to Mr. Leslie Battison on conducting a peal of seven Doubles methods at Little Houghton, Northants, with the other four ringers attempting their first peal.

Another peal this week containing four 'first peals' was at Abbotsbury, Dorset. Here Mr. Henry J. Ford was calling his first peal of Plain Bob Minor.

We regret to learn that Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the general treasurer of the Kent County Association, is in Gravesend Hospital for treatment. He was visited on June 25th by Mr. B. J. Luck during the Canterbury District's outing.

Mr. C. Chambers sails for Durban on the 'Oranjefontein' from Southampton on July 2nd. Through 'The Ringing World' he expresses his appreciation of the many kindnesses he has received while ringing in England, in particular from the St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge, band.

Congratulations to David Hoare, of Radstock, on scoring his first of Cambridge Surprise Maximus and London Surprise Major on two consecutive days. His visit to Leicester Cathedral brought back to the peal columns three members of the old school, to whom congratulations are also tendered on their first-class 'come-back.'

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT BRISTOL

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COUNCIL READY TO ADVISE ON INSTALLATIONS — VARIATIONS AND AUTHORSHIP — DEFINITIONS

ROLL OF HONOUR

That a photostat copy of the Roll of Honour be made, to be taken to Council meetings.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

That the Roll be housed in St. Paul's Cathedral.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be rescinded was agreed.

That, in future, all peals not conforming to the Council's decisions will not be included in the Analysis; they will, however, if sent, be published in 'The Ringing World.'

The Standing Committee make no recommendation regarding this, as it would be superseded if motions (e) or (f) on the agenda were carried. Motion (f), amended, was carried later.

That this Council deprecates the increasing number of installations of synthetic and recorded bells, which it considers to be unworthy of use in the House of God, and wishes to support the responsible authorities in the steps they are taking to prevent their installation.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be retained with the addition of the following paragraph:—

'That this Council is always ready to advise on alternative schemes.'

This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

REPORTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL WHICH ARE STILL CURRENT

Report on Variation and Authorship.

The conditions controlling composition vary so greatly, according to the method treated, that it is impossible to devise a comprehensive set of rules which shall be equally applicable to all methods and yet free from the imperfection of being too lax when applied to some methods, and too stringent in the case of others. Each method requires separate consideration and rules determining the limits of originality in composition applicable to itself; and though it would, no doubt, be possible to form groups of methods, to each of which one set of rules might be applicable, the result would be both cumbrous and confusing. The following propositions are, therefore, limited to a general statement of the features distinguishing 'originality,' which are more or less applicable to all methods:—

(1) The earliest ascertainable true composition on any definite plan in any method, which is not a reproduction or obvious variation of the same composition in another method, is entitled to be termed the 'original' composition on that plan.

(2) Subsequent compositions on the same plan which are not demonstrably reversals or transpositions (as hereinafter described) or obvious variations of a previous composition in the same method, may be considered as 'distinct' compositions on the plan and allowed the claim of 'originality.'

(3) **Reversals** in which the calls in one position are exchanged for those in another, including direct inversions of calling; **Transpositions,** by which one bell is substituted for another as 'the observation,' or rearrangements of the same calling; **Artificial Alterations,** such as the employment of alternative calls, the multiplication or subtracting or shifting of singles, or the redistribution of 'shunting calls,' by which the general result is not affected, but only the form of the composition—if applied to any previous composition possessed of the distinction of 'originality,' are to be considered as 'Variations.'

In the foregoing statement, the word 'plan' is used in a comprehensive sense, as embracing not only the divisions of a composition into a given number of parts, but also the assignment of 'qualities' with reference to length, the treatment of 'Fixed' or 'observation' bells, or any other **Distinctive Feature in Construction.**

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained was agreed.

Report of the Committee on Regular Methods.

(A) All methods are founded on principles.

(B) A principle is a collection of rows which form a perfect round block, in which:—

(a) Every bell does the same work.

(b) No bell moves up or down more than one place at a time.

(c) No bell lies more than two consecutive blows in any one place.

(C) Methods are formed from principles in two ways:—

(1) A principle may be used as a method when it conforms to the following rules:—

(a) It must be true within itself.

(b) It must be divisible into as many divisions as there are bells, each division, together with the hunting and place-making that connect it with the next division, to contain the whole working of the method.

(c) In the case of those methods in which the coursing order of the bells is altered by an alternative work (as the quick and slow in Stedman), these divisions are sub-divided.

(d) Each division, or, in (c), each sub-division, must reverse true to itself.

(2) One or more bells in any principle (called 'hunts') may be allowed to retain their original paths, while the places of the others are taken by working bells, which revolve about the hunt (or hunts), subject to the following conditions:

(a) No bell shall move up or down more than one place at a time.

(b) No bell shall strike more than two consecutive blows in any one place.

(c) There shall be as many plain leads in the plain course as there are working bells, each lead containing as many rows as the principle on which it is founded.

(d) The working bells shall be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end in the plain course.

(e) Each lead shall reverse true to itself, and, together with the hunting and place-making that connect it with the next lead, shall contain the whole working of the method.

Note: In 1952, 2(b), (c) and (d) above were modified in respect of Doubles methods only, as follows:—

(b) No bell shall strike more than **four** consecutive blows in any one place, such four consecutive blows to occur only when the treble is at the front or at the back.

(c) As far as possible there shall be as many leads in the plain course as there are working bells, but this requirement to be relaxed to include single-hunt methods which have three leads in the plain course.

(d) The working bells need **not** be in the same coursing order at each lead head and end in the plain course.

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be retained with Section C(2) suitably reworded was agreed.

DEFINITIONS

(A) A Plain Lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work from the lead-head to the lead-end, it is in a different relative position among the working bells, but the working bells are in the same coursing order.

(B) A Bob Lead is a succession of rows so arranged that when the hunt (or hunts) has completed its work from the lead-head to lead-end it is in a different relative position among the working bells, and the working bells have three of their number in a different coursing order.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Those who took part successfully in the peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major at Portsmouth are warm in praise of Eric W. Harrison, who stood in at short notice. Eric is in the Royal Marines doing his National Service and is suffering from a fractured right arm. The way he rang his bell with his right arm in plaster, strapped to his side, was amazing.

Mr. J. Lewis Cockey sails on August 10th from Liverpool on the 'Ascania.'

The University of Bristol Society is thinking of forming an overseas branch. Miss B. E. Ll. Roberts is in Australia, Dr. Alan Pedlar in the United States and he is to be joined by Bob Stokes. Peter Stanford, who was tower secretary for 1954-55, leaves shortly for New Zealand.

The marriage of Mr. Gordon H. Arguile and Miss Iris M. Hinds took place at St. Mary's Church, Anstey, on June 11th. Gordon has been an enthusiastic ringer, chorister and server at Anstey Church for a number of years. A wedding present in the form of an electric fire was given to the couple from the bellringers and choir with their very best wishes; no doubt this will be a reminder to Gordon of the many times he has mended the temperamental fire in Anstey belfry! In the afternoon following the wedding, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung to honour the happy occasion.

The Rev. F. D. E. Burne, an active ringer in the Melton District, is leaving for missionary work in Malaya. Many years of his missionary work were spent in China. He took part in a farewell peal at Asfordby.

Mr. Howard Watson has rung his first peal at the age of 47 at Broughton Astley, Leicestershire. There were three other 'first pealers' with him, to the satisfaction of Mr. John A. Smith, the conductor.

The many friends of Albert H. Ward (82) will be sorry to hear that owing to disability he was unable to take a pair in the handbell peal rung on his birthday, and send all good wishes with hopes for a speedy recovery.

Mr. W. Eric Critchley has now conducted from an 'inside' bell all three of the compositions of Spliced Surprise Major by A. J. Pitman in four, five and six methods, with the full work of each method for all bells. Any chance of some more in seven or eight, Mr. Pitman?

On Wednesday, June 15th, Mr. Norman Chaddock gave a talk on 'Campanology' to the Teachers' and Parents' Association of Herringthorpe School. The talk was illustrated by pictures, diagrams, a model bell and demonstrations of handbell ringing by girls from Rotherham High School. The programme ended with selections of tunes on handbells. Requests to visit Rotherham Parish Church belfry were received by the speaker from several members of the audience.

CENTRAL COUNCIL—Cont.

(C) A Single Lead is as a Bob Lead except that the working bells finally have two of their number in a different coursing order.

The Standing Committee recommended that these be retained with the addition after 'lead-end' in both (A) and (B) of the words 'and the hunting and place-making that connect it with the next lead are completed.'

This was agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, seconded by Mr. E. K. Lewis.

NOTES

Principle.—This word is used in a purely technical sense.

Division.—All methods in Class (C) (i) are divisible into as many divisions as there are bells. The division of Stedman comprises a quick six **and** a slow six;; for neither by itself contains the whole method.

Reversion.—If lines are drawn at the top and bottom of any division (or sub-division) all places counted from the top line downwards must correspond with places counted from the bottom line upwards.

Methods founded on two Principles. — In some cases it is possible to found a method on two Principles.

(Added in 1933).—An illustration of this statement is to be found in the Little and Alliance Methods, which have come into prominence of late years. In appearance their form places them outside the definition of Plain and Bob leads, but, properly speaking, they are in logical succession of such methods as Bob Major. Thus a Little Method is one which follows the rule except in so far as this is qualified by the restriction of the hunt to fewer places than the number of bells employed: an Alliance Method is one in which the hunt has a composite path comprising portions of more than one principle.

It should be noted that such methods, by themselves, are never capable of producing the full extent of the rows.

'The bells to be in the same coursing order at each lead-head and end.'—This means that all methods must have what are known as 'Plain Bob lead-ends.'

Division between leads.—This is:—

(a) In methods with one hunt (treble)—between the first and second blows of the whole-pull of the hunt, before or behind;

(b) In methods with two hunts (treble and bell in the hunt)—midway between the whole-pull of the first hunt and the whole-pull of the second hunt, before or behind.

Methods.

(a) A **Single** method has all its places made on one side of the hunt (or hunts) only, e.g., Single Oxford Bob Major, all places above the hunt, and College Minor, all places below the hunt.

(b) A **Reverse** method is in all respects reverse to its single variation, e.g., Reverse Grandsire Triples.

(c) A **Double** method has places made above the hunt and places made to correspond with them below the hunt, e.g., Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

(d) A **Compound** method has places made on both sides of the hunt (or hunts) which are not related to each other, e.g., Cambridge Surprise. Some Compound methods can be reversed.

The Standing Committee recommended that these be retained with the following amendments:—

(i) Reversion.—The words 'lead or' to be inserted between 'any' and 'division.'

(ii).—Note headed 'The bells to be in the same coursing order at each lead-head and end.' The words 'For single-hunt methods and Grandsire lead-ends for those with two hunts' to be added after 'lead-ends.'

These were agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. C. K. Lewis.

Report on Method Classification.

(Note:—The following tabular classification is taken from the 1907 Edition of 'Collection of Legitimate Methods,' Section I.):—

Plain Methods, whether having one or two hunts:—

(a) Bob methods, having the Grandsire Bob place, either before, or behind, or both, the place being the extreme working bell nearest the hunt or hunts.

(b) Imperial methods having Imperial places as, for instance, those made in Kent Treble Bob.

(c) Court methods, having Court places, i.e., places other than those in (a) and (b).

The Standing Committee recommended the substitution of the following:—

Bob Methods.

These methods have the same Plain Bob place, either before or behind, or both, the place being made by the working bell coming in front of the treble. The simplest example is Double Bob. Any method in which such places occur is automatically a 'Bob' method, irrespective of any other class to which it may also belong.

Imperial methods.

These methods have contiguous places made as, for instance, in Kent Treble Bob.

Court methods.

These have places other than those in Bob and Imperial methods. There are two classes of Court method:—

(a) In which a bell coursing in front of the treble makes an internal place, crosses the treble's path and immediately makes another place, e.g., Double Norwich.

(b) In which the bell coursing in front of the treble makes an internal place, hunts down to lead or makes an internal place away from the treble, hunts up and makes a third place immediately after crossing the treble's path, e.g., New London Court.

College Methods.

In these methods, the normal characteristic is the dodging which takes place in 1-2, the bells which the treble leaves there dodging until its return, e.g., St. Clement's College Bob.

Note.—Strictly, a 'Bob' method is as described above. By definition, a 'Court' method cannot be a 'Bob' method, but traditionally the word 'Bob' is added. Similarly, neither 'Imperial' nor 'College' methods are entitled to the addition of 'Bob' unless they possess a 'Bob' place.

Treble Bob Methods.

(a) Treble Bob methods proper have no places made at a cross-section.

(b) Pas-alla-tessera methods, having places made at all cross-sections but four.

(c) Pas-alla-tria methods, having places made at all cross-sections but three.

(d) Exercise methods, having places made at all cross-sections but two.

(e) Delight methods, having places made at all but one cross-section.

(f) Surprise methods, having places made at all cross-sections.

The Standing Committee recommended that (b) and (c) be deleted and that (d) be amended by the addition at the end of 'three or four.'

The Standing Committee also recommended that the following note be added:—

'The word "cross-section" as used here means the point at which the treble passes from, e.g., 1-2 to 3-4: it does not apply to the treble's leading or lying.'

These were agreed on the proposition of Mr. E. A. Barnett, and seconded by Mr. E. K. Lewis.

(To be continued)

THE LADIES' GUILD

Sussex Division

A meeting was held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, June 11th, in an attempt to form a Division of the Ladies' Guild in Sussex.

Owing to a misunderstanding and postal delay the meeting was not advertised in 'The Ringing World' and an apology from the Editor was received. This was probably the reason for the small attendance.

Ringing took place at All Saints' in the afternoon, and St. Clement's in the evening. With the help of the gentlemen present, rounds, Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Minor were rung.

After tea a short business meeting was held and Miss Colgate explained the rules, etc., and gave details of the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild to be held at Guildford on July 2nd. Four new members were elected. Mrs. Percy was elected vice-president, and it was decided to leave the election of an hon. secretary and two committee members till the next meeting, to be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on August 13th.

Thanks are due to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Buckland and Mr. Baker for meeting the members at the towers.

B. P.

South Wales District

The quarterly meeting of the South Wales District, held at St. Mellons, on June 11th, proved most enjoyable. Some 35 ringers attended and a variety of methods was rung.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Gower Rees, who heartily welcomed the Guild to St. Mellons. The organist was Miss Dorothy Attivel, All Saints', Newport.

A bountiful tea was prepared by the ringers' wives and members of the Sewing Guild. The ladies were sincerely thanked by Mr. R. E. Coles, Cowbridge.

At the business meeting six new members were elected. It was decided to accept the invitation from Mr. Leslie Evans to hold the next meeting at Eardisland, Herefordshire.

OUTING

SUTTON-ON-TRENT

Saturday, June 4th, was a very wet morning for the outing of Sutton-on-Trent ringers. The first tower visited was Ranmoor, near Sheffield (10, 16 cwt.) and the bells were soon raised, and ringing ranged from rounds to Grandsire Caters and Little Bob Royal.

Moving westwards over the Pennines into Derbyshire, thick mist was encountered, but Hope was not lost, indeed it was found to have a nice eight (tenor 14¼ cwt.). Here several Triples and Major methods were rung.

Further westward still, in fact only one side of the street away from Cheshire to the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, at New Mills. The last tower before tea was Hayfield, where some members, not content with the normal entrance, appeared from a trap-door in the floor from the stokehole below.

Tea was taken at Buxton and the visit to Fairfield coincided with the May Fair. While some of the younger members tried their skill for cocoanuts, some good ringing was enjoyed on these fine bells.

The lightest six in the country, Wormhill (6, tenor 1 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.) was then sampled. Some amusement was caused until ringers got accustomed to the weights. The last tower was St. Giles', Great Longstone (6, 11 cwt.), after which a very tired party returned homewards.

Many thanks are due to the incumbents and the ringers who met the party and the Misses G. and K. Burchnall for organising a most enjoyable day.

LETTERS

SINGLE-HANDED HANDBELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—The recent intelligence that single-handed handbell peals are to be accepted in future as peals on a par with more worthy performances properly rung 'in hand' will surely be received with mixed feelings, both on account of the unexpectedness of this decision and on the lack of opposition to it at the Central Council meeting.

While admitting that, to a band of learners, such a performance would have value as an extended form of practice, would it not be justice to other peal ringers to classify such peals as 'Other Performances' in the columns of 'The Ringing World,' and so exclude them from the annual Peal Analysis? Reports on the proceedings at Bristol show no mention of any proposal of this nature, possibly because representatives were so taken by surprise that the full implications of such a step did not occur to them.

It is always possible that some of our more unscrupulous brethren might use this loophole to further their own ends by amassing peals of this nature, for in spite of the general condemnation in which they would be held, such a means of obtaining peals cheaply and easily is now completely legal.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY POYNER.

Blackdown, Aldershot.

A RECORDING FOR AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir.—On June 15th, practice night at St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, an Australian Film and Recording Unit paid a visit, and a recording of the bells was taken for use in Australia to illustrate scenes of British life. A plain course of Grandsire Triples and call changes were rung, also some handbell ringing was recorded. Comments by the Rector of Darley and several of the ringers were added. Mr. Lee Proofs and his wife, of Australia, who were in charge of the unit, were shown round the belfry and bells, and they saw change ringing being performed. They were very much impressed by the proceedings, it being the first time they had seen any ringing. Greetings to ringers in Australia were also included in the recording.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. PAULSON.

Darley Dale, Derbys.

ST. BOTOLPH'S

Dear Sir,—May I, through the pages of 'The Ringing World,' be allowed to offer my sincere and humble apologies to Mr. W. E. Box, of Harborne, for misquoting the name of the Parish Church of St. Botolph.

Maybe we are only poor, ignorant country gawbies, but we did enjoy ourselves and, I venture to add, brought the art of good striking to the notice of quite a few.—Yours sincerely,

A. FARRAND.

Mossley, Lancs.

Carillon Recital Welcomes Rotarians

When 20,000 Rotarians attended Rotary International Golden Anniversary Convention on May 29th at Chicago, they were given a ringing welcome on the Rockefeller Memorial Carillon. Mr. James R. Lawson, the chapel carillonneur, planned a programme which included arrangements of the National Anthems from the home countries of the visitors.

The programme on these 72 bells, with the largest weighing over 18 tons and the smallest 10 pounds, included Organ Toccata in D minor (Bach), Prelude in C sharp minor (Rachmaninoff) and 'Ave Maria' (Schubert). The bells were cast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY

Whitsun Tour, 1955

Every tour has certain features which make its details readily distinguishable from those of other tours when the passage of time might otherwise cause our memories to blend everything into a confused mass of itinerant campanology. These distinguishing features are usually not directly concerned with ringing—though, of course, outstandingly good (or bad) towers are not readily forgotten. In this present tour the two most striking memories were the accommodation and a form of party activity which in these politically enlightened days might be described as 'deviationism.'

The living accommodation was unique in the experience of the Society which, although it has previously rested at guest houses, has never before patronised one with a supper licence. A detailed description is neither necessary nor appropriate; suffice it to say that the licence was more evident than the supper, that our beds—when we eventually reached them—were comfortable, and that breakfast was worth getting up for.

On Friday evening, May 27th, most of the party assembled at Westerham, where the local band kindly welcomed them to join their practice. Heavy rain greeted us on Saturday morning. After ringing on the six at Sundridge, the party climbed a variety of steep hills through narrow lanes to ring at Cudham. The ten bells here produced mixed feelings, but there was general agreement that the back five—on which a course of Grandsire Doubles was rung—constituted a likeable ring. There was no disagreement, however, about the excellence of the eight at Edenbridge. It was at lunchtime in this town that the first deviationist tendencies were noticed. Three members who partook of some quick refreshment before joining the rest for lunch found no seats immediately available, and so went off to other premises, where they managed to obtain sandwiches, pies and cheese with their food.

At Hever a 'snatching' member joined us for a short ring, but soon left to catch the next train back to London. Everyone enjoyed ringing on the very pleasant eight at Withyham. The fine eight in a fine tower at East Grinstead were also much admired, though many cups of tea were brazenly consumed by various splinter groups. The day's organised ringing ended at Godstone, where one of the highlights was a touch of Spliced Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire, which was the first Spliced Surprise ever rung by three members of the band. After a good and much needed supper had been taken we repaired to the Bell at Godstone, where a room was at our disposal for the evening, and refreshment was most generously provided by one of the Elder Brethren. Ranald Clouston gave some details of the summer tour he is organising this year in the Ipswich area, and the gathering then broke into handbell ringing, other forms of music and general gossip.

Most of the party attended the early service in Sevenoaks and then—biggest breakaway movement of all—three members travelled 25 miles to breakfast, although the invitation so pressingly given and readily accepted the night before did not seem quite so convincing in the cold light of day. It was somewhat difficult to find the farm in the miles of orchards around Maidstone which was their goal, but the travellers were eventually picked up by a searching guide who had earlier missed them while negligently buying a paper. The breakfast invitation was extended to lunch, and eventually to tea, also. Meanwhile the main party rang at St. Nicholas', Sevenoaks, for Matins and, after lunch, at Seal Chart. The rest of the afternoon was spent in seeing a variety of sights, and all were re-united for evening ringing at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells. At the Artichoke an enjoyable evening was spent amidst extraordinarily varied company.

On Monday morning Martyn Harbott, who had spent the night hitch-hiking and walking from Southampton, was found waiting to serve us with breakfast. Perfect weather and pleasant bells at Leigh, Chiddingstone and Penshurst made the morning pass all too quickly. Lunch was taken in Tonbridge before ringing on the really fine eight there, and the six at Shipbourne were visited on the way to another excellent ring at Wrotham. The last tower of the tour was Eynsford. After ringing had finally finished here, group photographs were taken in the churchyard, and Mary Fuller was warmly thanked by everyone present for having made all the arrangements for this very good tour. Some members who had had to make use of the car park of the Malt Shovel then went to pay their parking fees and bid each other 'au revoir.'

The Society thanks, in addition to the organiser, all the incumbents and local ringers, who, by their permission to ring, and in many cases personal welcome, contributed much to the success of the tour.

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CRAWFORD CUP CONTEST

The contest for the Crawford Cup took place this year at Bawtry for the first time. Five teams entered, and Mr. J. Thorley, of Thorne, was the judge, assisted by Mr. A. Firth, of Rawmarsh, as marker. Each team had to ring a test piece of 360 changes.

Over 50 sat down to a very good tea after which Canon E. F. H. Dunnicliff, of Bawtry, took the chair at the meeting. Mr. J. Thorley gave the result as follows:—Sutton-on-Trent 193 faults; Warsop 59; Ordsall 144; East Retford 305; and Bawtry 287. Although Warsop were easy winners it was unfortunate that while they were ringing a helicopter passed over, the judge missing about four leads. Canon Dunnicliff then presented the cup to Mr. H. T. Rooke, captain of Warsop, who thanked him.

The next meeting, at Cresswell, on July 9th, will be a joint one with the Chesterfield District. The collection for the Bell Fund was £1 9s. 11d.

Canon E. F. H. Dunnicliff was elected a vice-president and votes of thanks were accorded him for the use of the bells, to Mr. J. Thorley and Mr. A. Firth for their services, and to all who had charge of tea arrangements.

H. D.

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TOPIC FOR THE MONTH – VI.

'Strike It'

IN many districts the annual festivals of music and drama have been claiming attention once again, and the degree of interest evoked makes one wonder how much truth there is in the suggestion that, as a nation, we are becoming 'music lazy.' In other words, in spite of the wider opportunities of hearing music of all kinds through the present-day media of records and radio (as compared with the conditions of, say, 30 or 40 years ago) and of the greater interest that these opportunities should encourage are we, nevertheless, now generally content to sit passively and listen **only,** rather than make the effort to learn something of the pleasure of the active playing of a musical instrument?

At one time there was even the vogue of a sort of compromise between these two attitudes, as evinced in the player-piano; by which the performer, while actually manipulating levers at the keyboard and operating the pedals, had his music played for him by means of a roll of perforated paper! Such 'playing,' of course, was bound to be lacking in life and character.

The point is, how many of us ring that way?

It may be said the two are not comparable. Well, let us look more closely into it, bearing in mind that this is not an investigation of the musical qualities of ringing compositions, but rather of the ringer's mental attitude towards the **quality** of his audible performance.

In the simple sense, of course, the bell is a musical instrument. When sounded it produces a number of tones, some more predominant than others. As we know, in some musical instruments the tones are already 'prefabricated'—merely awaiting birth; while in others the player has to form them as he produces them. In the latter class come, for example, the violin family, the slide trombone, etc., while in the former class are included the piano, the merimbaphone and—the bell.

VITAL IMPORTANCE OF 'TEMPO'

But although the ringer has his tones 'preformed,' he has, nevertheless, the residual and all-important necessity of performing to a given **tempo.** And this tempo, or 'timing,' varies just as much in method ringing as in the playing of music on other instruments. But there is a quite extraordinary difference between the tempo variation of the striking of the bells in a ring performing changes and that of the instruments of the orchestra. In the latter (the band) the tempo variation is exactly the same for **all** the instruments at the **same** moment. In other words the instruments perform **simultaneously** (for instance), **a tempo** (at the given steady beat) or perhaps **andantino** (a little slower), or again **allegretto** (a little faster), and even so, they have something to guide them precisely in this—the beat of the conductor.

In a ringing performance, on the other hand, the tempo variation does not affect **all** the bells simultaneously; some being **a tempo** (i.e., when leading, lying, place-making or covering), some **andantino** (i.e., those hunting up) and the rest **allegretto** (i.e., those hunting down). And not only are the ringers thus individually at variance in their timing but also their conductor can give them no indication of precisely what that variation in time is individually to be. Each must gauge it precisely for himself, and by **listening,** and the gain in time of one must be accommodated exactly by the loss in time of another, since the 'beat' of the whole is to remain relatively constant. Yes—this is the art of striking!

But what consternation (not to say confusion!) would ensue in an orchestra if the conductor were withdrawn and the players presented with scores marked with timing that varied from instrument to instrument! Can it then be denied that ringers have indeed a musician's task—that of maintaining, with a high degree of precision, a continual variation of timing of the notes they individually produce? To what degree, actually, is this precision demanded?

If a peal of 5,040 changes on eight bells be rung in three hours it means that in every minute of that time there occur, on an average, 28 changes—in other words, 224 bell sounds plus 14 silent intervals (one for each 'open' handstroke). This is an aggregate of 238 equal intervals of time in 60 seconds—practically four per second. I fancy the average musician, though he can well play more than four notes per second, would be a little taken aback if asked to strike a note on his instrument to coincide with a time interval of precisely one quarter of a second. Yet ringers do better than this when, for instance, they ring such a peal in under three hours, or if they ring on higher numbers in slightly over three hours; or if they ring more changes than 5,040 in those times; always assuming, of course, that it is **good** ringing, i.e., good striking.

MIND, MUSCLE AND EAR

The bell, then, as an instrument, must be mastered by its 'player' to be sounded within precise limits of timing; an accomplishment requiring quite as much practice as that given to his instrument by any musician. And when it is realised that the effect is produced by continually inverting a mass of several hundredweights controlled only by a rising and falling rope, the requisite co-ordination of mind and muscle begins to be appreciated. With practice and upon bells of varied radius of swing, a ringer must learn to acquire the 'feel' or pull-off interval, and thus place his blow precisely amid the others.

But this is not all. There have been, and are, blind ringers—some of them very good strikers. But does anyone know of a stone-deaf ringer who is a good striker? And by 'good striking' we mean, of course, striking properly any unfamiliar and odd-struck bell. The clue to it is obviously the ear.

So now we are down to it. A good ringer must—absolutely must—make good and constant use of his ear while ringing. But have we not met or heard of ringers who can't tell the sound of their own bell? Almost incredible, isn't it? How can the striking be good when they stand in? Investigation will often reveal the trouble being due to neglect during their instruction.

EAR TESTING AND TRAINING

Pupils beginning a course of instruction in ringing should be tested for tone recognition, and given practice in it, if they need it. This is not difficult. There are several ways of setting about it. Handbells are most helpful for the purpose. For example, the pupil is asked to turn his back upon the rack where hangs an octave of handbells, and the instructor tells him he is 'on' a given bell, and strikes it several times, preferably in conjunction with the treble and tenor in the octave, so as to give the pupil a 'reference' in pitch. The instructor then taps various bells, frequently inserting the pupil's bell, at about two taps per second. The pupil is required to call out 'Mine' whenever he thinks his is struck. If in error he is shown the difference in pitch by tapping the 'named' sound alongside that of his bell. A variation can then be made by giving the pupil a bell to ring whenever he hears the bell preceding his in pitch, tapped by the instructor. Many other variations of these exercises will no doubt suggest themselves; and it is often surprising how quickly a keen pupil, starting with little tone-sense, develops this faculty. Once tone is recognisable, striking practice can begin.

The ear has other uses in ringing, of course, especially for conductors. But it can be particularly helpful to the beginner in learning to hunt amongst the other bells, reducing hesitancy and thus improving striking again. In hunting up, he catches the sound of the bell striking after him, and in hunting down, the sound of the bell preceding his. Combined with the pure ropesight this faculty is a helpful check on his **tempo** as he hunts up and down. For improvers moving on to the higher numbers the faculty is especially helpful if ropesight is weak. But the pupil must be shown and helped in all this until he has acquired the knack of ringing by rhythm.

This final thought is perhaps impressive and should be remembered when ringing especially on practice nights. As a musician must acquire dexterity and polished skill in the playing of his instrument, so also must the ringer in the ringing of his bell; for he, like the player in the orchestra, is one of a band. But this requires constant practice with consistent attention by ear to what sound-intervals are being produced; and whereas most musical instruments can be practised in privacy, ringing practice is publicly audible—**every trip and every odd-struck blow is broadcast from the tower.**

A sobering thought? Well, it should foster keen enthusiasm to attain **faultless** striking. But it all (or nearly all) depends upon the use of the ear. Do we, from the outset of instructing our pupils, recollect this, and see that it is put into practice? A. Y-B.

OUTINGS

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK

On June 2nd the annual outing of the ringers of All Saints', Pakefield, was arranged with visits to Helmingham, Debenham and Eye. Accompanied by the Rector, organist, members of the congregation and four ringing friends from St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, and Gorleston, the party of 68 by a coincidence reached Helmingham just about the time that H.M. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was due to pass the church on her way to Helmingham Hall for a private visit. The ringers joined the villagers in giving her a rousing cheer and then hurried to the tower, and the bells rang out in further loyal greeting as her car passed through the park to the Hall.

On reaching Debenham the ringers were soon making use of the bells while the rest of the party made for tea. After an hour's ringing the ringers went to the cafe for their tea, and found the main party had cleared the eatables up! However, after a short delay, they were able to enjoy a first-class meal. Afterwards the whole party attended Evensong, taken by the Rector of Debenham.

The ringers were loath to leave the lovely bells at Debenham, but at last Eye was reached, and an hour's ringing on this good eight was enjoyed although the tenor has a crack in the crown.

The ringing at the three towers was quite good in spite of the unaccustomed weight of metal. The methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Stedman. B. T.

WALTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY

An early start was necessary for the annual outing of Walton-on-Thames' ringers and friends on Whit Monday, as East Anglia was the objective. After ringing at Sible Hedingham (18¼ cwt.) the party went on to Sudbury for lunch and a good ring at All Saints' Church. Then came Lavenham with its finest-toned tenor in the country, where the ringing brought visitors to the belfry.

The route back into Essex was via Clare and Finchingfield to Great Dunmow where a wonderful tea awaited the party. After so much climbing, the ground floor ring here was a great relief. The last tower was Cheshunt, and the action of the local ringers here in waiting nearly an hour through heavy holiday traffic delays was much appreciated. Thanks are due to Mr. R. Lathbury, the organiser, and the incumbents and ringers who met the party.

ACOMB, YORKS. — On June 11th, 2,520 Bob Minor: L. H. Steel 1, F. Terry 2, C. McGuiness 3, H. Forden 4, B. Sutton 5, H. Walker (cond.) 6. Longest length in the tower. Rung for the Vicar's Gift Day, there being no time for a peal.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Bob Triples: M. Hutton (13, first quarter) 1, L. Scoot 2, P. Flack 3, D. Sutcliffe 4, J. Dear 5, C. W. Collins 6, F. E. Buck (cond.) 7, C. Harwood 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On June 19th, at St. Michael with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Kathleen Tooze 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, L. W. Moses 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, J. G. Davis 5, Miss B. Russell 6. First of Bob Doubles for 1 and 5.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On June 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. J. Morris 1, F. Rowsell (cond.) 2, W. T. Petty 3, T. Yeomans 4, W. Dare 5, S. Philbrick 6, D. W. Evans (first 'inside') 7, H. Preece (first quarter) 8. Rung for the 28th anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of the Vicar (the Rev. T. Jones). Also on June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 1 and 2 leading alternately): A. Simmonds 1, H. Preece 2, D. Bryant 3, T. E. Hiddins 4, W. T. Petty (cond.) 5, C. A. Gerrish 6, D. W. Evans 7, D. L. Hughes 8. A compliment to Mr. A. W. Wright, an old ringer, on his 80th birthday.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT. — On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet E. Jameson (first quarter) 1, G. Kyte 2, P. Spice 3, A. Purdon 4, C. Cullen 5, E. Mounter 6, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 7, B. Holland 8.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On June 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Bridges 1, Ann Fundrey 2, B. Pattison (cond.) 3, R. Lennard 4, D. Houghton 5, C. E. Jeffries 6. Rung muffled as a tribute to Mrs. D. Cunningham, who was interred at Bedford Cemetery in the afternoon, the ringer of 5 being her youngest nephew.

CHATHAM, KENT.—On June 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. S. Norris 1, W. A. J. Knight (cond.) 2, H. G. Springate 3, T. Beaumont 4, R. E. Norris 5, C. E. J. Norris 6. Rung half-muffled on the back six in memoriam Mrs. F. S. Riordan, wife of a former secretary of the tower, who died on June 14th.

CHILTON CANTELO, SOMERSET.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Vardy (first on 5) 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, D. Sweet 3, F. T. Locke 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. Rung to the memory of the Rev. and Mrs. E. S. Field (parents of the conductor and formerly of Buckland Newton, Dorset) on the 57th anniversary of their wedding.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX. — On May 12th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Edwards 1, E. J. Butler 2, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 3, Miss B. M. Balls 4, B. W. Fairhead 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, H. J. Millatt 7, E. P. Duffield (cond.) 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 5. Rung for Confirmation Service.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On June 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, A. Diserens (cond.) 2, Miss B. M. Boyle 3, D. K. Walters 4, F. Yeo 5, D. Gay 6, D. Beacham 7, Miss M. Parkin (first of Triples) 8. First of Stedman for 3, 4 and 5.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pam Breen (first quarter) 1, J. Brinson (first away from treble) 2, B. Peters 3, H. Emery 4, H. Hooper (cond.) 5, F. S. Paramore 6.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On June 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Harwood (first of Major) 1, Miss A. Miles (first of Major 'inside') 2, Miss L. Skeet 3, T. H. Bird 4, F. W. Bird 5, G. T. Jennings 6, W. Slaughter 7, G. Olliver (cond.) 8.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On May 15th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Castell 1, J. Berry 2, J. Blond 3, A. Greenough 4, F. Smith 5, F. Absolom 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, W. Fulker 8. For morning service and as a birthday compliment to the Rev. H. G. Lancaster, Vicar of Dorchester.—Also on June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Tuckwell 1, A. Greenough 2, F. Smith 3, E. Garrard 4, J. Blond 5, F. Absolom 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, W. Fulker 8. Rung for morning service.

DUNMOW, ESSEX.—On June 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Hornsby 1, Mrs. D. F. Goodhew 2, A. B. Boyack 3, Miss R. Seabrook 4, G. Saunders 5, R. Chapman 6, H. W. Smith 7, Miss H. G. Snowden (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong.

QUARTER PEALS

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On June 12th, at the Church of St. Saviour, 1,260 Grandsire Triples R. W. R. Percy 1, D. Shakespeare (first of Triples) 2, P. Brooks 3, F. H. Dallaway 4, O. Wood 5, J. W. Rollison 6, H. G. Reynolds (cond.) 7, J. Cole 8. Rung for Evensong.

EWELL, SURREY.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Elizabeth Exwood (first quarter) 1, H. E. Good 2, Margaret Howard 3, J. E. Beams (cond.) 4, A. S. Besant 5, J. Whitehorn 6, F. Oakshott 7, C. W. Munday 8. Rung for the wedding of Pauline Tanner and Ralph C. Spittle, both ringers at the church.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss V. Godderidge 1, Miss A. Vine 2, P. Rye 3, J. Chittenden 4, P. Westwood 5, T. Anderson 6, M. Stephens (cond.) 7, J. Walker 8. First in the method for 2 and 4.

GREINTON, SOMERSET. — On June 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: H. Pople 1, G. Marchant 2, D. Miller 3, M. Stone 4, C. Clarke 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First in the method by all. Believed first of Minor on the bells.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On June 19th, 1,440 Bob Minor: P. Rose 1, D. Peacock 2, F. Elsom 3, L. Fisher 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papworth 6.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On May 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Margaret A. Evans 1, Cyril Brass 2, J. H. Joyner 3, B. J. Townsend 4, J. R. Joyner 5, A. Edginton (cond.) 6.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Dowding 1, Miss A. Greaves (first quarter) 2, Miss G. Carless 3, A. Jones 4, Miss M. P. Flynn 5, R. Carless 6, C. A. Barron (cond.) 7, J. Blake 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: C. Smart 1, G. Marriner 2, Miss M. E. Brown (first of Surprise) 3, A. P. Cannon 4, B. Hawkins 5, A. H. Smith 6, H. V. Young 7, A. Harman (cond.) 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Grinter 1, A. King 2, J. Herbert 3, A. Smith 4, R. Kendall 5, H. Wood 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. C. Mann 8. A compliment to Mr. A. King on his 84th birthday. Also in honour of the wedding of John Scott and Enid Preston, which took place the previous day.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris (cond.) 1, H. G. Keeley 2, J. W. Washbrook 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, C. W. Powell 5, D. A. Chapman 6, W. H. Poole 7, J. Rattenbury 8 For Evensong.

MELBOURNE, DERBYS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Earp 1, P. Marriott 2, T. J. Marriott 3, Miss O. Smith 4, W. G. Soar (cond.) 5, K. Darlington 6, L. Warren 7, F. Turner 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of H. Hollingsworth, 70 years a ringer and captain of the local band.

MOORLINCH, SOMERSET.—On June 18th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. Clarke (cond.) 1, D. Miller 2, G. Marchant 3, R. Short 4, M. Stone 5, H. Pople 6. First of Stedman by 3 and 6.

NETTLEBED, OXON.—On May 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Groves 1, N. Belson 2, R. Hope 3, R. Cummins 4, H. Wells (cond.) 5, H. Smith (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of A. J. Pinchin, a ringer of this tower.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On June 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Evans (first quarter) 1, Miss W. Bowak (first 'inside') 2, L. Cordell 3, R. Bridges 4, S. King 5, H. King (cond.) 6. For Morning Prayer.

PENDLETON, LANCS.—On June 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Thornley 1, A. Tomlinson 2, B. A. Tomlinson 3, N. Tompkins 4, O. Davies 5, R. Johnson 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, J. F. Wood 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. —. McClintock (Vicar).

PINNER, MIDDX.—On May 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. C. Mayne 1, Miss M. Skinner 2, Miss S. Clayton 3, C. C. Mayne 4, E. W. Thurlow 5, R. Wilkinson 6, W. N. Genna (cond.) 7, H. Stratford 8. Rung for Ascension Day. Also as a 21st birthday compliment and engagement congratulations to Miss Skinner, a birthday compliment to Miss S. Clayton and a compliment to D. Burton on passing his medical final examinations.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS. — On June 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Atkinson (first quarter as cond.) 1, J. Nevin 2, Miss O. W. Barrett 3, R. Parkinson (first 'inside') 4, Miss J. K. Barrett 5, B. H. Hall 6. An 80th birthday compliment to Mr. W. Lawrenson, former captain.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jill Holder (first quarter) 1, R. C. Mitchell 2, E. Bishop 3, R. Overy (conductor) 4, S. T. Russell 5, W. Rogers 6, F. Hammond 7, M. Hammond 8.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On June 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. A. Humphries 1, Mrs. J. Carey 2, Miss E. B. P. Walker (first 'inside') 3, J. Hale 4, F. J. Cheal (cond.) 5, T. A. Cross 6, G. A. Naylor 7, D. Baldock 8. Rung prior to the institution and induction of the Rev. I. Clifford as Vicar.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Wilson 1, G. W. Jeffs 2, H. Richardson 3, S. G. Robinson 4, L. Witten (first of Stedman) 5, E. E. Whitmore 6, W. J. Whitmore (cond.) 7, A. Gibbs 8. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Robinson, of Raunds.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On June 6th, at the Church of St. Andrew, 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. S. Osborne 1, P. Howitt (first 'inside') 2, C. Underwood 3, J. Underwood (cond.) 4, S. Osborne 5. Rung for the ordination of the Rev. P. Goodrick, a member of St. Andrew's band, which took place the previous day.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—On June 4th, at the Minster, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. Simpson 1, C. R. Shaw 2, G. E. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, W. N. Brown 5, J. F. Milner (cond.) 6, W. L. Exton 7, B. J. Smith 8. Rung in honour of the christening of Christopher Robin James, grandson of the Provost of Southwell, the Very Rev. H. C. L. Heywood.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—On June 12th, at St. Thomas' Church: 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jill Tombs 1, A. L. Dunn 2, D. J. Midgley 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, F. B. Cookson 5, R. Smith (cond.) 6, R. Cooper 7, D. H. Watson 8. Rung for Evensong.

SWANWICK, DERBYS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Skinner 1, K. Faulkner 2, P. Fincham 3, R. Streeton 4, K. M. Durons (cond.) 5. First quarter by all (average age 17). Rung for the wedding of Miss Margaret Mills and Mr. Derek Towers.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On June 12th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss M. A. Ladd (first of Triples) 1, S. G. Ponting 2, H. N. Vaughan 3, A. F. Wellington (first in method) 4, B. V. Collison 5, K. S. Hohl 6, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 7, J. A. Hilton 8. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Anne Christine) to the tenor ringer.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On Trinity Sunday, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. S. N. Brown 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, T. J. Milsom 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, T. V. Pitt (first quarter) 6.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. T. Rooke (aged 11, first quarter) 1, R. Bullivant 2, Freda Robinson 3, H. T. Rooke 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On June 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Axtell (first quarter) 1, D. Laud 2, R. Smith 3, W. Paul 4, E. Durrant 5, J. Hoare 6, R. Bell 7, G. W. Seaman (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

WESTBURY, WILTS.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Jones (first quarter) 1, T. B. Holloway 2, G. Morris 3, K. Lovett (first on eight bells) 4, H. F. Brown 5, F. A. Penn 6, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 7, W. Jones (first quarter) 8.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On June 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rita Gower 1, Rosemary Gower (first 'inside') 2, E. S. Ruck 3, C. T. Hillis 4, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 5, D. Staples 6. Rung to celebrate the 88th birthday of Mr. E. S. Ruck.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On June 15th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. W. Bright 1, T. Earle (cond.) 2, Miss M. Edwards 3, W. S. Butler 4, C. Burton 5, A. Syder 6, J. Warner 7, H. Dorking 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Warner. Also for the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clampin, parents of Mrs. E. W. Bright.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On June 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. W. Braybrook 1, Miss E. R. M. Cansdale 2, A. W. Cansdale 3, W. J. Brunt 4, B. W. Fairhead (first as cond.) 5, C. H. Woods 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

OBITUARY

MR. WILLIAM R. BAXTER

With deep regret we record the passing, after a long illness, of Mr. William R. Baxter, who died at the Trowbridge and District Hospital on June 18th, aged 69 years.

'Bill,' as he was known to a wide circle of ringing friends, had been a member of the St. James' band, Trowbridge, since 1910, and was a most regular Sunday service ringer. On his return from war service, in 1919, he rejoined the St. James' band, who were then making some progress in change ringing. He became one of its most enthusiastic members, and soon made progress in the standard methods. Although a full list of his peals is not available, he had rung about 100, ranging from Doubles to Cinques, mostly for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

The interment took place at Trowbridge Cemetery on June 22nd, when ringing friends were present from Trowbridge, Bath, Melksham and North Bradley. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells, following the committal, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, with bells half-muffled, at St. James's after the service.

The Trowbridge tower, which has been hard hit by death during the past few years, has lost another whom it will be hard to replace. May he rest in peace. C. F. A.

MR. FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH

We regret to record the death of Mr. Frederick W. Rishworth, who until recently was an active member of the Aston Parish Church and St. John's, Perry Barr, bands.

Fred, who was in his 81st year, and a Yorkshireman by birth, came to Birmingham in 1915, and until his retirement was engaged by the Austin Motor Company as a machine tool fitter.

A regular attender at St. Martin's Guild meetings, he was also a member of the Yorkshire Association and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. His peals totalled about 130 including several 'in hand,' many of which were rung with Morris J. Morris and the late George F. Swann.

Mourned by his widow, two daughters and son, he was laid to rest on May 26th at his native village of Silsden, in Yorkshire, where, at the Parish Church, he first handled a bell.

Fred will be sadly missed by his ringing colleagues at Aston, where his regular attendance and punctuality for Sunday service and practice nights was an example to all. R. C. I.

OUTING

ST. PAUL'S, BURTON-ON-TRENT

St. Paul's, Burton, and their ringing colleagues from nearby Repton, Needwood and Uttoxeter made the long journey to Suffolk for their annual outing on June 4th.

Leaving Burton at 6.30 a.m. the party arrived at Lavenham just before noon to enjoy a ring at the beautiful Church of SS. Peter and Paul. After lunch at Bury St. Edmunds the early afternoon was spent ringing at the Cathedral (10) and St. Mary's (8). The next call was at the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew's, Elvedon (8), where this lovely ring was enjoyed to the full.

After tea at Mildenhall the final 'pull' of the day was at the Church of St. Andrew (10).

A high standard of ringing was maintained throughout the day and methods rung were Grandsire Caters and Triples, Stedman Caters and Triples, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

It was a very tired band of ringers that arrived back home shortly after midnight, but all agreed it had been a most successful and memorable outing.

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ENGAGEMENT

SEAMAN—AMBLER.—The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Seaman, of 5, Richmond Drive, Watford, Herts, and Shirley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ambler, of 183, North Approach, Kingswood, Watford, Herts. 6567

MARRIAGE

RICH—GRIFFITHS. — On Thursday, June 23rd, 1955, at St. Mary Magdalene's, Tanworth-in-Arden, James Rich, of Bradstone Coombe, Milton Abbot, Tavistock, Devon, to Muriel Winifred Griffiths, of Woodside, Salter Street, Hockley Heath, Warwickshire. 6600

DEATH

YATES.—On June 26th, 1955, at his home, 42, The Green, Stony Stratford, Bucks, Edwin Yates ('Father') aged 87 years. Beloved tower captain and verger of St. Giles' Church. 6599

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. G. L. Hewitt is: Spa Restaurant, Llanthony Road, Gloucester. 6580

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, Saturday, July 2nd, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30.—A. B. Peck. 6561

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting at Darley Dale, July 2nd, 2.45 p.m. Names for tea, by July 1st, to H. E. Taylor, 7, Vineyard Terrace, Hillside, Darley Dale.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Quarterly meeting at Kingswinford, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 6509

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Evening meeting at Over on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) at 6 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern Division. — Meeting, Boreham (8), Saturday, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 6508

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Stephen's (10), Saturday, July 2nd, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—A. Bennett. 6589

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —Tonbridge District. — Quarterly meeting at Penshurst on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. 6500

LADIES' GUILD.—Annual general meeting, Guildford, July 2nd, 1955. Bells available:—Stoke (6) 11 a.m.–11.45 a.m., 3 p.m.–4 p.m., 7.30-8.30 p.m.; Merrow (6) 12 noon-1 p.m., 3 p.m.-4 p.m., 7.30-8.30 p.m.; St. Mary's (6) 11 a.m.–12 noon, 3 p.m.–4.30 p.m.; Shalford (8), Clandon (8) and Holy Trinity (8) 3 p.m.–4 p.m., 7.30 p.m.–8.30 p.m.; St. Nicolas' (10) 12 noon–1 p.m., 7.30–8.30 p.m. Service, St. Mary's, 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Congregational Hall, North Street. Reception by the Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford 6 p.m. 6524

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—As already announced, the next meeting is a joint meeting with the Wigan Branch at Aughton on Saturday, July 2nd. The next regular Branch meeting will be held at Halewood on the following Saturday (July 9th). Bells available 2.30. Service 4. Tea in schoolroom after service (price 2s.). Names for tea must be sent, before Wednesday, July 6th, to Mr. J. Robinson, Halewood Farm, near Liverpool.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 6592

NORWICH ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.—An interim meeting will be held at Holkham on Saturday, July 2nd. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at the Victoria at 5. Names for tea to C. Tovell, 18, New Road, Gaywood, King's Lynn. 6535

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Deddington (8), July 2nd. Service 4. Tea 4.45. All ringers welcome. Please notify.—E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Oxon. 6506

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting at Tanworth-in-Arden, July 2nd. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. 6530

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at High Bradfield, July 2nd (Bolsterstone unavailable). Tea available. Bus from Camps Lane 2.20 p.m.—J. Seager, Sec. 6564

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting on Saturday, July 2nd, at Staunton-in-the-Vale. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Names to Mrs. Merrin, The Staunton Arms, Staunton-in-the-Vale, Orston, Nottingham. 6560

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—Meeting at Aldeburgh, July 2nd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Service 7.30 p.m. Please send names for tea to Mr. J. Pilgrim, 52, Saxmundham Road, Aldeburgh.—A. R. Bridges, Dis. Sec. 6545

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Annual general meeting at Basingstoke, Saturday, July 2nd. Bells: St. Michael's (8), All Saints' (9), 1.30–3.45 and after meeting; Bramley (8), Church Oakley (6), Deane (6) 1–3.15. Service in St. Michael's 4 p.m. Tea, followed by meeting, Church Cottage, 5 p.m.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Gen. Sec., 197, Chatsworth Avenue, Cosham, Portsmouth. 6528

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dunkerton on July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Butt, 2, The Cottages, Dunkerton, near Bath. 6568

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Annual meeting, Hutton Cranswick, on Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Friday, July 8th, to Rev. G. Storer, The Vicarage, Hutton Cranswick, Driffield. 6583

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Wallasey, St. Hilary's, July 9th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 12th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6591

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Maresfield (8), July 9th. Names to R. Bennett, The Limes, Maresfield, Uckfield.—C. A. Bassett. 6569

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge and Huntingdon Districts.—A joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 6588

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6602

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Blunsdon (6), July 9th. Tea. — Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 6566

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Frensham (6) on Saturday, July 9th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6562

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Shere, Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Hon. Sec. by Wednesday, 6th. 6590

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Aspenden, July 9th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, 8th, to F. Aldridge, 14, Council Houses, Aspenden, near Buntingford. — T. J. Southam and E. G. Buck, Dis. Secs. 6540

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Flamstead (6), July 9th. Names for tea by the 6th, to Mr. Smith, 14, Trowley Hill Road, Flamstead, Herts. — R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 6575

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 9th, at Boxley. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 6546

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting on Saturday, July 9th, at Kirkby Lonsdale (6 bells). Ringing 2.30-7.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to E. Proctor, 7, Greenside, Kirkby Lonsdale, Westmorland.—R. F. Eales, Branch Sec. 6593

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Goosnargh, Saturday, July 9th. Whittingham buses from Preston. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 6th, to Mr. W. Billington, Hospital Cottage, Goosnargh, Preston.—L. Walmsley. 6570

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—The meeting which was to be held on July 9th is **now cancelled.** Further District meetings will be as advertised. 6573

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District.—Meeting at Ruskington (6), July 9th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 6549

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday July 9th at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15 p.m. with tea and business to follow. Bus 114 passes by; Underground Station and bus 142 nearby.—T. J. Lock. 6586

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Mortimer, July 9th. Ringing, both towers, 2.30 p.m. Service, St. John's, 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, 6th, to Mrs. R. Cowdry, Sherborne, Victoria Road, Mortimer. — R. G. Burton. 6584

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Wadenhoe (6), July 9th. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please. — L. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 6577

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with the SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD and HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD at Walsall, July 9th. For details see Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. 6595

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION and HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. —Joint meeting, Walsall, July 9th. Bells: Walsall (12) available noon onwards; Rushall 6), Wednesbury (10), Willenhall (10), Wood Green, Wednesbury (8) all available from 2 p.m. Service, St. Matthew's, Walsall, 4 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, July 6th, to Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 6544

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—N. District.—Quarterly District meeting at Walton-on-Thames, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea and meeting in Church Hall 4.30. Names, by July 6th, to Mr. R. Lathbury, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. Walton bells after. Also Weybridge bells 6.30 to 7-30, and Oatlands bells 8-9.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6492

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—South Harting (3-4.30) and Rogate (6-8) on July 9th. Tea at the White Horse Inn, Rogate, 5. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, please, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 6585

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Diocesan Festival at Launceston, Saturday, July 9th, 2.30 p.m. Service St. Stephen's 4.30, followed by tea. Bells: St. Stephen's (8), St. Mary Magdalene's (8) after tea: Lawhitton (6), Lezant (6), St. Giles' (5). No ringing during service time. Replies by Monday, July 4th.—Rev. H. Trewhella, Penhevla, Crantock, Newquay. 6533

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, King's Somborne, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Martin's Cafe, Romsey Road. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to Mr. J. A. C. King, 21, St. Faith's Road, Winchester. 6557

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Southampton District. — Practice meeting at Sherfield English on Saturday, July 9th. Bells available from 2.30. Names for tea, by July 5th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 6581

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, South Kirkby, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me not later than July 11th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 6599

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Rugby, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 6582

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western.—Quarterly meeting, Ingrave, July 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Brentwood bells (8) will be available in the evening. 6565

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Margate, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 followed by tea and meeting. Tea is by kind invitation, and names must reach Mr. A. J. Dadds, 130, Byron Avenue, Margate, not later than Monday, July 11th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6563

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly general meeting at Bottesford on July 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by Monday, July 11th, please, to Mr. W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 6574

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—The meeting arranged for July 16th at Appleby has been cancelled. 6594

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edenham (8), July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at Five Bells Inn 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 12th, to J. W. Haw, 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. 6603

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Winterton, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names or numbers, by Wednesday, July 13th, to Mr. R. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton, Norfolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 6596

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting and festival, Oxford, Saturday, July 16th (D.V.). Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m.; preacher, The Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Oxford. Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30. Tickets 5s 6d. from A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Choristers please contact Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Towers and times of ringing to be given out at luncheon.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 6478

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Easton Maudit, Saturday, July 16th. Service 4.30. Bozeat and Yardley-Hastings bells also available after meeting. Names for tea to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough. 6598

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dinton, July 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Chilmark available after tea. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 13th, latest, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 6587

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting at Lakenheath Saturday, July 16th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Bell Hotel.—E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 6597

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District)—Joint meeting at Buckland and Betchworth, July 16th. Bells available: Buckland (6) 3-4.30; Betchworth (8) 6.30-9. Service at Buckland 4.30. Tea at Red Lion 5.30. Names for tea, by July 12th, to C. J. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 6571

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OLD BOB

OLD Bob prided himself on being the 'triple tenor ringer,' which really meant he was a specialist in ringing the tenor to triple methods on the light octave in his village tower. By trade he was well known as a chimney sweep and he also served as a chorister and steeplekeeper with unfailing regularity. He was short and stocky with a nice long beard, and he loved his trade as a sweep; in fact, he would emerge from his home early in the morning with all the signs of having swept many chimneys before starting the day's work. Whether he did this to show people he was a practical sweep or to remind householders of their chimneys, nobody seemed to know, for Bob was very reticent in business matters.

His career as a singer in the choir is too long for these columns, and to ringers he was known for his cheery smile, his punctuality and his quaint sayings. As a steeplekeeper he had his own ideas of dusting, and if he happened to see dust on the long seat he would slide himself along if no duster was handy. Once when Bob was needed above and he mounted the wall ladder soot came down on the heads of ringers with every step he took, and it was resolved that Bob be given a lecture when he descended. After talking nicely to him he agreed to try and abate the trouble which he said must have come from his beard, and it was a different Bob when he next came to ring, for his features had received due attention from the proper quarter.

Our real problem was to get Bob into other towers when we visited neighbouring bands, but for years he preferred his own tower, and would not be induced to pay a friendly visit to ring with nearby ringers. After pressing Bob for a long time we told him of a visit we were making to ring on a lovely ring of bells, saying they were the best for many miles around, and we had a surprise when he announced: 'I'd like a ring on them air bells.' We cheerfully walked the five miles in order that Bob should show his skill on the tenor in an away tower, but on entering the ringing chamber he surveyed the scene, asked which was the tenor and then said: 'I can't ring that air tenor like that.' It was pointed out that the tenor rope, being near the clock case boarding, needed to be rung with one's back tight against the boarding, and no difficulty would occur providing he kept erect.

After watching a touch of Major, Bob took hold of the rope with confidence, for he regarded himself as a good tenor man to Triples. The hand stroke went well, but on the down stroke Bob did his usual bend, bobbed against the clock case, was shot forward and failed to get the sally. Soon Bob was struggling with much loose rope and we had to stop, for he seemed scared out of his wits, quite unlike the cheery character we knew at home. When the struggle was over Bob sat down to rest after the ordeal and silence reigned, that awful silence which sometimes comes in many a belfry, then someone asked Bob to try again, but sadly he shook his head, probably because he was at a loss for words.

On the road home in the dark Bob and myself walked side by side and for a short while neither of us spoke, but suddenly old Bob started to try and explain his failure to put up a good show in his first away tower. Had the clock case not been there he would have found room to do his little bend, was his theme, and he was of the opinion that the tenor ringer should have more room, yet when we realised how long the local tenor man had managed the bell without trouble and had rung several peals, it certainly proved to Bob that small difficulties can be overcome by adaptation.

The failure to put up a good exhibition had certainly upset Bob, for he began to talk about sending in his resignation as a ringer, but the writer promptly dispelled all thoughts of such drastic measures because of a simple mishap in a strange tower, and pointed out how valuable his services were in his own tower. Lots of ringers can only ring the tenor behind, but in most cases they do the job well and are an asset to a band; besides, we should miss old Bob in many ways and ringing would not be quite the same without him. And so we said 'Good night' after Bob had agreed to continue and confine his ringing to his home tower, solemnly remarking, 'There's no place like home.'

Good old Bob, one of the cheerful sort who took plenty of leg-pulling in good part, and he would make us smile when he used words such transport for transept and flims for films, but deep down in our hearts we regarded him as a loyal, keen churchworker and one to be relied on at the appointed times for ringing. Bob was greatly missed when he left the district to reside in eastern England, but he left behind many happy memories of duty well done, even though his ringing ability was limited. Many such characters exist and have existed in towers throughout the land, and it is the thoroughness in them that brings out values that are not fully appreciated until retirement comes along.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TEN BELL PEAL

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5041 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER	*Treble*	HERBERT W. KNIGHT	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	3	ALBERT M. TYLER	8
JOHN THOMAS	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	9
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
The conductor's 1,000th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KNEBWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

ERNEST H. KILBY	*Treble*	*DENNIS KNOX	5
*ALICK CUTLER	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
†JOHN R. MAYNE	3	‡ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
†L. NORMAN PARK	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 200th peal for the Association. † First peal in the method. ‡100th peal on these bells.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	WALTER M. GODDARD	5
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER	2	W. ARTHUR CROWDER	6
STEPHEN BROMFIELD	3	†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	7
GWEN I. RUSBY	4	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	*Tenor*

Composed by THOS. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' † First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Rusby; also a ruby wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Goddard.

ISLEWORTH., MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

WILFRID G. WILSON	*Treble*	THOMAS E. DAVIES	5
J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	2	ALAN F. THIRST	6
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	*FREDERICK P. MEADE	7
SQUIRE CROFT	4	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Treble Bob.
Rung to mark the completion of 50 years of ringing by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

RUTH M. JACKSON	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROWN	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	ROBIN G. TURNER	6
BASIL JONES	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
Rung as a memorial to Ian, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Dunkerley.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb.

*RUTH MORGAN	*Treble*	GEORGE L. BUSH	5
†JAMES W. HAW	2	NORMAN V. HARDING	6
CHARLES C. RAWDING	3	‡HORACE BENNETT	7
‡W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	4	C. HAROLD WHITTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by C. HAROLD WHITTON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major in the method. ‡ 25th peal together.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

*S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	*Treble*	RAYMOND OVERY	5
*ERIC N. HARRISON	2	WILLIAM ROGERS	6
*ROGER BALDWIN	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	FREDERICK W. BURNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by FREDK. W. BURNETT.
* First peal in the method.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5184 CLAYBROOKE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

CECIL H. F. KNIGHT	*Treble*	KENNETH A. ROE	5
ANNIE E. HAINES	2	RICHARD J. CARTER	6
T. MAUREEN LLOYD	3	SAMUEL J. HAINES	7
ANDREW R. CARTER	4	THOS. EDWARD HARROLD	*Tenor*

Composer unknown. Conducted by THOMAS EDWARD HARROLD.
First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the 5th.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Harrold; a daughter to Mr. anl Mrs. M. A. Lovell; a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Carter; and on the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. E. Lloyd. All are members of the above Society.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 1,728 Superlative, 1,536 Cambridge, 960 Bristol and 864 London, with 101 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK A. FINCH	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
ALFRED J. HOUSE	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
WILLIAM T. COOK	4	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Day's Six-part. Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

NORMAN TOMPKINS	*Treble*	ORRELL DAVIES	5
RONALD BAGNALL	2	RAYMOND JOHNSON	6
BRIAN TOMLINSON	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
JOSEPH THORNLEY	4	JOHN F. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
Rung in appreciation of the services of the late Vicar of this parish, Rev. I. G. McClintock, who was killed on Tuesday, June 8th, outside this church.

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HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

F. NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	WALTER HOUGHTON	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	EILEEN BRACEY	7
WILLIAM CLOVER	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by EILEEN BRACEY.
A birthday compliment to Raymond G. Lofty.

TOWEDNACK, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TEWINNOCK THE CONFESSOR,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

*THOMAS R. ROAST	*Treble*	HARRY HARPER	5
MARY DOWSETT	2	PETER J. CAME	6
*MRS. J. M. SIMPKIN	3	EDWARD W. ROAST	7
ALAN CARVETH	4	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOWLETT. Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
* First peal of Major. The conductor's 50th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Thurs., June 23, 1955, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

VIVIAN HORTON	*Treble*	DENIS R. CARLISLE	5
ROLAND BENISTON	2	ERNEST MORRIS	6
DEREK P. JONES	3	JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON	7
GORDON A. HALLS	4	WILLIAM THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
First in the method by all and for the Guild.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 23, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

JACK H. BRETT	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	5
ALBERT CATTERWELL	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
*MICHAEL H. R. GLOVER	4	THOMAS BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mayle, of Clare, Suffolk, on the birth of a son.

CONISBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minuets,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In 53 methods, containing 96 changes each of Aldenham, Apsley, Barnsbury, Benington, Bristol, Cambridge, Cherwell, Chester, Claybrooke, Cray, Deben, Derwent, Dublin, Eastcote, Elford, Falmouth, Framley, Hanbury, Hitchin, Ickleton, Jersey, Langley, Lessness, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Maulden, Minsmere, New Gloucester, Northolt, Otley, Painswick, Pudsey, Pyrford, Radlett, Ramsey, Richmond, Rutland, Scawthorpe, Shoreditch, Stockport, Superlative, Thorne, Tring, Trowbridge, Uxbridge, Vauxhall, Warwickshire, Watford, Wembley, Wordsworth and Yorkshire. 158 changes of method.
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
The most Major methods ever rung to a peal.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., June 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
*TREVOR A. CROSS	2	RALPH BIRD	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	7
IAN H. ORAM	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
* 100th peal, and has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung for St. John the Baptist Day, also to commemorate 40 years as ringer at the above church by the conductor.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., June 24, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

*PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	*LAWRENCE HITCHENS	5
STANLEY R. COCKEL	2	HARRY HEATH	6
WILLIAM C. WEST	3	*FREDERICK S. SLATFORD	7
COLIN A. TESTER	4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES F. ANDREWS.
* 50th peal together.
In memoriam William R. Baxter, June 18th, 1955.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,496 of London, 1,344 Bristol, 672 Cambridge and 576 Superlative, with 126 changes of method.
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E flat.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	H. LESLIE PASK	5
*GWEN I. RUSBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	JOHN WALDEN	7
WALTER TOMLINSON	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

RONALD F. DISERENS	*Treble*	WALTER HUNT	5
*FRANK W. LEWIS	2	MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	6
ALFRED K. STREET	3	NOEL J. DISERENS	7
HAROLD SMITH	4	JESSE SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
Rung for the commencement of regatta week.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 3 Hours and 6 Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5152 ASHTEAD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

W. NORMAN GENNA	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
ELSIE K. FULTON	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
D. KAY ADKINS	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the 3rd and 7th.

STAFFORD.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK R. WIGGIN	*Treble*	*ROY K. MOWFORTH	5
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	2	*ALBERT E. GARBETT	6
*CHARLES HONE	3	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	7
FRANK H. ELEY	4	EDMUND MALIN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Charles Hone.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 CORNWALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	JACK ASHCROFT	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	RONALD KENRICK	6
G. ALEX DIMMOCK	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
ERNEST GOWER	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

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

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Apr. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

SYDNEY SAGE	*Treble*	MOLLIE MAY	4
*MICHAEL SAGE	2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	5
BRIAN WOODRUFFE	3	NEIL LOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NEIL LOMAS.

* First peal away from the treble. First peal as conductor.

CHIEVELEY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Newbury Branch).
On Sat., May 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

MARK ROSIER	*Treble*	*GILBERT TOWNSEND	4
S. FRANK TUFFLEY	2	HAROLD P. REED	5
*MICHAEL M. MAISEY	3	REGINALD F. CROOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD F. CROOK.

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

Rung to celebrate the 10th anniversary of V.E. Day and the birth of a son to Mrs. T. Hutchison, daughter of S. F. Tuffley. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

DONALD PEACOCK	*Treble*	STANLEY SHIPP	4
*DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
*GEORGE A. WALKER	3	*ARTHUR YARROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

BATHFORD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb.

*JOHN W. COLGATE	*Treble*	HORACE D. TAYLOR	4
JAMES SMART	2	*ARTHUR B. CANNINGS	5
*JOHN COLGATE	3	*EDWARD KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE D. TAYLOR.

* First peal. Rung for the 50th anniversary of the first peal on the bells. Also a 17th birthday compliment to John Colgate and a compliment to F. W. Cannings, tower master for 51 years and verger for 40 years.

GOTHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 by Morris and 40 extents, 10 different callings.
Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM DAKIN	*Treble*	FRED PRIESTLEY	3
*MARGARET E. HILL	2	SYDNEY ADAMS	4
CHARLES W. TOWERS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by CHARLES W. TOWER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

OXENDON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being six six-scores each of April Day and Plain Bob and thirty six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in A.

*JOHN W. DUCKETT	*Treble*	DEREK E. GRIFFIN	3
CHARLES W. BROWN	2	RICHARD J. SEATON	4
ARTHUR J. MILLWARD	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ARTHUR J. MILLWARD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob. Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

LESLIE KEY	*Treble*	DONALD COOMBES	4
BARRY COOK	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
PHILIP SADLER	3	BRIAN J. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

TWYFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being four extents each of Southrepps, All Saints', Reverse Bartholomew, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, eight of Plain Bob, two 240's of Pitman's Grandsire, and ten extents of Grandsire, in ten callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

*ROLAND H. COOK	*Treble*	ALFRED E. HINMAN	4
HAROLD T. BONSHOR	2	GEOFFREY BOWCUTT	5
J. HARRY COOK	3	WILFRED L. GOODACRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HARRY COOK.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer for his 13th birthday.

KEDINGTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., June 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being an extent each of York, London, Wells, Netherseale, Bourne, Norwich and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE WATERMAN	*Treble*	TOM BIRD	4
ROSEMARY SEABROOK	2	SAM J. TWITCHETT	5
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.

* 100th peal. First peal in seven Surprise methods by all except the 3rd.

SENNEN, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SENNEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 5¾ cwt.

THOMAS ROAST	*Treble*	REV. A. S. ROBERTS	4
MARY DOWSETT	2	PETER CAME	5
EDWARD W. ROAST	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

First peal of Minor on the bells and of Surprise Minor in West Cornwall.

COWLEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Thurs., June 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.

PETER R. SANDERS	*Treble*	DONALD H. NIBLETT	4
DAVID HODGSON	2	DAVID A. EDWARDS	5
GLYN F. JENKINS	3	KENNETH W. MACKINTOSH	*Tenor*

Rung silent and unconducted. The first unconducted peal on tower bells by the Society.

HALTON HOLGATE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

RONALD CHAFER	*Treble*	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM ..	4
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	JACK BRAY	5
HARRY HALL	3	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Believed to be first peal on the bells.

NAVENBY, LINCOLNSHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven 720's, viz., York, Durham, London, Wells, Norwich, Bourne and Cambridge.
Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM GREEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
LOUIS WILLDERS	2	JOHN E. COOK	5
JOHN F. PEARSON	3	GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

Rung for the Patronal Festival and a birthday compliment for the son of the 2nd ringer. Also for the 15th wedding anniversary of the treble ringer.

BENGEO, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*GILLIAN WRIGHT	*Treble*	*STEPHEN J. CHAMBERLAIN..	4
DOROTHY J. CHAMBERLAIN..	2	JOHN H. PHILLIPS	5
EDWARD J. PHILLIPS	3	SIDNEY F. CARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY F. CARTER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast in 1951. Rung to commemorate the centenary of Holy Trinity Church.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents, C.C.C. 77, 75, 80, 81, 76, 21, 20.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*JEAN EGERTON	*Treble*	HAROLD J. PESKETT	4
†SYLVIA STREATER	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
HENRY C. WEAVER	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. R. D. Ure.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 21, 1955, in 1 Hour and 57 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents.

*D. MARGARET HAWLEY ..	1—2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY ..	3—4
		*ALAN SHEPPARD	5—6

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

* 25th peal together. First peal of Minor 'in hand' by all.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., June 22, 1955, in 1 Hour and 58 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 2,520 each of Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, each with four different callings.
Tenor size 15 in C.

MISS V. LAMBERT	1—2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	3—4
		MRS. GRAINGER	5—6

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT.

First in two methods 'in hand' by all.



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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Tells of No Flagging During 1954

ON Whit Monday the annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford. The service in the Cathedral was conducted by the Provost (the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon), assisted by the Succentor (the Rev. B. A. Hughs). The lesson was read by the Master of the Association (Mr. R. C. Heazel) and the address was given by Canon M. N. Lake, Vicar of Stanstead Mount Fitchet, honorary member of the Association.

During the service the names of the members who had passed on to higher service during 1954 were read, namely:— H. Allen, C. T. Chalk, E. A. Dench, G. L. Joyce, A. J. Mansfield, S. V. Pearce, A. A. Saunders, W. J. G. Brown, Lady Constance Courtauld, F. G. Gleaves, G. M. Kilby, F. Pavvit, G. F. Pudney, A. L. Simmonds. Their loss leaves the Association much poorer and they are remembered with affection.

The Master (Mr. R. C. Heazel) presided at the annual general meeting held in the Cathedral Chapter House supported by the Deputy Master and the officers of the Association. The Master, in the name of the Association, welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Miss H. Snowden. Mr. J. H. Crampion, Mr. B. G. Burton and Mr. P. Eaves.

The annual report prepared by Mr. F. P. Gant, hon. secretary, in co-operation with the District secretaries, showed that interest in the Association had not flagged during 1954. Ringing membership had increased from 895 to 924, and honorary members to 202.

The more outstanding meetings of the year had been held at Harlow Town, Bocking, Great Waltham and Hornchurch. The report shows that the Association was taking rather more interest than of late in the District meetings. The attendances showed a marked increase, but there was still a considerable amount of room for improvement.

The effect of National Service was still being felt in some towers. Old hands and the fairer sex were keeping the 'ship' going until the young ringers returned. Ringing for divine service had been the aim throughout the year, but it was regretted that some towers still stood silent Sunday by Sunday.

PEALS — A GOOD YEAR

During the year 122 peals were rung. If peals in Surprise methods were any indication of an Association's strength, then this year had been most successful. Peals of special interest were Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Waltham Abbey; Stedman Cinques at Saffron Walden; Yorkshire, Cambridge and Lindsey Surprise Royal, and Ealing, Lincolnshire, Painswick, Falmouth, Portsmouth, Colchester and Kendal Surprise Major. Among the peals mentioned above, 13 were rung for the Association to welcome Her Majesty The Queen on her return; the first peal to be recorded in the whole country was that at Prittlewell, which commenced at 8.17 a.m. Mr. J. E. G. Roast, with 20 peals, headed the list of conductors, with Mr. T. Earle next with 14, and Mr. J. H. Crampion with nine.

For the recorders, 243 members rang their 'first in the method,' 26 members scored their first peal, there were five 'first as conductors.' Quarter peals numbered 147.

After various members had spoken on the report, it was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The hon. treasurer, presenting the accounts, stated that the gross income from the Districts totalled £116 11s. 2½d., and the sum of £46 6s. 4d. had been contributed to the Bell Restoration Fund. Peal fees added a further £20 4s. The balance on the General Account at the end of the year stood at £267 4s. 8d., whilst that of the Bell Restoration Fund was £156 14s. 6d. Grants during the current year amounted to £52 10s.

Mr. M. Baker, one of the auditors of the Association, presented the accounts, which were adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Ven. E. N. Gowing, some time Archdeacon of Southend, Vicar of Prittlewell, was elected a life vice-president of the Association.

The election of officers followed:—Master, Mr. R. C. Heazel; Deputy Master, Mr. H. Turner; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. P. Gant; auditors, Messrs. M. Baker and D. G. Mayell; trustees, Messrs. Eves, Saltmarsh and Smith.

The Master proposed Alderman Sir Frank Foster, J.P., chairman of the Essex County Council, as an honorary member. This motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously. The following members nominated by the various Districts were recommended by the committee for election as life members:— Messrs. H. Bradley (Broomfield), A. Chaplin (Dagenham), E. Clark (Broomfield) and T. B. Fairhead (Writtle).

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Provost for conducting the service and for the use of the bells, and to the Succentor for his assistance at the service. Thanks were also expressed to the Cathedral organist, Mr. Derrick Cantrell.

Members then adjourned to the Cathedral Hall, where an excellent lunch was provided and well served by members of the Association. This is the first occasion on which the catering has been undertaken by the Association.

During the day the following towers were open for ringing:—Chelmsford, Great Baddow, Boreham, Galleywood, Widford, Writtle, Broomfield, Danbury, Springfield, Little Waltham, Sandon and Little Baddow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Bolton Branch at Blackrod

A very successful meeting of the Bolton Branch was held at Blackrod, a six-bell tower, on June 18th. The panorama from here is very fine. Across the very wide valley can be seen Rivington, Pike Hill (with its old Beacon Tower), also a number of Lancashire towns and the sea, some 35 miles away. The meeting was arranged to coincide with the village gala day, which caused much merriment. A tea on this occasion was provided for the ringers.

An old custom in this village is to use the bells rung in a certain order, to give an alarm for fire. Some years ago, whilst the gala was in full swing, the visiting ringers were ringing call changes and, unaware of this custom, the bells were rung in this order, and kept in this order for a longer period than usual. The result was that the local firemen were seen running from the gala ground seeking the 'fire.' It was only when they approached the church and found the bells ringing differently that they found that all was well.

At this last meeting there was some very good instructional work and although the number attending was not great, there were many methods rung including Surprise, and several members rang their first touch in some new method.

OUTINGS

FENHAM, NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

For once the 'sun' in Whitsuntide was conspicuous by its presence when on Whit Monday the ringers and friends of SS. James and Basil's, Fenham, held their annual busman's excursion into North Northumberland. A full coach left Newcastle at 9.30 a.m. and proceeded via the Great North Road to Morpeth, where some of the party enjoyed an hour's ringing at the ancient Watch Tower and others got blisters by the alternative method of boating on the River Wansbeck.

Continuing northward, the village of Rothbury, nestling in the Simonside hills, was reached in time for lunch. Following an excellent meal, the village and river banks were explored until 2.30 p.m., when the bells of All Saints' Church were rung for a spell to a variety of methods. We were welcomed here by the Rev. F. R. Hedley, the new Rector, lately Vicar of St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, and always a good friend to ringers. Our visit also coincided with the 100th birthday celebrations of the village's oldest inhabitant and it was not until we learned of this that we realised all the flags and bunting were not flying for us!

A long run north-eastwards over moorland and later meadow country took us through Alnwick, to our final tower of the day. Bamburgh, besides being a delightful village in a picturesque coastal setting commanded by the magnificent castle, is hallowed by its close association with St. Aidan and the early Christian history of this country. The Parish Church, dedicated to St. Aidan, contains the most northerly ring of church bells in England (the secular tower of Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Hall, which is slightly further north, has an unringable ring of eight bells). Ringing was enjoyed here by many, but the clemency of the weather and the beauty of the surroundings proved strong detractions and a goodly number of us partook of other pursuits, including watching cricket on the castle green, viewing the scene of Holy Island and the Farnes from the tower summit, and 'plodging' (the good old Tyneside occupation of paddling in the sea).

The return journey came all too soon for everybody but a very pleasant run down the coast through Embleton, Alnmouth and Warkworth helped to alleviate regrets and it was a happy but tired party which arrived in Newcastle at 10 p.m. K. A.

ST. MARGARET'S, LEICESTER

St. Margaret's, Leicester, had a grand outing on May 14th, when a party of 41 enjoyed ringing at Doncaster Parish Church (tenor 30 cwt.), Howden (tenor 22 cwt.), regarded by Mr. Ernest Morris as the finest tower and bells in the country, and Holy Trinity, Hull, where a former curate of St. Margaret's (the Rev. L. O. Kenyon) is Vicar. Some of the party also rang at St. Mary's, Lowgate, where the tower overlaps the causeway and the road goes through its base. Later came the grand ring of ten at St. Mary's, Beverley. Owing to the music festival that afternoon and evening the Minster bells were not available, but the party visited this most wonderful building, said to be the finest Gothic church in Europe. The long journey home was accomplished without mishap.

WOODFORD, ESSEX

Ringers of St. Mary's, Woodford, were joined by friends from Walthamstow and Romford for their outing on June 18th. Ringing took place at Hoddesdon, Knebworth, Watton-on-Stone (a difficult six), Braughing and Bishop's Stortford. At the last named tower two young ladies of the Woodford tower, Pat and Gill, rang creditably their first touch from the treble of Bob Royal.

ST. LAURENCE, READING

Favoured by beautiful weather, this year's outing on Whit Monday was an outstanding success in spite of having to dovetail with the Central Council at some towers. However, we were at Trowbridge at 9 a.m. and ringing good Stedman Cinques, and then a glorious run to Evercreech, where Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters went quite well on this good ten.

Lunch at Wells was followed by a visit to the Cathedral, where we were met by Mr. R. O. Fry, to whom, with Mr. Albert Tyler, of Bristol, we are indebted for our arrangements fitting in so beautifully. Here Stedman Caters went quite well, and three leads of Treble Ten were rung, like the day's programme, rather hurriedly.

Then on to Congresbury and Wrington, at the latter tower meeting Mr. M. H. Knight, who had everything in readiness. Good Stedman Caters here, and our only Grandsire Caters of the day, which sounded well on this glorious ten.

St. Mary Redcliffe was our last call and Stedman Cinques was well rung considering our own tenor is only 23 cwt., and in the last two courses before our ringing finally ended, we were pleased to have ringing with us Mr. A. D. Barker and Mr. J. Thomas, who were at Bristol for the Central Council meeting.

The ringing all day was above average for an outing, and even our youngsters rang rounds very creditably in spite of the weight of the majority of tenors.

May I, through this column, thank all the incumbents for permission to ring and the individuals who gave us such a warm welcome at each tower, with apologies to Congresbury, where we arrived very late owing to a bad traffic hold-up at Cheddar. W. H.

OUTINGS

TAUNTON, SOMERSET

For their annual outing on June 11th ringers of St. James' and Wilton, Taunton, made a long journey into Hampshire and Dorset.

Towers visited were Wimborne Minster, Christchurch Priory, St. John's and St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and Poole Parish Church. Mr. Preston welcomed the party at Christchurch and climbed with them to the ringing chamber. A pleasant hour was spent on the bells.

Before the party broke up after refreshments at Crewkerne, Mr. A. H. Reed thanked Mr. W. G. Gigg for the excellent arrangements he had made. Incumbents and tower captains are thanked and also Mr. D. T. Matkin for his help.

ST. PETER'S, DERBY

On June 11th the ringers of St. Peter's, Derby, with friends from Duffield, Etwall and Ashbourne, spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening in the Peak District. This was the first outing organised by St. Peter's ringers for some years, and will be remembered by the fact that the timetable was faithfully adhered to throughout the day.

The towers visited were Darley Dale, where the ancient yew tree in the churchyard, reputed to be 2,000 years old and with a circumference of 33 feet, aroused much interest; Bakewell, where the best striking of the day was heard; and Tideswell, which well deserves its title of 'Cathedral of the Peak.' The lighting apparatus used when broadcasts are made from Tideswell tower greatly intrigued the visitors.

We should like to express out thanks to the incumbents and ringers of the towers visited for their co-operation and help. A. M. H.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS

The Welland Valley, where Rutland, Lincolnshire and Northants join, was the objective of the Weston Favell outing on June 18th, the journey being made by a fleet of private cars.

The five bells at Caldecote, rehung in 1952 by Messrs. Taylor, 'go' excellently, and here the party were met by the Misses Billson. The bells were all cast by Toby Norris II. in 1696. Another five at Great Easton followed. The sound of the bells being raised attracted Mr. Geary, a Groby ringer, who joined the party for the rest of the day. At Seaton Mr. and Mrs. Clarke, of Oundle, joined in the ringing.

A great disappointment was that the six at Harringworth, rehung in 1913, were found to be almost unringable due to neglected bearings

STANWICK, NORTHANTS

Stanwick ringers and friends had an interesting tour for their annual outing on June 18th. Ringing on the light six in the new steel tower of Corby was followed by a visit to Uppingham, Rutlandshire, where the church and school were visited. A pleasant trip into Leicestershire followed. At Great Glenn the Vicar welcomed the party After tea at South Wigston the good eight bells at St. Thomas' Church were enjoyed. Mr. E. Tipler and other ringers met the party at Lutterworth, where Bob Major and Triples were rung. Finally came the light six at Misterton.

The party are grateful to Mr. B. Warwick, towerkeepers and incumbents for their assistance.

Mr. R. F. B. Speed informs us that the peal of Watford published under the name of Mr. George Freebrey is almost identical with that published from Mr. Harold Cashmore some years ago.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

An increase of 25 per cent. in membership was reported at the annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild at Guildford last Saturday. The next annual meeting will be at Worcester. A report of the Guildford gathering will appear in our next issue.

The peal at Henley-on-Thames on June 25th was the first on the bells for 26 years.

In submitting quarter peals, will correspondents write each quarter rung in a different tower on a separate sheet of paper?

Mr. Fred Attewell, of Billing, who is blind, was one of the party who enjoyed the ringing provided by Weston Favell's outing on June 18th.

The bells of Holy Trinity, Abbott's Leigh, Somerset, will be on the air for the morning service on Sunday, July 24th, from the West Home Service at 9.30 a.m.

The monthly practice meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Kingston Seymour on June 18th, when the six bells were put to good use in methods up to Cambridge and London Surprise Minor. Mr. and Mrs. Norton provided an excellent tea, which was very much appreciated.

Ashtead, Surrey, ringers felt inspired enough after their outing on June 4th to attempt on their return home a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples. The ringing was excellent, but unfortunately a trip occurred and the first quarter of Triples by an all-local band was not to be recorded.

A memorial tablet to Mr. Thomas Werrett, late captain of St. Nicholas', Norton, Herts, has been placed in the ringing chamber. As a memorial a bell fund for a new church in the centre of the parish has been opened. Contributions to this are still required and these may be sent to Mr. E. G. Sanderson, churchwarden, 3, Eastholm, Letchworth.

The first peal ever rung by doctors only (on July 9th, 1947) has been commemorated by a peal board at Abbots Langley, Herts. This bears the inscription: 'Dedicated in grateful memory of the doctors, nurses and personnel of all the medical services who gave their lives in the war, 1939—1945.' In a quarter peal before the service of dedication, two of the doctors rang the same bells as they had rung in the peal.

The peal at Hazel Grove, reported on page 372, was rung on Thursday, June 2nd.

The length of the peal of Lincolnshire, rung at Harrow Weald on June 11th was 5,120 changes and not 5,152, as published on page 387.

Mr. Michael Horseman, of Nailsea, thanks, through 'The Ringing World,' those ringers in the Nottingham and Derby area who made him so welcome during his recent stay in the district.

The composition of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung to a peal at St. John's, Erith, on June 24th, was chosen because it was the composer (Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen.) who first taught the conductor (Mr. F. J. Cullum) to ring 40 years ago.

Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, a ringer at York Minster for 60 years and now residing with his daughter, Mrs. R. R. Perry, in Birmingham, paid a welcome visit to St. Martin's on Sunday morning, June 12th, his 87th birthday, and took part in ringing Stedman Cinques for service. Mr. Earnshaw was looking remarkably fit and well and received hearty congratulations and good wishes. He still takes a great interest in reading his 'Ringing World' each week.

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53 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR METHODS

A new record in the field of Spliced Surprise Major ringing was established by a peal in 53 methods rung at St. Peter's, Conisbrough, Yorks, on June 24th. This peal also surpasses the handbell peal of 50 methods in Plain Major, which was the previous highest number of any kind of Major methods and was rung by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild at Burton-on-Stather in 1951.

The Exercise will join with us in congratulating the conductor and composer of the peal, Mr. W. Eric Critchley, and his band. The peal is appended:—

2345678 Framley

4263857 Tring
2357486—Wembley
4523678—Benington

2465837 Hitchin
5347286 Barnsbury
2453678—Hanbury

5264837 Trowbridge
4327586 Radlett
5243678—Watford

4562837 Lincolnshire
5237486—Falmouth
4352678—Thorne

5463827 Aldenham
3247586 Wordsworth
5432678—Uxbridge

3564827 Painswick
4257386 Campsall
3542678—Shoreditch

4365827 Langley
3527486—Scawthorpe
4235678—Elford

6342857—Superlative
2537684 Vauxhall
6325478—Chester

2643857 Warwickshire
3567284 Claybrooke
2635478—Ramsey

Continued:

3246857 Pudsey
6527384 Eastcote
3265478—London

4632857—Apsley
6257483—Lessness
5642378 Ickleton

4536827 Yorkshire
5627483—Northolt
4256378—Lindum

3542867—Cherwell
2657384 Rutland
3526478—Derwent

4235867—Bristol
3425867—Pyrford
5647382 Otley
3456278—Stockport

5324867 Jersey
3467582—Cray
5623847 Cambridge
6347582—Dublin
4637582—Richmond
5346278—N. Gloucester
4536278—Deben

2345867—Minsmere
5637284 Maulden
2356478—

Twice repeated. Contains 96 of each method, with 158 changes of method.

NEW METHODS

Thorne Surprise Major

—56—14—58—38—34—38—12—3.
2nds place lead-end 4263857.
False course-ends 24365, 53624, 65432.

Northolt Surprise Major.

—58—16—12,58,36—12—58—36—7.
2nds place lead-end 4263857.
False course-ends 24365, 53624, 65432, 32654, 45236.

Richmond Surprise Major

38—38,14—12—38,14—14,38—36—1.
2nds place lead-end 4263857.
False course-ends 24365, 32546, 46253, 36524, 52643, 65243, 46532.

Group Photograph at Bristol

The group taken at Bristol at Whitsuntide is very good indeed, and everybody who had an uninterrupted view of the camera has come out very clearly. Copies of this group can be obtained, 8in. x 6in., at 4s. post paid, and anyone wishing to have one should contact Mr. F. Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Greenbank, Bristol 5, enclosing remittance.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

A New Master

THE City of Peterborough is this year celebrating the 13th centenary of the foundation of the Abbey. On the same site stands the Cathedral, that noble building which itself dates from Norman times. On Whit Monday afternoon its walls echoed to the voices of some 200 ringers who gathered from far and wide for the Guild's annual service.

So that the Cathedral statute should be continued, the Guild form of service was blended with evensong, which was sung by the Precentor, the Rev. R. W. Dawe, in the presence of the Dean, the Very Rev. N. C. Christopherson. The lesson was read by a canon in residence, Canon J. L. Cartwright, and the Guild president, the Ven. C. J. Grimes, D.D., Archdeacon of Northampton, led the prayers. In his address, the Lord Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Spencer Leeson, spoke on 'The ministry of church bell-ringing.' The Peterborough Branch organist, Mr. W. Stevens, F.R.C.O., kindly deputised for the Cathedral organist.

The president was in the chair at the business meeting which followed tea in St. Mary's Church Hall. Business was mainly of a routine nature, but a change of officers was recorded. The president and secretary were re-elected. The Master, Mr. E. E. Whitmore, did not seek re-election, and to succeed him Mr. B. P. Morris was appointed. In turn Mr. P. I. Chapman was elected auditor to succeed Mr. Morris.

The chairman spoke in gratitude of Mr. Whitmore's work for the Guild during his years of Mastership, and the meeting elected him an honorary life member.

The general secretary's report recorded a slight reduction in membership, perhaps accounted for by a stricter application of the rule dealing with outstanding subscriptions. Under the heading of lapsed or left were 112 names, but elections during the year give 9 honorary, 98 ringing members and 20 non-resident life members.

The Guild had suffered the loss of 12 members by death. Among them was the oldest ringer in the diocese, Mr. A. Moore, of Daventry, Mrs. K. Billson, of Caldecote, who was probably more widely known under her maiden name of Miss Kitty Moore, and Mr. Harry Chambers, of Stanwick, formerly of Irthlingborough, who raised the standard of Surprise Major ringing.

Peals rung during the year totalled 43. Quarter peals had been in evidence and proved to be a great help in maintaining interest.

A FINAL MESSAGE

Mr. E. E. Whitmore, in his final report as Master, recalled that he became third Master of the Guild in 1947, when they were only beginning to recover from the effects of six years of war. With the return of peace young learners in large numbers were a familiar sight in many belfries and branch meetings, and some of these post-war learners were now among their leading ringers and shared in the councils of the Guild.

During this time membership increased until it reached four figures, while two dormant branches were restored and a new one inaugurated; 'but with all this enthusiasm I wonder sometimes how many towers in unity with the Guild ring the full complement Sunday by Sunday. We all know of towers where there are few or no ringers, and whilst even one such tower exists in our midst the challenge remains.'

As to the future, Mr. Whitmore wrote: 'A solemn responsibility rests upon each one of us to impart to others what has been taught us, and so do our bit towards ensuring the continuity of our art.'

The local arrangements for the day were in the hands of the Peterborough Branch secretary, Mr. G. S. Bush, and the branch committee, who were heartily thanked for all that they had done. The vote of thanks also included the incumbents of the many parishes where ringing had been going on during the day.

Owing to its geographical situation, the Peterborough Branch finds difficulty in providing bells in sufficient numbers for so large a gathering, and the good neighbourliness of the adjoining associations is demonstrated to the full by their welcome to the nearby towers. This privilege is appreciated most perhaps by those members of the Guild who live in the far south of the diocese nearly 80 miles away. With the beautiful weather of the Whitsun holiday a most enjoyable day was spent.

BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. E. F. Gibbard, who has completed 25 years as hon. secretary and treasurer of the Central Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was presented with a handsome eight-day clock in walnut case and with Westminster chimes, at the Branch annual meeting at Wingrave. This appreciation of his services came as a big surprise.

A civic reception was given by the Mayor to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow after his institution to the living of Great Yarmouth on June 21st. Speaking of the work ahead, the new Vicar said: 'Are you going to allow Christianity's most important expression in Yarmouth to be a roofless ruin very much longer?'

Although he celebrated his 90th birthday on March 27th, Mr. F. W. Cannings is still carrying on as tower master at Bathford, Somerset, a post he has held for 51 years. He took part in the first peal on the bells 50 years ago, and this week we record the anniversary peal. The first peal was conducted by Mr. John Taylor, and his son, Mr. Horace D. Taylor, conducted for the anniversary. Mr. Arthur B. Cannings, youngest son of the tower master, also took part in the peal.

One day, perhaps, someone will write the story of the contribution of the family of Morrises to the history of ringing. Mr. E. Morris (no relation to Leicester's Ernest) is the new Master of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild, and Mr. B. P. Morris the new Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

The quarter peal of Stedman Caters at Shoreditch on June 26th was remarkable in that the third struck only once on coming into rounds, as the rope broke and the bell set. Geoff Bryant was left examining the frayed rope end at the conclusion of his first and almost certainly his most exact quarter peal.

The Bolton Branch can provide a band of church officers for a peal of Caters.

A ringer at Saxmundham called at a house that had been renamed Peal Cottage, hoping that the new occupants were change ringers, only to find that the name came from their initials, P. E. and A. L.

The peal at Hingham, Norfolk, on June 8th (page 387), was a diamond wedding compliment to the parents of Mr. Alan C. Haines, and not a golden wedding compliment as stated in our columns. Every happiness to the recipients of the honour.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL AT BRISTOL

(Continued from page 410)

REPORT OF CONFERENCE WITH THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANCIENT BUILDINGS

The Standing Committee's recommendation that as this report is available as a separate booklet, it be not included in the Handbook was agreed.

LEGAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Standing Committee's recommendation that this be brought up to date as necessary and included in the Handbook was agreed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE CONSTITUTION OF COMMITTEES

(a) Standing Committee.

To consist of (i) the president, honorary secretary and treasurer, honorary librarian and conveners of committees ex-officio; (ii) twelve elected members (chosen by ballot if more than 12 names are proposed). The twelve retiring members to be the first names to be proposed. The committee to have power in the event of any other member of the Council being considered by them desirable, to co-opt not more than two members.

(b) Other Committees.

The Council should appoint the convener in the first instance, but changes may be made at any time by the committees.

The Standing Committee recommended that this be added to Rule (ii) (committees) and the following be reinstated in that Rule:—

'At the annual meeting next after a triennial election, members of any committee who have not been re-elected to the Council shall (when such committee has a report to present) have the right to attend and vote upon any motion arising exclusively out of that report.'

Notice of motion was given accordingly.

METHODS COMMITTEE REPORT ON EXTENSION

The Standing Committee's recommendation that as this report is available as a separate booklet, it be not included in the Handbook was agreed.

Mr. E. A. Barnett formally moved the adoption of the Handbook Sub-Committee's report.

Mr. F. I. Hairs seconded, and the report as amended was adopted.

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead expressed thanks to the members of the sub-committee for their wonderful work during the year. It was a tremendous job.

Mr. Barnett: I am very grateful to Mr. Lewis. He came down and spent four days with me.

THE NEXT MEETING

Mr. Harold J. Poole: On behalf of the Leicester Diocesan Guild it is a great pleasure to me to extend to the Council an invitation to come to Leicester for their next meeting. If you come there next Whitsuntide I can promise you a memorable time. We shall leave no stone unturned to see that you have a good time.

Mr. Anderson moved, and Mr. Barker seconded that the invitation be accepted, and this was agreed to.

The secretary said that he had received a letter from the Executive Council of the Irish Association inviting the Central Council to hold their 1958 meeting in Dublin.

Mr. Poole: I should be only too glad to go, but it had been said that before we go to Ireland there should be a reasonable number making the journey to make the meeting a success. The year 1958 is the first meeting of a new session.

Mr. F. E. Dukes said they were prepared to adjourn to 1959 if the Council thought so.

THE PRESIDENCY

Mr. R. S. Anderson: The first portion of the motion is one I move with the utmost regret, although I understand it is necessary. Our president has graced the chair of our meetings for many years with dignity, and the confidence of all members who have attended the Council. We, as a Council, cannot but regret most sincerely his decision not to continue in that high office. I understand his decision is irrevocable; he says he is getting old, but if that is so his appearance belies his age. We hope he will continue to give us his wise counsel even if he is not in the chair.

'It was brought home to me this morning that the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association has a very fine badge and chain of office, yet the president of our Council has no distinguishing mark. At the Standing Committee last night the question was raised of the advisability of appointing a vice-president who could step into the presidential chair. I beg to move: —

(a) That a committee be appointed to consider nominations for the position of president, and to make a recommendation.

(b) To consider and submit to the Council suitable designs for a badge of office for the president.

(c) To consider the appointment of a vice-president of the Council.

(d) To alter any rules that are necessary.

'It is suggested that the committee should be three members from the Standing Committee and three from the floor of the Council, and any suggestion for the position be sent to the Standing Committee.'

Mr. John Wallis: Was any financial limit set to a chain and badge of office? There is precious little you will get for £25.

Mr. Harold J. Poole: Having regard to the state of the balance sheet I suggest you leave it to the committee with a free hand to act.

The resolutions were carried, and Messrs. P. A. Corby, J. A. Freeman and T. J. Lock were appointed from the floor of the house to serve on the committee.

Mr. Anderson then moved a vote of thanks to the president for taking the chair at the meeting, which was carried with acclamation.

In thanking the Council, the president said they should not forget the great assistance they got from the hon. secretary. He did the bulk of the work to make the meeting a success.

The president then proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Bristol for the use of the Chapter House; to the Dean for officiating at Holy Communion that morning and his welcome later in the morning; to the Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Association for his welcome; to Mr. Skidmore and the Reception Committee for making all the local arrangements and for their hospitality; to all the incumbents of the different towers in which they were privileged to ring and to all steeplekeepers who got the bells ready for them. This was carried with acclamation.

CORRECTION

On page 378, column 2, in the discussion on Bob Triples, Caters and Cinques, Mr. C. K. Lewis is reported as saying 'if they commended these irregular methods.' The phrase should read 'if they condemned these irregular methods.'

The error is regretted.—Ed.

GREAT YARMOUTH'S NEW VICAR

Institution of the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow

THE Rev. Gilbert Thurlow was instituted by the Bishop of Norwich as Vicar of Great Yarmouth on Tuesday, June 21st. The vast congregation in St. Peter's, the acing parish church, represented all sides of the civic and religious life of the borough and county.

But, alas! There was no grand ringing of tower bells such as would mark such an occasion in almost every other place of equal or indeed lesser importance throughout the land. On June 24th, 1942, the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, the largest parish church in England, was completely gutted by incendiary bombs, and its great tower has since stood as empty as its walls. Ever since Great Yarmouth became one of England's premier seaside resorts, and long before this, its parish church was a Mecca for ringers, but such is not the case to-day.

The Institution was nevertheless marked by the presence and activity of several notable ringers. A circle of chairs in a side chapel was the meeting place, not of a bridge party (as one innocent visiting clergyman said he thought it was) but of noted ringers from near and far. These included George and Edith Fletcher, Peter Newstead, Billy Barrett (the Association Ringing Master), Edwin Goate, Percy Johnson and the new Vicar, whilst Bert Hughes and Billy Harwood, for long the East Norfolk Branch secretary, were also present.

The congregation were soon listening to Grandsire Caters on handbells, mostly plain courses rung by various of the above—the new Vicar in the first course.

This may not have been particularly spectacular, but it was historic, in that both a Vicar's institution in a 'daughter church' and change ringing in that particular church are probably without precedent. Also we all hope that the event marks a new chapter in the life of this great town, a chapter which will see St. Nicholas' rise from death to life, and which will hear its grand ring of twelve—this time perhaps thirteen, and larger and grander ones at that, than ever before, who knows?—sounding once again over town and market, land and sea.

War damage will not pay for the bells. They must be the result, now as in the past, of people's generosity. Such a ring as we deserve may cost £7,000. Towards this we have about £2,000, given by many generous people. The Norwich Diocesan Association recently diverted £20 from St. George Colegate and St. Andrew's, Norwich, at neither of which was it wanted now, to Yarmouth, with £2 in addition. Now what about YOU? Do YOU want to find East Anglia's premier health resort, which longs to entertain you with sea, sand, sun and fun, providing you with grand ringing as well? If you do, send me something towards the remaining £5,000.

We are steadily raising funds for the refurnishing of the church. At the service on St. John-the-Baptist Day, June 24th, when we gave the large collection to the same purpose, we rang handbells in the porch before and afterwards. And the new Vicar is, of course, at home to any ringers visiting Yarmouth who can catch him at his residence. G. S.

Joint Meeting at Nottingham

Many methods from Doubles to Royal were rung at a joint meeting of the Nottingham District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and the Melton District of the Leicester Guild at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on June 4th. After tea and the business meeting at St. Mary's Institute the ten at St. Peter's were raised and kept going for the evening.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAMBRIDGE WITH ONE LEAD OF PRIMROSE

Dear Sir,—With reference to the composition of 'Cambridge with one lead of Primrose,' which is published in your issue of June 24th, I hope Mr. Sedgley will not mind my saying (purely in a personal capacity) that if, as I suspect, the object of the lead of Primrose is to eliminate three leads of Cambridge which would otherwise give rise to falseness, this is a very dubious type of 'wangle' which should be condemned wholeheartedly, as indeed I am sure it will be by most people who have dabbled in composition, before it becomes an established practice.

If I am wrong about the motive I apologise to Mr. Sedgley, but if so the lead of Primrose is completely pointless.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

Crayford.

AUSTRALIAN AND HOSE

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate and thank your correspondent from Melton Mowbray upon his delightful report of the gathering of ringers at the village church of Hose, as recorded in your issue of March 11th, page 156.

He opens with the sentence. 'Not many readers of "The Ringing World" will have heard of Hose.' Well, sir, I, for one, have happy memories of ringing at this tower. As one of a new band of young ringers from Long Clawson I was accepted as a member of the old 'Framland Society' at the annual meeting which was held at Hose in those far-off days of 1908. The report of this gathering was duly recorded in 'The Bell News and Ringer's Record.'

The enthusiastic ringers who impressed this great day upon my memory included Harry Bartram, Dick Mount, Dick Smith, William Sharpe, Pearson, Ward, Squires, Kelham, Wildman, the Caunt brothers, Sam Furmidge, etc.

May this fine old church in the beautiful 'Vale of Belvoir' long continue its witness, and may the bells never lack competent and enthusiastic ringers.—Yours sincerely,

W. SMITH.

Pymble, Sydney, N.S.W.

UNRINGABLE TOWERS

Dear Sir,—So far I have listed over 250 unringable towers of five or more bells. To all those who have written, may I express my sincere thanks.

I require, however, information regarding the following counties: Berks, Beds, Bucks, Cheshire, Derbys, Durham, Herefords, Herts, Hants, Lancs, North Lincs, Norfolk, Northumberland, Notts, Oxon, Suffolk and Yorks. As I intend to turn this information over to the Central Council, I would be grateful if help could be given with regard to the above.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST J. ROWE.

3, Avenue Road, Tottenham, N.15.

PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Dear Sir,—Might I be allowed to ask for the co-operation of ringers who also have interests in photography? I am trying to collect photographs of all churches and towers containing four or more bells hung for ringing, whether at present ringable or not. I only require black and white 'contact' prints, size 2¼ by 3¼ inches only. Any spare or old photos fulfilling the above conditions will be gratefully received and acknowledged by the undersigned.—Yours, etc.,

CLIVE M. SMITH.

Fosseway, Talbot Avenue, Streetly,
Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks.

A THATCHED TOWER

Dear Sir,—Years ago I lived opposite the Church of St. Mary, Thornham Parva, near Eye, Suffolk. The church is thatched and the tower is also thatched. This, to my mind, is somewhat unique, and I should like to know of any other thatched tower or steeple.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

'MY GREATEST PLEASURE AND GREATEST DISAPPOINTMENT'

Mr. W. Frank Stenson, of Crewe, regards his attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of Lincoln Cathedral on June 25th as his greatest pleasure and greatest disappointment. The attempt was made by a band who had waited five years for the attempt.

Mr. Stenson writes:— After a rather indifferent start of 20 minutes the bells were set; a fresh and better start was made, but after 2 hours and 15 minutes of good ringing—with the peal 'in the bag,' as they say—Mr. Henry O. Baker, of Chester, became unwell, and the conductor, Mr. Howard Howell, Walsall, had no alternative but to set the bells. This was a great disappointment to all the band.

Also taking part in addition to those mentioned were Barnabas Key and Mrs. Dorothy Gardiner (Burton-on-Trent), Ralph Edwards and Rodney Meadows (Birmingham), Ernest Stitch and William Davies (Walsall), John Bibby (Frodsham), Richard D. Langford, George A. Packer and W. Frank Stenson (Crewe).

We ringers had not only the pleasure of hearing but of ringing the bells bearing the inscription: 'America-England — one voice one mind,' which were referred to by Mr. Myrom Ackerman when replying to the toast of 'Anglo-American Relations' at Crewe Corporation Mayoral Dinner.

These front four bells were added in 1928 as a memorial to the ringers of the Lincoln Diocese who fell in the Great War, and the subscription list was completed by an unknown American.

Lincoln Cathedral is the only one in England which has a Ringers' Chapel.

Our grateful thanks to the Dean and Mr. John A. Freeman, Ringing Master, for a great privilege and pleasure, if a disappointed one.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District at Howden

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Howden on June 25th and was attended by 35 members representing 15 towers. An excellent tea was served in the Shire Hall and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president (Mr. A. E. Sellers), who asked the members to stand in memory of Mr. R. B. Smith, a local ringer for over 50 years and who was for many years a member of the General Committee of the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. S. H. Steel was re-elected Ringing Master and Mr. L. M. Woodhead was elected on the General Committee, and Messrs. A. B. Cook, J. J. Taylor and H. Walker on the District Committee. Goole was selected as the place for the next meeting in September. Mr. F. W. Dale expressed a wish to resign from the committee, but was persuaded to carry on for another year, in order that he could complete 30 years on the General Committee.

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Taylor, of Goole, and the members sent a message of sympathy to Mrs. Taylor wishing her a speedy recovery from her illness. The usual votes of thanks concluded a very successful meeting.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Summer Meeting at Abbotsbury

The Dorchester branch held their summer meeting at Abbotsbury on Saturday, June 25th.

The six bells of St. Nicholas' Church were rung for an hour before the Guild service at 4 p.m., which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft, who, after welcoming the ringers, gave an interesting address on the evolution of bells from very early times up to the present, mentioning especially the tuning, which, he said, symbolised the Christian faith, being accomplished from the inside, namely, 'Give me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.'

Tea was served in the garden of No. 4, West Street, and the business meeting followed, conducted, in the absence of the chairman, by the Rev. S. P. Rowcroft.

The membership of Mr. J. Kape, elected prior to ringing a peal recently, was ratified. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Preston in August, and the following rota of practices was agreed to:—Milton Abbey, July 2nd; Sydling, July 16th; Maiden Newton, July 30th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, August 13th; and Bere Regis, August 27th (all subject to permission).

Ringing continued until 9 p.m. under the direction of Mr. F. Precey, Ringing Master of the Branch, and his deputies, Mr. F. Stedman and Mr. H. J. Ford, methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

Towers represented were Abbotsbury, Buckland Newton, Charminster, St. Peter's, Dorchester, Preston, Wool, Wyke Regis and Yetminster with a visitor from Bishopstone, near Southampton.

J. H. H.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Half-yearly and quarterly postal subscribers are reminded that subscriptions are overdue. Please send without delay to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall. Rates: quarterly 7/–, six months 13/6.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

North Herts District

In brilliant sunshine a meeting was held at King's Walden on June 25th. After some group photographs had been taken, the service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. Cheetham.

At the business meeting, after a good tea, it was decided that the next District meeting should be in August, with the special method Thelwall Delight and the Ringing Master Mr. M. Orme. The July meeting would be a joint one with the Eastern District at Aspenden on July 9th.

Ringing continued with methods ranging from rounds to the special method, Wearmouth Surprise.

J. S.

Eastern District

A bell-shaped cake was a feature of the tea provided for 27 ringers representing 14 towers at the meeting of the Eastern District at Great Hormead on June 14th. Ringing on the six bells (tenor 13 cwt.) included Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Double Court Bob Minor.

Mr. A. S. Carter presided at the business meeting, when Messrs. B. Smith, B. Jones, P. Glazebrook and D. Smith, of the Braughing band, were elected ringing members. The next meeting is on July 9th at Aspenden.

RINGING WEEK-END AT THAXTED

A most successful ringing week-end was held at Clarence House, Thaxted, Essex, under the auspices of the Further Education department of the Essex County Council, arranged by the Essex Association of Change Ringers.

The members of the course gathered from Essex and the surrounding counties on Friday evening, all arriving in time for supper at 8.30 p.m. There being no set work for Friday evening, various items of entertainment and sport were enjoyed. The two pianos in the lounge were put into service and the talent of the members was soon unleashed. The hand-bells were brought into use and the members ringing in a rather unorthodox manner caused more fun than they produced good ringing. As the hour of midnight approached and the prospects of a full day to come, the party broke up and retired to bed.

Breakfast at 8.45 appeared to be rather early for some, but needless to say all were ready for the Ringing Experts when they arrived at 10 a.m. There, complete with blackboard and chalk, the general secretary of the Essex Association (Mr. Frank Gant) proceeded to expound the theory of Method Construction—how they could be set out and memorised. Writing pads were provided so that everyone could try their luck, needless to say there were no marks awarded to those who were good and no cane for those who made many mistakes. After an hour of this rather hectic brainwork, coffee and biscuits were served to revive and sustain both the lecturer and student. Following this short break Mr. David Beard gave a very interesting lecture with blackboard illustration on conducting and proof of touches. This proved to be a subject which brought forth many questions and much discussion. Here again notes were taken for future reference, a suggestion being made that the lecturer's notes should be printed and circulated to all concerned.

The students were joined by other ringers, who came for the day, and lunch proved to be a very jolly meal. Needless to say, the merits or otherwise of bells and peals came forward for discussion—members expressing their views in no uncertain manner.

MR. PAUL TAYLOR LECTURES

After lunch the scene was set for the next lecture. Three different types of projector were tried before the illustrated lecture could commence. Mr. Paul Taylor, of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., started by showing illustrations and explaining the merits of the very early bells, and, with the aid of an excellent range of slides, conducted the members through all the stages of a bell foundry up to the present day. He then spoke about the methods of hanging, the principles which must be complied with, the forces to which towers and frames are subjected, and all the many things which assist to make ringing a pleasure to those who ring, and a joy to those who from choice or necessity listen. The lecturer had to answer a great many questions and proved his skill both in the way that he dealt with the questioners and the questions. He had a wealth of experience and a mine of knowledge stretching back many generations to draw his replies from.

Following tea, the bells of Thaxted Parish Church were placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicar, the Rev. Jack Putterill, and methods up to London Surprise Major were rung. The bells with their lovely friezes were inspected, and photos of the Dancing and Fellowship bells were taken.

Sunday started with the ringing of the bells prior to the Communion service, and in spite of the very heavy rain a good number of parishioners turned out to join the ringers at the early morning service. Later in the day many people expressed their pleasure at hearing the bells so early.

RINGING AT SAFFRON WALDEN

After breakfast a number of the party visited Saffron Walden to have a pull on the fine ring of twelve, whilst others rang for the service, and some more bold than the rest took up positions in the choir to sing the service to a real Thaxted Setting of the Mass. After the service more touches in various methods were rung and then our two organist members were invited to try their skill on the organs of the Parish Church, one a great organ with many years of service and no doubt a great deal of tradition behind its many stops, the other a splendid choir organ which has the pipes of a fairly old organ with the electric action and heart of a modern instrument. Needless to say they both acquitted themselves well, proving that ringers have abilities in other ways.

After lunch the course again resumed, when Mr. Leonard E. Last gave a lecture on the growth of the Parish Church, commencing with very early geological history to explain the reasons for the positions of first the village and then the church. Starting with the Early Saxon churches, he spoke about their structure and limitation owing to the nature of the materials available. The lecturer pursued his subject through the various stages of architecture and design, he gave the reasons for the enlargement of the churches, coming right up to the great pro-cathedrals of the present day. Towers and the fittings they contain were very much to the fore in the minds of the lecturer and his hearers.

At tea the organiser thanked the lecturers for their help and support, and on behalf of all present their host, Mrs. M. Jones, for the way they had been received and treated during what had proved to be a very happy, pleasant and instructive week-end. All agreed that the course had been a great success and requested the organiser to make certain that representations were made to the authorities for their permission to hold another week-end course next year.

MEMORIAL TO CANON COLERIDGE

On the evening of the patronal festival, St. John-the-Baptist's Day, June 24th, the long talked of memorial to Canon G. F. Coleridge was dedicated in Crowthorne Church, where the Canon was Vicar for 52 years.

The form of the memorial was the beautifying of the sanctuary by the provision of a new altar, frontal and linen, light colouring of the east wall to give better lighting effect, and a tablet set in the south wall telling future generations that the work was to the glory of God, the enrichment of His house and to the memory of a great vicar.

Bishop A. G. Parham, former Bishop of Reading, performed the ceremony in the presence of a large gathering of parishioners and friends. The Bishop, after explaining the object of the memorial, said it was to the memory of a truly remarkable man. He spoke of Canon Coleridge as he knew him in his own lifetime; his commanding stature, his devoted work as a parish priest, his other activities in life, particularly as a ringer, one time Master and always a stalwart of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

Bishop Parham also referred to the Canon's personal qualities, such as his outspoken criticism when needed, his insistence on only the best for God's service, and his simple, human kindness.

Among ringers present were Miss Marie Cross, Mr. W. J. Paice and his son, Mr. L. W. Paice, and Mr W. H. J. Parker, of Sandhurst.

W. J. P.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Annual Meeting at Lichfield

IN spite of the cold wind, the presence of the sun was sufficient to attract the usual attendance at the annual meeting of the Stafford Archdeaconry Society at Lichfield on June 15th, approximately 100 members and friends sitting down to tea.

The Society's president, Canon W. A. Parker, was officiating at a Missionary Festival at Burton-on-Trent, and the chair was taken by the clerical secretary, the Rev. C. H. Barker, this being his 40th year in that office. Apologies were also received from Mr. B. G. Key, in charge of the ringing at the Burton festival, and Mr. H. Knight. It was also unfortunate that the lay secretary, Mr. F. Bennett, was unable to be present owing to an engagement at Hereford Cathedral, and he sent his apologies, too.

The business meeting might well go down as the shortest on record, not one controversial item being raised. General satisfaction was expressed that, in spite of higher printing costs, the balance in hand at the end of the financial year had increased by just over £2.

The Society's officers were re-elected with the exception of the Ringing Master, the only nomination for this position being that of Mr G. W. Hughes, of Walsall. The retiring Ringing Master, Mr. J. D. Holden, in a short comment on the comparatively low peal total of 34, stressed the relatively greater importance of Sunday service ringing, and also pointed out that this was being maintained with the help of the many young people who were joining the Society.

No report by the Central Council representatives was available owing firstly to the inability of Mr. C. Wallater to go to Bristol because of the railway strike, and secondly to the absence from the meeting of Mr. B. G. Key. The next meeting is to be held jointly with the Shropshire Association and the Hereford Diocesan Guild at Walsall on July 9th, and the annual dinner was fixed for November 12th.

Twenty-two new members (among them nine ladies) were elected, and the meeting closed with the thanks offered by the chairman to Prebendary Creswell for taking the service at St. Mary's, and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

All three of the city towers were open for ringing and members were particularly gratified in that the Cathedral bells were available for a longer period than was formerly the case.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Joyce Seabrook 1, Madeleine Chapple 2, Dr. F. S. Poole 3, D. K. Adkins 4, J. E. F. Earley 5, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 6. Rung for the dedication of a peal board commemorating the first peal ever rung (in 1947) by doctors only.

ASH, SOMERSET.—On June 17th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Stedman, 660 Grandsire): Mrs. C. Boyce 1, W. H. Poole 2, R. P. Selway (cond.) 3, A. W. Dyer 4, W. G. Turk 5, D. M. Belben (first quarter) 6. Rung as a compliment to the daughter of the 6th.

BEDWELLTY, MON.—On June 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Heather Evans 1, Jean Powell 2, Mrs. A. R. Price 3, B. Thomas (first 'inside') 4, G. Williams 5, A. R. Price (cond.) 6. A compliment to Miss Heather Evans and Mr. R. Fisher on the occasion of their engagement.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On June 7th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ashby (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Huddleston 2, J. B. Ibbotson 3, J. Porter 4, J. A. Parker 5, H. Parker (cond.) 6, H. Holland (first quarter) 7. A compliment to Churchwarden and Mrs. Nightingale on their golden wedding anniversary.

BRISTOL.—On June 26th, at the Church of St. Werburgh, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. W. Price 1, T. K. Price (first as cond.) 2, A. J. True 3, W. H. Payne 4, L. H. Clash 5, S. G. Riches 6. Rung for morning service.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: K. Perkins 1, Miss K. Ballard (first 'inside') 2, Miss B. Mansfield 3, M. Saunders 4, W. A. Yates (cond.) 5, G. Shellard 6.

CROSTHWAITE, KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On June 25th, for the diocesan lay readers' service at St. Kentigern's Church, two quarter peals (1,260 Stedman and 1,344 Grandsire Triples), the band receiving the acknowledgments of the Lord Bishop of Carlisle. The conducting and positions were shared between J. W. Brownrigg, F. Barnes, G. Tembey and S. Richardson of the Cumberland Association, and A. Capstick, R. Shuttleworth, J. Bagnall and J. E. Burles of the Lancashires (first of Stedman for J. Bagnall).

CUCKNEY, NOTTS.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss M. Johnson 1, H. Smart 2, Miss B. Payne 3, G. Simons 4, A. Hill (cond.) 5, J. Eastland 6. For evening service.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On June 16th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Brightman 1, S. E. Bennett 2, E. Brittain 3, J. E. Ames 4, M. Bennett 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of John W. Clubley and Bettina A. Duffy.

DERBY.—On June 12th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Bailey (cond.) 1, Kathleen Walsh (first quarter) 2, Mary Hobbs 3, A. Mould 4, B. Barker 5, W. Lancaster 6, W. Steen 7. Rung for Evensong after meeting short for Major.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On June 19th, 1,280 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: A. G. Harrison 1, Betty Syrett 2, J. B. Morley (cond.) 3, C. F. W. Phillippo 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, F. C. Roper 6, A. E. Cook 7, T. C. Ford 8. First of Kent and Oxford by all except the 5th. Rung for morning service.

EASTRY, KENT.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 1, F. W. Lawrence 2, J. Penfold 3, J. M. Stephens 4, P. J. Rye (cond.) 5. A silver wedding compliment to W. Terry, a ringer at this church.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Daynes 1, D. Holland (first in method) 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, W. Prockson 4, B. Aldridge 5, F. Hurrell (first in method) 6, E. B. Crowder (first as cond.) 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung for Confirmation service; also a 77th birthday compliment to J. Hurrell.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On June 18th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Peters 1, J. W. Euston 2, A. E. Cheesman 3, N. Hobden 4, A. E. Hartley (first in method) 5, S. Kimber 6, A. J. Adams (cond.) 7, E. G. Talbot 8.

FLOOKBURGH, LANCS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Dixon 1, N. M. Newby (cond.) 2, C. H. Ford 3, R. Suart 4, J. Dickinson 5, A. Edgar 6. Rung for the opening of the ancient charter fair, which has been revived as a church effort.

QUARTER PEALS

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On June 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: June Egglestone 1, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 2, C. Wilson 3, F. Abrey 4, P. Wilsher 5, H. Wright 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who is joining H.M. Forces.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.—On June 20th, 1,264 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: D. Andrews 1, A. G. Button 2, G. W. Moss 3, A. E. Honeywood 4, G. N. Orman 5, R. Duesbury 6, F. H. Erith 7, A. R. Andrews (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1, 2, 4 and 7.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen Bracey 1, J. Sansom 2, P. Bettridge 3, Eileen Ricketts 4, J. Moore 5, W. Lewis 6, B. Rose (cond.) 7, W. Webb 8. Rung for morning service. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Newnes 1, J. Sansom 2, P. Bettridge 3, Eileen Ricketts 4, C. Wratten 5, W. Webb 6, B. Rose (cond.) 7, J. Ricketts 8. For evening service.

HIGH HAM, SOMERSET.—On June 24th, 1,260 Doubles (120 each of Union, Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, St. Simon's, April Day and Plain Bob, 240 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 of Grandsire): M. Stone 1, D. Sweet (first in 8 methods) 2, R. D. Short 3, C. Clarke 5, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first on the bells, which are one of the heaviest 'fives' in the county.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX. — On June 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Rankin (first quarter) 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Carrott 4, D. Beard (cond.) 5, A. House 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8.

HULME, LANCS.—On June 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Pat Adams 1, E. Margaret Mitchell 2, Derek Taylor 3, Trevor Taylor 4, G. Fearnehough 5, P. E. Parry (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1 and 5.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.—On June 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: B. Lowe 1, G. W. Jeffs 2, R. Chapman 3, T. Jervis 4, D. Edwards 5, L. Witten (first as cond.) 6. First quarter by 1 and 5.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Stedman and 240 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob, April Day and Grandsire): T. Smith 1, D. L. Hooper 2, W. Davies 3, W. C. Rhodes 4, G. H. Lane (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Rev. N. P. Frost, Vicar for 14 years.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. S. Pring (first quarter) 1, A. Lucas (first quarter) 2, F. T. Locke 3, W. Masters 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, P. H. Hallett 6. For Evensong on the 10th anniversary of United Nations.

LEIGHTON, MONTGOMERYSHIRE.—On June 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Gordon 1, S. Davies 2, A. Davies 3, C. Williams 4, G. Simister (cond.) 5, N. Davies 6. First of Grandsire Doubles by all the band.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Poole 1, F. Farrant 2, F. A. Strickland 3, R. P. Selway (first of Triples as cond.) 4, D. M. Belden (first of Triples) 5, A. W. Dyer 6, W. G. Turk (first of Triples 'inside') 7, R. Boyce 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Garrett and Mr. Male.

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On June 20th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Minor: E. Bawden 1, M. Stone 2, D. Miller 3, W. Stevens 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, C. Clarke 6. First in the method by 1 and 4. First in the method on the bells.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On June 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Powell 1, Mrs. R. Quint 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, M. Horseman 4, C. Kortright 5, H. Hardwidge 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Prebendary J. H. Powell, late Vicar of Christ Church, Nailsea, interred this day.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. T. J. Lock 1, T. J. Lock 2, Miss M. Lawrence 3, J. E. Lofty 4, J. R. Lofty 5, P. J. Coles 6, G. A. Spencer (first in method as cond.) 7, A. R. Sherlock 8. First in the method for 3, 4, 5 and 6.

OXFORD.—On June 19th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Spliced Minor (540 Plain Bob, 360 each Double Bob and St. Clement's, with 14 changes of method): Miss P. J. Holborn (first on tower bells) 1, G. F. Jenkins 2, D. A. Edwards 3, D. Hodgson 4, P. R. Sanders 5, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 6.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On June 4th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: A. Snape 1, Margaret Hall 2, I. Jenkins 3, S. Hough, jun., 4, S. Sage 5, N. Lomas (cond.) 6.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Whitemore 1, K. Cobb 2, J. Pocock 3, R. W. Treasure 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, R. Bailey 6. Rung before the evening service as a farewell to the tenor ringer on leaving to take up his National Service in Sussex.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On June 26th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, J. Bryant 2, G. Bryant 3, R. F. Deal 4, W. F. Ring 5, G. Mackay 6, T. H. Francis 7, A. R. Ling (cond.) 8, A. J. House 9, A. E. Thirst 10. First of Stedman Caters for 2 and 3.

STRETHAM, CAMBS.—On June 17th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: A. Sturgeon (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Barber (first 'inside') 2, S. Shipp (cond.) 3, H. Sharp 4, D. Knights 5, A. Yarrow 6. Also on June 24th, 1,272 Plain Bob Minor: A. Sturgeon 1, Miss R. Garner (first quarter) 2, S. Shipp (cond.) 3, H. Sharp 4, D. Knights 5, A. Yarrow 6.

SUTTON-ON TRENT, NOTTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: D. Hough 1, M. Gartside 2, Betty Castle 3, Katharine Burchnall 4, Grace Burchnall 5, A. Wilson (first as cond.) 6, R. Mumford 7. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for Evensong.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.—On June 18th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. W. Forder 1, J. B. Morley 2, S. W. Copling 3, K. G. Brown 4, L. S. Sharpe 5, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 6. First in method for 2, 4 and 5.

TOWCESTER, NORTHANTS—On June 13th, 2,880 Plain Bob Minor: S. Bath 1, H. Cashmore 2, J. Garlick 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, S. Burt 5, V. Burt 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lord Hesketh, of Easton Neston, aged 39.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—On June 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. K. Whetherly 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, T. J. Milsom 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, R. S. N. Brown 6. Rung for Evensong prior to the bells being rehung.

WALMER, KENT.—On June 19th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: E. Dixon 1, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 2, F. B. Lufkin (cond.) 3, W. Terry 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, J. M. Stephens 6, F. A. Rye 7, B. J. Howard 8. Rung for Evensong and as a silver wedding compliment to the ringer of 4. Also on June 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 1, Miss A. Vine 2, D. Gray (first of Stedman) 3, P. J. Rye 4, F. W. Lawrence 5, P. Westwood 6, J. M. Stephens 7, J. Walker 8.

WALTHAM-ON-THE-WOLDS, LEICS.—On June 18th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): J. Phillip Eastland 1, Doreen Armstrong 2, R. Manton 3, F. Bradley 4, G. Hancock (first as cond. on six bells) 5, T. Wilfred Riley 6.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On June 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Thompson 1, Pamela J. E. Lumbers 2, Doris M. Barker (first 'inside') 3, L. Toseland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5.

WEST HAM, E.—On June 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: J. McPhail 1, Miss C. M. Ford 2, Miss M. Hawksley 3, S. T. Ford 4, L. Battley 5, J. Barrance (first in method of Major) 6, J. Hales 7, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 8. Rung for Evensong.

WHITSTONE, CORNWALL.—On June 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Vinnicombe 1, H. Stacey 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, S. Littlejohns 4, H. Heard 5, S. Stacey 6. Rung after Evensong.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. N. Wood 1, F. C. Case 2, T. E. Roberts 3, H. Ridgway 4, W. A. Yates 5, R. Keeley 6, G. E. Green (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. Rung for evening service. Also on June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss K. Ballard (first of Triples) 1, G. E. Green 2, H. Ridgway 3, F. C. Case 4, W. A. Yates 5, G. W. Holland 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On June 19th, 1,344 Stedman Triples: I. McUan 1, Miss B. Smedley 2, A. Pendlebury 3, R. Allred 4, F. Grundy 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, C. Gudgeon (cond.) 7, I. Bentley 8. Rung for Evensong.

WYKE REGIS, DORSET.—On June 12th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Hart 1, G. Abbott 3, F. Crudge 4, W. Chapman 5, J. W. Rose (cond.) 6, F. Stedman 7, J. Rose 8. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. Heap, sister of the conductor, and associate member of the Salisbury Guild.

OBITUARY

MR. H. E. HAMMOND

A life member of the Essex Association, Mr. H. E. Hammond, died on June 22nd at the home of his daughter in Birmingham, aged 89 years.

He had a wonderful record of service to St. Michael's Church, Braintree. Not only was he a ringer for over 60 years, but he had a similar period of long service to the choir, and was a very keen musician. His pleasing personality and abilities as a ringer and good striker won for him the admiration of many friends. He rang several peals, including Surprise Major, and it was not until he had passed 80 that he ceased Sunday ringing.

The funeral service was at Braintree on June 28th. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Miss H. Snowden, Messrs. A. Catterwell, L. W. Wiffen and E. Jennings. To his memory 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major with the bells half-muffled was rung on Braintree bells in the evening by the following local band: S. Warne 1, Mrs. Jarvis 2, R. Lindsell 3, C. Barker 4, H. G. Felton 5, H. Reason 6, L. W. Wiffen (cond.) 7, A. Wiffen 8.

SURPRISE AT LAND'S END

It was a case from East to extreme West when five of the local Danbury, Essex, band visited Cornwall for a holiday, and by enlisting the help of the rural Dean of Penwite Sennen, rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Sennen, the church at Land's End. Surprise has now been rung as far west as possible in Englank First to congratulate the band with the words 'Jolly good' was the Rector, the Rev. C. R. Coate, who appeared in the tower immediately the ringing stopped, looking far more overcome by the heat of this delightful June evening than the peal band. He had spent most of the time the peal was being rung cutting grass in the churchyard, and on guard with a pair of shears.

The visitors mingled more ringing with their holiday at Landewednack, Zennor, St. Mary's, Penzance, Crantock and Towednack. At the last-named it was a peal of Bob Major with help from Kenwyn, and at other towers help was also given by changeringers in the district.

St. Andrew's, Rugby

The octave in the new tower of St. Andrew's Church, Rugby, were rung on June 19th for the first time since their restoration. The bell frame has been lowered approximately 16 feet in the tower, and all the bells are now mounted on ball bearings.

A special service was held on June 19th, when the Archdeacon of Oakham (the Ven. E. N. Millard) blessed the work that had been carried out.

The majority of the money for these alterations was provided by Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Hudson as a memorial to their parents.

Kent County Association

Good use was made of the light ring of eight at Gillingham Parish Church for a by-meeting of the Rochester District on June 18th. The Rev. J. R. John gave a most enjoyable sermon at the service.

Local ringers kindly provided tea and they and the Vicar were thanked by Mr. S. Rayfield. Ringing was continued in the evening in various methods.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival at Bishop's Palace

The Annual Festival of the Guild took place at the Bishop's Palace, Abergwili, Carmarthen, on June 25th. Before proceeding to the Palace members congregated at St. Peter's Church, Carmarthen, where the bells of St. Peter's were at their disposal from 2 to 3 p.m.

On arriving at the Palace, the secretary, Mr. Chris Hawkins, was graciously received by the Bishop and, after a preliminary talk, the Bishop walked around the grounds of the Palace, greeting the members as he met them and telling them of the history and the places of interest in and around the Palace grounds.

At 3.30 p.m. a service was held in the Palace Chapel, at which the Bishop officiated. The lesson was read by Mr. Graham A. Edwards, of Llanelly, and the organ was played by Mr. Williams, of Llanstephan, both of whom are members of the Guild. After the service the members were entertained to tea in the Palace grounds.

The business meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Palace, at which the Bishop presidcd. Before starting the meeting a tribute of respect was paid to Mr. George Morris, of Llanstephan, and Mr. E. Hurren, of Llanelly, both members of the Guild, who had passed away since the last meeting.

The usual touch on the handbells was given by Mr. Slaney, Mr. Scudamore, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. W. J. Harris.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read by the secretary, and a statement of accounts was given by Mr. W. P. E. Sage, the treasurer, both of which were adopted.

A report of the Central Council meeting was read by Mr. Chris Hawkins, who apologised for the unavoidable absence of Mr. A. Hoare, who was attending the meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. H. Jenkins, of Tenby, the honour of being Master of the Guild was bestowed upon Mr. E. J. Thomas, of Carmarthen. The office of Ringing Master fell to Mr. Gwyn Francis, of Llanelly. The secretary, treasurer and auditor were re-elected.

It was agreed to hold the 1956 competition at Llanbadarn Fawr.

A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £2 3s. The secretary, Mr. Chris Hawkins, then spoke about the bells of the diocese. He stated that unless something was done in the near future he feared that many of the rings of bells would be silent. He appealed to the ringers to approach their Vicars and Parochial Councils to get their bells rehung and overhauled before they became unringable.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Lord Bishop for having the Guild at the Palace for their annual meeting. Also to Mrs. Havard and her helpers who provided tea. The Bishop responded suitably and the ringers then returned to St. Peter's Church to finish off a very enjoyable and memorable day.

OUTING

GUILDFORD, SURREY

Accompanied by friends who have at various times assisted at the tower, Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, enjoyed their outing on June 11th in the Thames Valley.

Ringing took place at Wargrave, Dorchester Abbey (where the neglected state of the belfry was regretted), Abingdon (for a wedding), Appleton (where a new bell frame for Warborough was an object of interest) and Wantage, where Mr. Frederick Sharpe joined the party for tea. The arrangements were made by Mr. T. M. White and Mr. F. A. Munday (tower captain).

NOTICES

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BIRTH

COLERIDGE. — On June 29th. 1955, to Denise (nee Pryer), wife of the Rev. Nicholas F. D. Coleridge, of Ridgeway Cottage, 27, Ridge Hill, Dartmouth, Devon, a son. 6617

HANDBELLS WANTED

A GOOD SECONDHAND set of handbells wanted, suitable for tunes and change-ringing. Send full details to J. M. Tesh, Tunstall House, Tunstall Cross, Wombwell, near Barnsley, Yorkshire. 6612

MISCELLANEOUS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—There will be no ringing practice at St. Michael's Church on Fridays the 15th and 22nd July, 1955. 6625

BLACK LIST.—Burnham, Bucks, creates a new record. No outing parties, no peal ringing, no outside help (this to include Sunday services) until after the inquest, when the corpse hopes to come to life again with the same welcome as in the past twenty-five years. God bless you all. Not quite 'In memoriam.'—George Gilbert—sole address, Burnham, Bucks. 6615

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The bells of St. Mary's, Warwick, will be available for practice on the second Wednesday of each month commencing Wednesday, July 13th, at 7.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. All Guild members welcome. 6633

PIPE'S PILGRIMS' tour of Cheshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire, July 31st to August 6th inclusive. There are four vacant seats.—Applications to C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk. 6620

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Hinton Blewitt, Saturday, July 9th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Litton bells available in the evening. — E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 6609

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Maresfield (8), July 9th. Names to R. Bennett, The Limes, Maresfield, Uckfield.—C. A. Bassett. 6569

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge and Huntingdon Districts.—A joint meeting at Bourn, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, H. S. Peacock, Dis. Secs. 6588

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Terrington St. Clement, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Tea provided.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6602

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Frensham (6) on Saturday, July 9th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6562

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Shere, Saturday, July 9th. Bells available 3 p.m. 6590

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern and Eastern Districts.—Joint meeting, Aspenden, July 9th, 3 p.m.—T. J. Southam and E. G. Buck, Dis. Secs. 6540

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — Flamstead (6), July 9th. —R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 6575

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, July 9th, at Boxley. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. 6546

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Stanmore on Saturday July 9th at 3 p.m. Service at 5.15 p.m. with tea and business to follow. Bus 114 passes by; Underground Station and bus 142 nearby.—T. J. Lock. 6586

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Quarterly meeting, King's Somborne, Saturday, July 9th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Martin's Cafe, Romsey Road. 6557

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Combined practice at Nutfield (6) on Monday, July 11th, from 7-9 p.m. All welcome. 6572

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE. — Next combined practice, Tuesday, July 12th, 7.30 p.m. 6613

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, July 13th, 6.30-8 p.m. 100 per cent. attendance, please. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6622

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, South Kirkby, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify me not later than July 11th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 6599

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Quarterly meeting, Tickenham, July 16th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock at Oakroom Cafe, Clevedon.— Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6624

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch.—Meeting, Croscombe, Saturday, July 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Notify for tea by Tuesday, 12th.—W. Marsh, Dovecotes, Street. 6627

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly meeting, Rugby, July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 followed by tea and business meeting.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. 6582

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Creswell (8), Saturday, July 16th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Barlow, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop. (Please note change of date.) 6628

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Warboys (6), Saturday, July 16th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6618

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western.— Quarterly meeting, Ingrave, July 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Crouchman, Frieze Hall Cottages, South Weald, near Brentwood. Brentwood bells (8) will be available in the evening. 6565

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cirencester Branch. — Long Newnton (6), July 16th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea, Tetbury, 5.15. Tetbury bells (8) 6 p.m. Bus: Tetbury to Long Newnton 3.5, returns 4.55.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 6635

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.— Meeting, Benenden (8), Saturday, July 16th, 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by July 13th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 6605

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.— St. Albans District.—Meeting, Essendon, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. — S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 6634

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Margate, Saturday, July 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15 followed by tea and meeting. Tea is by kind invitation, and names must reach Mr. A. J. Dadds, 130, Byron Avenue, Margate, not later than Monday, July 11th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6563

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—Meeting at Churchtown on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) 3.15 p.m.—J. H. Foster. 6611

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.— Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Healey, Rochdale, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea.—F. Pritchard. 6632

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, July 16th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. No. 41 or 42 bus to Brighton Grove. All welcome.—R. Benson. 6331

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Hawkshead on Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to R. Shuttleworth, Fieldhead, Hawkshead, near Ambleside.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6630

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly general meeting at Bottesford on July 16th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, by Monday, July 11th, please, to Mr. W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec., Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 6574

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Edenham (8), July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at Five Bells Inn 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, July 12th, to J. W. Haw, 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. 6603

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting at Twickenham on Saturday, July 16th. Ringing at St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. followed by tea. Ringing at All Hallows' (10) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Miss J. Watkins, 15, Bell Lane, Twickenham.— J. D. Rock, Hon. Sec. 6616

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.— Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Winterton, Saturday, July 16th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who send names or numbers, by Wednesday, July 13th, to Mr. R. Woodhouse, Clink Road, Winterton, Norfolk.—P. Newstead, Branch Sec. 6596

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual meeting and festival, Oxford, Saturday, July 16th (D.V.). Service, Cathedral, 11 a.m.; preacher, The Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of Oxford. Meeting, Chapter House, 12 noon. Luncheon, Dining Hall, 1.30. Tickets 5s. 6d. from A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough, Bucks. Choristers please contact Mr. F. Sharpe, Derwen, Launton, Bicester, Oxon. Towers and times of ringing to be given out at luncheon.—W. Hibbert, Gen. Sec. 6478

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Weldon (6), Saturday, July 16th. Service 4.15. Names for tea by Tuesday. Special methods: Surfleet and Beverley Surprise. Ordinary methods equally, so do not stay away. — H. Baxter, Charles Street, Rothwell, Northants. 6604

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nassington (5), July 16th. Bells 3 p.m. It is requested that those requiring tea **please** notify Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle, at latest, Tuesday previous. 6607

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Dinton, July 16th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Chilmark available after tea. Names for tea, by Wednesday, 13th, latest, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 6587

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Corscombe, July 16th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please.—Barrett, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 6623

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.— Meeting at Lakenheath Saturday, July 16th. 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Bell Hotel.—E. M. Peckett, Dis. Sec. 6597

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting at Grundisburgh, July 16th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Special half-hour for ladies only. Tea only if notified three days previous. — C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 6619

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (Leatherhead District)—Joint meeting at Buckland and Betchworth, July 16th. Bells available: Buckland (6) 3-4.30; Betchworth (8) 6.30-9. Service at Buckland 4.30. Tea at Red Lion 5.30. Names for tea, by July 12th, to C. J. Champion, 1, Rectory Lane, Buckland, Betchworth. 6571

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Aldrington, July 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 13th, to C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 6610

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Quarterly meeting at Farningham, Saturday, July 23rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Monday, 18th, to A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere. 6621

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL'S SOCIETY. — Meeting at Yalding, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea, by Tuesday, July 19th, please, to Pamela Butcher, Herne Pound, Butcher's Lane, Mereworth. 6626

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.— Quarterly meeting on Saturday, July 23rd. At Hemingham (5), ringing 3-5 p.m. At Huntingfield (5), tea 5; service 6; followed by ringing. Names for tea, by July 20th, to Mr. R. C. Payne, 2, Hotson Road, Southwold. 6576

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner, October 15th, 1955, at Picture Room, Shirehall, Chelmsford. Further details later. Room unavailable October 8th.—F. V. G. 6608

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SINGLE-HANDED HANDBELL PEALS

By C. W. WOOLLEY

AS proposer of the amendment at Bristol by which single-handed handbell peals are now recognised, I think I should endeavour to answer the points raised by Mr. Harry Poyner (July 1st).

This matter had been considered by the Council a few years ago when a more restrictive rule was proposed. This was rejected, the argument being that after two world wars there might well be some disabled ringers for whom this might be the only means of peal ringing. Since this view was accepted then, it seemed only logical to rescind a decision that such performances should be 'discountenanced.' The Council cannot therefore have been altogether so surprised when this matter came up again at Bristol; and the decision in question had been published previously in 'The Ringing World,' together with others for ratification or amendment.

Double-handed ringing has never been widely practised, and now, to judge by the peal reports, is very much on the decline. It has even been stated that it may die out altogether. I am the last person to wish to see this happen. I believe that the former decision to discountenance single-handed performances was taken with the best of motives, that is, to encourage handbell ringers to ring double-handed, but I very much doubt if it has had the effect intended.

Many ringers, I think, feel that if they take to handbell ringing it is absolutely necessary to master the double-handed technique, of which they have no knowledge and towards which they have no ambition; and they will not ring single-handed because they feel some stigma attaches to this sort of performance. Consequently there are many sets of handbells, which might be put to very good use, lying about in odd corners in our belfries and going to ruin for want of a little use and attention. I do think that if more of these were used considerable good might result; a band which put in extra practice by handbell ringing would be bound to feel the benefit in the tower; and many people might be led to try a pair and, ultimately, become double-handed ringers.

As to the feeling that single-handed handbell ringing is to be despised, is it, after all, so very much easier than tower-bell ringing? Once the art of change ringing in the tower has been acquired, the amount of skill and attention a ringer has to put into the actual manipulation of his bell (unless very heavy, bad-going or odd-struck) is practically nil; all goes into the actual ringing and striking of the method. There could probably be no easier method devised of sounding a bell accurately in its place than the present one of ringing it up with rope and wheel; let anyone who doubts this try to ring changes by any other method, say by a band chiming, with one rope each, on a chiming apparatus. I really cannot agree that handbells would provide such a cheap and easy way of scoring peals; and if one looks at peal reports in years gone by, when such performances were recognised, there is no evidence that this ever was so.

If there are ringers whose sole object in ringing is to run up vast scores of peals, as if in competition with all others, would it not be better that they should be able to do this inoffensively in their own homes, rather than by caning their own and neighbouring towers—a procedure which can only arouse opposition from the general public? The real business of the Exercise is, after all, to get bells rung as much and as well as possible on Sundays, and we should adopt all means we can to this end. There are certainly those who go in for peal ringing in a big way and acquire great skill through much practice; if they also like to do it in their own homes, should they be called 'unscrupulous'?

Finally, it has never been suggested that single-handed performances should be accepted as 'on a par' with double-handed ones, if by 'on a par' we mean (as I think) strictly equal in merit and difficulty. Then what peals are 'on a par' in this sense? Ringers of a peal of Bob Major on a light eight, while claiming a peal, would hardly claim that their performance equalled a peal of Surprise Maximus. No one, I think, would ever confuse single and double-handed ringing on their merits.

It now remains to be seen whether the old prejudices remain, or whether any ringers will take advantage of the new C.C. ruling. At least, they are now free to do so if they so desire. I cannot see that any harm will come; and if through this any band betters itself for tower-bell ringing, or one ringer is induced to take up double-handed handbell ringing, then the few minutes taken up at the Council meeting in amending this decision will not have been wasted.

TEN BELL PEAL

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E flat.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
BASIL JONES	3	ALAN J. BROWN	8
JAMES FERNLEY	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
ROBIN G. TURNER	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield and District Society)
On Sat, June 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt

SAM SCATTERGOOD	*Treble*	*FRED FISHER	5
*JOHN S. SEAGER	2	GORDON K. CHADDOCK	6
*WILLIAM HOLLAND	3	HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	7
*IAN HOLLAND	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by A KNIGHTS. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in G.

BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
STANLEY G. PONTING	2	ERNEST J. LADD	6
MARY FULLER	3	JOHN E. CANNELL	7
KEVIN S. HOHL	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 172). Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
First peal in the method as conductor.
A 21st birthday compliment to Michael Fuller.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

ELAINE GREATHEAD	*Treble*	HARRY SQUIRES	5
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	2	CHARLES E. BROWN	6
DEREK E. SMITH	3	JOHN FREEMAN	7
LESLIE SQUIRES	4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., June 30, 1955, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

*MICHAEL DUKES	*Treble*	ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	5
BARNABAS G. KEY	2	EDWARD J. WHITE	6
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	3	ALAN G. FOSTER	7
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Conducted by ALAN G. FOSTER.
* First peal. First peal in the method as conductor.
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BURES, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(Bures St. Mary's Society.)
On Sat., July 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 56 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*STUART T. HUME	*Treble*	DONALD L. MILLS	5
MRS. LESLIE MILLS	2	ALLEN W. CANSDALE	6
*EVELYN R. M. CANSDALE	3	LESLIE D. MILLS	7
*JANET M. SPURGIN	4	EDWIN C. HYNARD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by DONALD L. MILLS.
* First peal of Surprise.
Rung by an all-local band as a birthday compliment to Leslie D. Mills.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 11 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Ilkeston Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. in D.

*FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	*Treble*	†LEONARD S. SHARPE	5
*LEWIS J. BATLEY	2	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	6
*KENNETH G. BROWN	3	*C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO	7
*JAMES B. MORLEY	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal of Kent and Oxford. † First peal on eight bells.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat. July 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb. in F sharp.

RONALD W. STEWARD	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	5
*MARIAN H. MILLS (15)	2	GEORGE BUTTON	6
ALAN R. ANDREWS	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	7
*MICHAEL A. MILLS (13)	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.
* First on eight bells.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat. July 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OLAVE, HART STREET,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

FRANCIS D. BISHOP	*Treble*	JOHN R. LEEMING	5
*MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	2	†GRAHAM MCKAY	6
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	3	ALAN F. THIRST	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal of Major on the bells.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
On Sat. July 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

RONALD C. NOON	*Treble*	AUBREY D. MILLS	5
FRANK TAYLOR	2	MAURICE BENNETT	6
GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	3	JOHN G. AMES	7
THOMAS H. CHARLTON	4	HORACE BENNETT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN G. AMES.
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TADCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 2, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20¾ cwt.

HOWARD SCOTT	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	7
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., July 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER R. JOHNSON	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLY	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY (JUN.)	6
ERNEST J. JELLY	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by W. THORNLEY. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
First peal in method as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 19, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
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A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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WILLIAM R. MANSER	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4
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COLIN A. TESTER	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

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HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
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A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents Tenor 9½ cwt.

*HENRY C. FOSTER	*Treble*	*MICHAEL W. CARTER	4
HAROLD J. F. MUNCEY	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
MARIE K. ROBERTS	3	CHRISTOPHER P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of Surprise.

HILPERTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., June 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

R. GEORGE MORRIS	*Treble*	HARRY HEATH	4
JOHN H. GILBERT	2	KEITH E. LOVETT	5
ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD	3	COLIN A. TESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

First peal of Minor on the bells since rehanging.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise, three extents of Kent Treble Bob and two extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FREDERICK WATSON	*Treble*	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	4
WILLIAM A. WOOD	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	5
C. ROGER HAYWARD	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

In memoriam Thomas Henry Wilson, an old member of this church, who was interred during the week.

DALWOOD, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat. June 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of 10 extents of Stedman and 32 extents of Grandsire (10 callings each). Tenor 9 cwt.

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

Conducted by RAYMOND P. SELWAY.

* First peal in two methods.

Rung for the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Evans.

MAIDS MORETON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 51 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Norwich, Ipswich, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*BARRY E. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	4
RONALD J. SHARP	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
C. HENRY HARDING	3	DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

* First peal in seven Surprise Minor methods.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different exten's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*DEREK HEATON	*Treble*	HARRY HARDACRE	4
JOHN CHARNOCK	2	LAURENCE WALMSLEY	5
THOMAS BARKER	3	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK STEAD.

* First peal away from cover bell.

Rung in appreciation of the services of the temporary curate (the Rev. A. S. McClure), who is returning to missionary work in Central Africa.

SHARDLOW, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., June 25, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

42 extents, four callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in G.

*RONALD GARNER (14)	*Treble*	DAVID K. WALKLATE (18)	4
JOHN F. MURFIN (13)	2	†SAMPSON WALKLATE	5
†PETER J. SKINNER (16)	3	DEREK SHAKESPEARE (17)	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Doubles.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., June 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 28 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRED BRIGHTMAN	*Treble*	JOHN G. AMES	4
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	MAURICE BENNETT	5
ERNEST BRITTAIN	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. John W. Clubley and Miss Bettina A. Duffy, which took place on June 16th.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extent (10 different callings). Tenor 13¼ cwt.

FREDERICK G. HOOPER	*Treble*	†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	4
*MARK W. LEWIS	2	WILLIAM L. EXTON	5
DENNIS SIMPSON	3	†CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal 'inside.' † 25th peal together.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. T. Gascoigne, a local ringer, and Mrs. L. A. Smith, who were married at this church earlier in the day.

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KIRKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., June 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Treble*	HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	4
*WILLIAM SYKES	2	J. HENRY FIELDEN	5
*DAVID ATKINS	3	PHILIP H. SPECK	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal in three methods.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 26 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Alnwick, Bourne, Carlisle, Durham, Munden, Surfleet and Wearmouth. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

BRIAN HARRIS	*Treble*	THOMAS COOKE	4
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
RICHARD BUSBY	3	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.

Rung for the visit of the Archdeacon of Durham on the 118th dedication festival of the church.

BRENTFORD, MIDDLESEX.
On Sat., July 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

MERIEL L. HAWKSLEY	*Treble*	DAVID M. LEESE	4
GEOFFREY F. BRYANT	2	MARTYN W. HARBOTT	5
CARYL FORSTER JONES	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

BRIGHTWELL-CUM-SOTWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AGATHA,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

*NEVILLE PAGE	*Treble*	SIDNEY R. TURLEY	4
MRS. AUDREY B. WEBB	2	C. JOHN CASTELL	5
*ROGER WILLIS	3	FRANK C. CASTELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. JOHN CASTELL.

* First peal.

Rung for the 34th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Castell.

BIBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 4, 1955, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents of Grandsire and four of Plain Bob (each called differently) twice repeated. Tenor 9 cwt.

*PETER W. BARTLETT	*Treble*	GEOFFREY DOWN	4
†MERVYN DAY	2	*PATRICK A. BARTLETT	5
WILLIAM A. GODWIN	3	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

Rung as a farewell to Geoffrey Down.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 ROYDON BOB MINOR

Seven extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS R. ROAST	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4
MARY DOWSETT	2	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	5
PETER J. CAME	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

Believed to be the first peal in the method.

HANDBELL PEALS

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., June 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 3 Minutes,
IN THE RUINS OF MINSDEN CHAPEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two six-scores of Plain Bob and 40 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor size 11 in G.

*PHILIP MEHEW	1–2	†DEREK P. JONES	3–4
*MICHAEL ORME	5–6		

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

* First handbell peal. † 100th peal.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Charles V. Hare (77) and to Philip Mehew and Michael Orme (18).

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., June 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ERIC NIXON	1–2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5–6
FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT	3–4	*LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7–8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDERICK WM. GROCOTT.

* First peal on handbells.

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 28, 1955, in 1 Hour and 43 Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 720 each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, S. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

D. MARGARET HAWLEY	1–2	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	3–4
ALAN SHEPPARD	5–6		

Conducted by ALAN SHEPPARD.

QUARTER PEALS

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On July 3rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: K. Barnes 1, Miss F. Smith 2, A. Simpson (first 'inside' and as cond.) 3, H. Davis 4, J. Livock 5, F. Shelton 6. First quarter 1, 2, 4 and 6. First quarter by local band. Rung for the Patronal Festival and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

ASH, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Elaine Paton (first quarter) 1, Audrey Goodchild (first 'inside') 2, Sylvia Sherwood 3, S. Russell 4, P. Sherwood 5, E. Pepler (cond.) 6. Rung for Confirmation on St. Peter's Day and to celebrate the fifth anniversary of rehanging the bells.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Birch (first quarter) 1, I. Poile (first 'inside') 2, Miss E. Marshall (first of Doubles) 3, P. Jarvis 4, M. W. Marshall (cond.) 5, H. Jarvis 6.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On July 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Daniells (first of Major) 1, A. B. Corden 2, H. Sear 3, F. Stonton 4, D. J. Meager 5, W. Daniells 6, J. Marks 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. A compliment to Mr. H. Sear, captain of this tower for over 50 years, on the eve of his 77th birthday.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.—On June 17th, 1,334 Superlative Surprise Major: Betty Tester 1, C. Tester 2, J. R. Cooper 3, E. Lambert 4, G. Pearson 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6, R. T. Lambert 7, A. W. Durham 8. Rung for the consecration of Paddock Wood's new church by the Bishop of Rochester.

BUCKERELL, DEVON.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tozer 1, F. Parr 2, A. Hodge 3, O. Griffin 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Parr on their 25th wedding anniversary.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—At. St. Mary's, Woodstock, on June 28th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: V. Sheppard 1, J. Riley 2, C. Gardiner 3, W. Smith 4, R. Stickley (cond.) 5, B. Hargrove 6. Rung for the feast of SS. Peter and Paul. Birthday compliments to 4 and 6. A welcome to Brian Hargrove, R.N.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.—On June 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: G. M. Rashbrook (81) 1, Pauline A. Nice 2, Evelyn R. Cansdale 3, Brenda M. Balls 4, A. W. Cansdale 5, B. Fairhead 6, U. W. Wildney 7, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to Mr. H. T. Pye, of the local company.

QUARTER PEALS

CORSHAM, WILTS.—on June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Prout 1, A. F. Lee 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, H. L. Parfrey 4, R. O. Fry 5, K. E. Hampton (first quarter) 6.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Overton 1, H. J. Shuck 2, A. G. Hall 3, L. N. Hall 4, H. White 5, A. Wyre 6, H. Wyre (cond.) 7, W. Lloyd 8. Rung for the Patronal and Day School Festivals.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Roy Harding (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Marshall 2, Sheila Sands 3, Ann Fundrey 4, L. Duffield (cond.) 5, D. E. Houghton 6. Rung as birthday compliment to the conductor.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On June 19th, 1,320 Doubles (840 Plain Bob, 480 Grandsire): S. H. Ashton 1, P. W. Croft 2, G. Cherry 3, W. Croft 4, F. W. Croft 5. Rung on the back five for Evensong.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On July 2nd, in S. Nicolas' Belfry, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 'in hand': Ann M. Cox 1—2, E. J. Wells (cond.) 3—4, D. M. MacPherson 5—6 First quarter 'in hand' by all the band.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On June 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bowler 1, F. Bowden (cond.) 2, Miss E. A. Bowler 3, Miss M. Goode 4, J. S. Clark 5, Mrs. F. Bowden 6, H. Gauntlett 7, J. B. Sidebotham 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. First 'inside' for 3 and 5.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On June 19th, 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. Young 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, G. Perkins 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

HENFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 28th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. L. Ryman 1, Mrs. C. A. Cruttenden 2, F. E. Cruttenden 3, D. J. Parsons 4, F. W. Parsons 5, R. Langridge 6, E. F. Packham 7, B. W. White (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Richard Paul Peters as Vicar of the parish.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. V. Hare 1, L. Fidler 2, M. Orme 3, A. C. Harris (first of Stedman Triples) 4, F. W. Croft 5, J. Church 6, D. P. Jones (cond.) 7, K. Timbury 8. Rung for the Patronal Festival and special service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the south porch and church roofs.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Lowings (first quarter) 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Carrott 4, R. Brown 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

ILFRACOMBE, DEVON.—On June 22nd, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Walters (first of Stedman) 1, A. Diserens 2, Mrs. A. Diserens 3, D. Gay 4, D. Beacham 5, N. Mallett 6, J. Worth (cond.) 7, F. Yeo 8. Rung for the 20th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. L. Walters, of Combe Martin.

KELSTON, SOMERSET.—On June 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Carter 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, L. R. G. Taylor 3, T. J. Hayward 4, S. S. Woodburn 5, T. V. Pitt 6. Rung for the opening, by Mr. Ted Leather, M.P., of the village electricity supply.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss V. Tomkins 1, M. W. Fairey 2, J. Dinenage 3, Miss M. Wallace 4, P. G. Golder 5, D. W. Barr (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell (cond.) 3, W. H. Poole 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. Olliffe 6, G. S. Morris 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

MEMBURY, DEVON.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tozer 1, C. Webb 2, O. Griffin 3, W. Sparks 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, J. Real 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss K. Webb and Mr. A. Broom on their wedding day.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mary Vallender (first quarter) 1, Isobel Inman (first 'inside') 2, R. E. Finch 3, Margaret E. L. Beamish 4, D. C. Jackson (cond.) 5, M. V. White 6. A farewell quarter to the ringer of the treble. Rung by the Southampton University Ringing Society.

OAKLEY, BEDS.—On June 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Lucas 1, D. Houghton 2, Ann Fundrey 3, R. A. Lennard 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5.—Also on June 30th, 1,259 Doubles (480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, 299 Grandsire): Sheila Sands 1, Ann Fundrey 2, D. E. A. Houghton 3, B. F. Pattison (cond.) 4, L. Duffield 5.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.—On July 2nd, 240 April Day, 240 Bob Doubles, 780 Grandsire Doubles: D. Woodward 1, M. Journeaux 2, Miss C. Woodward 3, V. Green 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5. Rung for St. Nicholas' Church Fete.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS. — On July 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. C. Cropley 1, A. V. Flutter 2, A. E. Storey 3, D. E. Griffin 4, A. J. Millward (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3.



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OUTINGS

ASHTEAD, SURREY

The Ashtead ringers with some friends from Christ Church, Epsom, and Leatherhead had a day's ringing along the Essex-Kent border on June 4th. The towers visited in the morning were Balcombe and Turner's Hill, both very easy going octaves. Lunch was taken at Aldrington, Hove, but before this the visitors had an opportunity of ringing on this very pleasant six and had the honour of welcoming one of a number of brides who were married there that day. The towers visited after lunch were Coleman's Hatch, Edenbridge and Lingfield, all eights. Here again the ringing was much enjoyed. Methods rung during the day were Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman. Thanks are due to all incumbents and tower captains who made the outing so enjoyable.

FARNHAM, SURREY

Farnham ringers had a grand day on June 25th, the beautiful sunshine enabling the company to enjoy the longish journey to Northampton.

An old friend, Mr. Rowland Aldridge, who learnt to ring at Aldershot, awaited the party at St. Mary's, Roade, a five-bell tower which provided the first ringing of the day. He helped Mr. C. W. Denyer, the Farnham captain, to make the excellent arrangements.

The thrill of ringing on ten bells was provided at St. Giles', Northampton. After an excellent lunch at the Wedgewood Cafe a short coach journey brought the party to St. John's, Kingsthorpe, where 'wedding bells' were rung. Two other towers were visited during the afternoon—St. Edmund's (8) and St. Peter's, Weston Favell (5). After a good ring at each tower the party was ready for tea at Abington Park. Only one tower was visited during the evening—St. Peter's. Before leaving Northampton thanks were expressed to Mr. Aldridge for such a successful tour. Farnham was reached at 10.30.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND

For the third year in succession lovely weather favoured the Milton-next-Gravesend band for their outing on June 25th. To the regret of the party Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the leader, was unable to be with the party as he had entered Gravesend and North Kent Hospital a few days previous for treatment.

The first stop was at Hartfield, where Cambridge was the first touch of the day on these easy-going bells. Then on to Eastbourne for an enjoyable ring at All Saints', lunch and an hour on the beach.

The route to Hawkhurst was through lovely country. The inside of the church is still in a sorry state through war damage, but there is a fine ring of bells. Tea at Biddenden came before entering the 'drawing room' belfry of the Parish Church. Here with the assistance of Mr. Fred Macey and Mr. Geoffrey Waters a reasonably good course of Double Norwich was rung.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX

St. Michael's, Braintree, company and their wives had a very enjoyable outing on June 18th. In the morning ringing took place at St. Peter's (10), St. Albans, and at Tring. After lunch at the Forum Restaurant, Oxford, two of the city churches were visited—St. Giles' and All Saints'. An evening ride brought the party to Thame where, after ringing for half an hour, they had the pleasure of meeting Cheltenham ringers, who were on their annual outing. Home was reached at midnight. Thanks are accorded to all who helped to make the outing so successful.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT

For their annual outing this year Newark Parish Church Society of Ringers chose Derbyshire, and a very collective day's ringing for June 25th had been arranged by the secretary, Mr. F. W. Midwinter.

Commencing with St. Mary's, Sutton-in-Ashfield (8, tenor 15¼ cwt.), the bells were soon raised and rung to a variety of methods. This was followed by the musical eight (tenor 12¼ cwt.) of St. Mary's, Crich. It was a great pleasure here to ring with the Vicar, who has just started to learn along with a new band.

Following lunch, St. Mary's, Wirksworth (8, tenor 14½ cwt.), was visited, and after some difficulty in finding the way to the ringing chamber, some good ringing was enjoyed. The last tower before tea was the eight (tenor 14 cwt.) of St. Oswald's, Ashbourne. Only simple methods were attempted here owing to the long draught and the difficulty experienced in handling the bells.

Crossing into Staffordshire, tea was taken at Ilam Park. Following tea with some time to spare, permission to ring on the five bells of the Church of the Holy Cross, Ilam, was sought of the Vicar. The Vicar said that he thought that there was a wheel missing but we could try them at our own risk. On entering the belfry it was found the wheel was missing from the fourth, the rope being tied to the clapper, and the tenor had been completely overturned, entwining the rope and breaking the stay. After rethreading the rope and clearing the broken stay it was decided that perhaps it would not be safe to ring the bells up, but by chiming 1, 2, 3 and 5 and clocking the fourth it was realised that here was a fine ring of good tone, which, due to negligence, was now lost to the Exercise.

The last tower of the day was the fine eight (tenor 16½ cwt.) of All Saints' Church, Ripley. So ended a good day's ringing with many thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to Mr. F. W. Midwinter for arranging a most enjoyable day.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK

Shortly after 6 a m on June 25th the Helmingham and district party were on their way to Surrey. Towers chosen were Chertsey, Bagshot, Yorktown, Farnham, Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas', Guildford.

Before leaving the hall for ringing, the party stood in silence as a last tribute to a faithful friend, Frank L. Fisher, and Alfred H. Watson, who died during that week; both had always accompanied the party. Mrs. Welton and helpers had provided a magnificent lunch in the Church Hall, Bagshot, which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Another good meal was enjoyed at Farnham. All enjoyed the journey across the Hog's Back to Guildford. Here some of the party, after 30 years, renewed friendship with Mr. A. H. Pulling, who is still going strong and took part in a course of Bristol.

Home was reached at 2.30 a.m. after 250 miles had been covered. Good ringing was heard all day to various methods. Les Brett, the organiser, thanks everyone who helped him to make yet another outing such a success, also the party for their kindness in presenting him with a wallet, which came as a great surprise.

ROTHERHAM

With friends from Wath-on-Dearne and Handsworth (Sheffield), Rotherham Parish Church ringers had a long outing on June 18th, leaving home at 7 a.m., arriving home at 1 a.m.

At Lichfield the party were met by Mr. F. A. Sedgwick and were ready for the splendid breakfast. At St. Mary's Church they were welcomed by Miss Cawser and the brothers Peter and Dennis Beresford, who had everything ready. Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman were rung. An opportunity was made for a visit to the Cathedral.

A pleasant drive through beautiful country led to Kenilworth, where Mr. Royal ushered the party into the clean little belfry. The six bells were soon going to Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Little and Plain Bob.

Owing to the annual regatta, ringing had been cancelled at Stratford-on-Avon, but fortunately Mr. Chaddock was able to contact Mr. Hunt, the head ringer, and the visitors were allowed to try this beautiful ten at 7.30 p.m.

After a day well spent the party was entertained en route with tunes on handbells by Mr. Chaddock and his pupils.

TEIGNMOUTH DISTRICT

A small number of members of the Mid-Devon area, mainly drawn from Teignmouth, spent a very enjoyable afternoon on July 9th, when a visit was paid to Holne, a charming village on the edge of the moors, which is associated with the Rev. Charles Kingsley. An hour was spent here with these rather difficult-going bells. A few of the more energetic members later climbed up in the tower and inspected the bells and found that they were all dated 1743, and were cast by one A. Gooding.

A move was afterwards made down to Spitchwick, where a picnic was much enjoyed beside the River Dart, and incidentally there were quite a number of other visitors in the district.

A visit was afterwards paid to Buckland-in-the-Moor, another lovely Devon village, where we were joined by the local steeplekeeper. A very pleasant hour was spent with these excellent-going bells, after which 'tracks' were made for home.

FARINGDON, BERKS

Ringers of Faringdon, Buckland, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Shrivenham and Aldenham had a perfect day for their annual outing when visits were paid to Stratford-on-Avon, Birmingham, Tanworth-in-Arden and Stow-in-the-Wold.

Ringing at Stratford preceded lunch at Birmingham, followed by ringing at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip. Next came the light eight at Tanworth. After tea at Stratford-on-Avon, a pleasant run took the party to Stow-on-the-Wold, via Chipping Campden. The Vicar (the Rev. A. H. G. Davey) and his wife accompanied the ringers.

Halifax and District Association

Only three companies officially entered for the six-bell contest held at Cawthorne on June 25th, but a sufficient number of spare members attended to make up a mixed company. The judge was Mr. R. Brogan, of Cawthorne, and he gave his decision as follows:

	Faults
Mixed Company	223
Shelley	141
Friezland	62
Silkstone	104

Friezland were declared winners of the silver cup and each man received a brass letter rack.

During the annual business meeting the balance sheet was adopted and all the officers were re-elected. A proposal that members of winning teams should be penalised was rejected, after a lengthy debate. Further ringing by mixed bands brought a grand day to a close.

QUARTER PEALS

PIRTON, HERTS.—On June 26th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. W. Lake 1, L. R. Runnacles 2, A. C. Harris 3, R. Head 4, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 5. Rung for morning service.

POWICK, WORCS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Cook 1, M. Trumper 2, D. Trumper 3, G. Lewis (cond.) 4, H. Cole 5, F. Hyde 6. Rung to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the casting of the first five bells in this tower.

PUCKLECHURCH, Nr. BRISTOL.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss V. W. J. Pennal 1, T. Price 2, B. W. S. Angell (first as cond.) 3, K. Price 4, D. B. I. Pennal 5, N. J. Smart 6.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS. — On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Baxter 1, Miss G. Johnson 2, A. E. York (cond.) 3, G. Wright 4, Dr. R. Summerly 5, P. I. Chapman 6, B. Austin 7, G. Clipstone 8. First in the method for 2, 4 and 5. Rung as a compliment to Dr. R. Summerly on graduating as M.B., B.Ch., at Birmingham University.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On June 22nd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. C. Harris 1, P. Jackson 2, Marion Jackson 3, L. R. Runnacles 4, R. Head (first as cond.) 5, S. H. Ashton 6. Rung for the dedication of the new church seating by the Bishop of St. Albans.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Tribles: P. Parry 1, Shelagh Kilbourn 2, J. Harrison 3, C. Geary 4, D. Marshall (cond.) 5, M. Bailey 6, A. Hickton 7, R. Newsum 8. Rung for the Sunday School Festival.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On June 26th, 720 each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, E. J. Parish 2, M. J. Dyer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, A. Clements 5, W. Ransome (cond.) 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on May 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. J. Gardner 1, T. Collins 2, P. Wilton 3, W. W. Daniell 4, R. G. Townsend 5, F. G. Wilton (cond.) 6.—Also on June 26th, 1,299 Stedman Caters: C. J. Gardner 1, E. Sutton 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, G. W. Townsend 4, H. Bishop 5, P. Wilton 6, J. Berry 7, T. Townsend (cond.) 9, W. W. Daniell 10.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: E. Potter (first quarter) 1, Marian Mills 2, M. Mills 3, F. Harvey (first quarter) 4, P. W. Mills 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6.

THORVERTON, DEVON.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Ford (first quarter) 1, R. Ford 2, W. Baker 3, M. Butt 4, H. Butt (cond.) 5, F. Gilpin 6. Rung before Evensong as a farewell to the Rev. W. I. Eliot and Mrs. Eliot.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On July 3rd, 1,320 Spliced Minor, being 720 St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Childwall, Double Bob, Fulbeck, 600 Plain Bob and Little Bob: Mrs. J. Newman 1, J. Newman 2, R. J. Scott 3, D. Broyd 4, D. Knox (cond.) 5, J. Sinfield 6. First quarter in eight plain methods by all.

WALKERN, HERTS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Doubles (300 Stedman, 480 each of Plain Bob and St. Simon's): P. Mehew 1, P. Jackson (first in three methods, 14) 2, M. Collings 3, M. Orme 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on June 26th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, J. Waters 4, B. K. Lunn 5, Hilda Snowden 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, James Phillips 8. To commemorate 50 years' service at this church by Mr. L. H. Ford.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS. — On July 1st, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): R. Thompson 1, Pamela J. E. Lumbers 2, Mary Arkinstall 3, L. G. Toscland 4, B. P. Morris (cond.) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. E. Lamb, churchwarden for the past 30 years, who was interred the previous day.

WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYSHIRE. — On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: John Davies (first quarter) 1, John Gordon (first 'inside') 2, Allan Davis 3, James Davies (first quarter) 4, G. Simister (cond.) 5, K. Davies 6. Rung for Children's Flower Service.

WORFIELD, SHROPSHIRE. — On June 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Fincher 1, D. Fincher 2, E. Drew 3, H. Seedhouse 4, G. Turner (cond.) 5, A. Nurse 6. First quarter on bells and by all except E. Drew. A wedding compliment to M. Tucker, a local ringer.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringing friends in North-East Essex will wish to congratulate Mr. Herbert T. Pye, of Colchester, on attaining his 80th birthday on June 23rd, and will sympathise with him in the fact that he did not feel equal to taking part in any ringing on that special ocasion. A congratulatory quarter of Yorkshire Surprise was rung at St. Peter's in the evening and the five 'firsts' included three lady ringers.

Mr. G. Pullinger has relinquished the Mastership of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, to the great regret of the members. His successor is the general secretary of the Guild, Mr. F. W. Rogers. Mr. J. C. A. King, of Winchester, is the new general secretary.

Mr. George Evenden, of Bournemouth, a popular member of the Roving Ringers, was injured in an explosion at Bournemouth Gas Works. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Ian Scott-Jackson, from the Isle of Wight, was a welcome visitor to St. Donard's, Belfast, on June 26th, when he took part in the ringing for morning and evening services. St. Donard's are not practising during the summer months.

At the last meeting of the College Youths it was interesting to note amongst those in attendance Mr. E. Alex Young, aged 90; Mr. W. T. Elson, aged 88; and Mr. I. Emery, aged 82, all taking a very keen part in the proceedings. Some Youths!

After 41 years' practice Mr Edgar C Shepherd has at last rung the tenor to a peal and also 'circled' a tower (Edgbaston). Certain Birmingham friends consider that the obvious targets for his declining years are St. Paul's, Exeter, and Liverpool Cathedral (in that order, of course).

Mr. Derek P. Jones made his 100th peal a family affair with Philip Mehew, of Stotfold, and Michael Orme, of Hitchin, with whom he had rung 31 peals. It was rung beneath a ruined flint arch at Minsden Chapel, near Hitchin, a start being made at 6.30 a.m. The peal was completed a few minutes before 9 a.m. so as to enable the party to keep previous engagements.

Letter received by Mr. F. Dukes, secretary of the Irish Association:—'Choirboy to Vicar: The choir is getting up a cricket team, sir, and we are wondering if you would lend us the bats which the verger says you have in the belfry.' Mr. Dukes writes in the 'Irish Bell News'': There are nine of St. Peter's, Drogheda, bell ringers in the church choir.

Mr. W. R. Manser has 'circled' East Peckham tower to peals three times.

Corsham, Wilts, had a quarter rung on its bells on June 29th. Is this the first on the bells? inquire those who participated.

We hear that plans are in hand for a reunion of veterans at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., on September 17th.

It was a big disappointment to Liverpool ringers to lose the half-muffled peal to the memory of their former Rector (the Rev. David Railton). The attempt was Stedman Triples on the light eight, and after nearly three and a half hours, when the bells were in the plain course at the end of the peal, a slight hesitation on the part of one ringer led to the bells getting all in a heap. Although they were finally sorted out and came into rounds there was a very ugly patch of 30 or so changes and it could not honestly be regarded as a peal. In the company were Miss G. Howlett and Miss F. Ellison, who were making their first peal attempt on the new bells.

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LATEST RINGER TO SCORE 1,000 PEALS

MR. JOHN THOMAS AND HIS EXPLOITS

ON Tuesday, December 26th, 1899, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Stephen's Church, Bristol. It was the first peal by the ringer of the treble—John Thomas—and the conductor was G. T. Daltry. On Saturday, June 18th, 1955, John Thomas returned to St. Stephen's, Bristol, and called a peal of Stedman Caters—his 1,000th peal. Two members of the band were old Bristol ringers—Alfred E. Reeves (76) and Frederick G. Leaker (73), with whom Jack Thomas (also 73) has been associated for almost all of his ringing life. The band included Mrs. Thomas, two of Jack's brothers-in-law—Joseph D. Johnson (secretary of the Worcestershire and Districts Association) and Thomas W. Lewis, of Worcester, as well as Albert M. Tyler, of Bristol (Jack's nephew).

A remarkable point about the ringing career of John Thomas is that he rang his 500th peal as recently as March 14th, 1943, and he has, therefore, rung the second 500 in just over 12 years, whereas the first 500 took over 43 years.

STARTED AT BRISTOL

John Thomas learned to ring with several of his brothers at St. Michael's, Bristol, a six-bell tower, and he undoubtedly took to the art as a duck to water. He was brought up in an age when learners had to show their merit with scant encouragement from their elders.

His first peal of Surprise—Superlative, again conducted by G. T. Daltry—was rung at All Saints', Bristol, on September 11th, 1901, and his first as conductor was at St. Luke's, Bristol—seven extents of Bob Minor—on February 7th, 1902. His first handbell peal (also the first handbell peal to be rung in Bristol) was Grandsire Caters, rung on May Day, 1902.

Any who know Jack Thomas will think of him as a great conductor of Holt's Original. Very few people have called this famous composition more times than he has. The first time was at Christ Church, Swindon, on December 23rd, 1902. Since then he has rung the peal on both tower- and handbells in many parts of the country, and a good many learners have thus been able to thank John Thomas for their first peal.

On September 14th, 1903, the late William Pye performed what has often been regarded as one of the greatest possible feats of heavy bell ringing when he rang the tenor at Exeter Cathedral single-handed to a peal of Stedman Caters. John Thomas was the ringer of the treble in that historic peal, and for his 1,000th peal he chose the same composition (5,041 Stedman Caters by G. Lindoff), which William Pye called at Exeter.

On December 29th, 1903, a peal of London Surprise Major—first by all the band—was rung at All Saints', Bristol, conducted by F. G. May. Mr. Thomas rang the fifth. On March 2nd, 1904, in St. Stephen's, Bristol, belfry he called Holt's Original on handbells—his first handbell peal as conductor, and on May 20th, 1905, he called Thurstans' One-Part at Long Ashton, and this was his 100th peal.

IN LONDON

By the time Mr. Thomas left Bristol, in 1911, to live in London, he had rung just over 150 peals. Then began long associations with three famous companies of peal ringers—William Pye's band, Mr. James Parker's Edmonton band and the Ancient Society of College Youths. Thus it was that he took part in a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on October 31st, 1911.

He took part, on April 8th, 1912, at Knebworth, Herts, in a record peal of Bristol Surprise Major, 12,160 changes, conducted by G. N. Price. This was only to stand as a record for a few weeks, being beaten by William Pye at Hornchurch, Essex, but was a fine performance all the same.

On November 23rd, 1912, Mr. Thomas took part in the first 'name' peal on 12 bells at St. Giles', Cripplegate. This was conducted by the late John H. Cheeseman, who was also in the select company of those who have rung a thousand peals. Another participant was the first editor of 'The Ringing World'—John S. Goldsmith.

A performance remarkable for those, or even for these, days was a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques rung in Shoreditch belfry on November 13th, 1914, conducted by William Pye. Bertram Prewett, said to have been one of the first ringers of his generation, rang 1-2 in this peal, and Alfred W. Grimes, the first man to ring 250 peals in two years, rang 11-12. Mr. Thomas rang 9-10, and the brothers William, George R. and Ernest Pye rang the remaining pairs.

Mr. Thomas rang his first of Cambridge Maximus at Chelmsford Cathedral on March 28th, 1921. He took part with the Pye band in three peals of Middlesex Surprise Royal at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, West Ham and St. Clement Danes'.

Another of the great performances of all time was a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral on February 7th, 1925. This was conducted from the tenor by the present secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths (Mr. A. B. Peck) and the 11th was rung by Mr. Herbert Langdon. Mr. Thomas rang the third.

In the following years Mr. Thomas rang peals in many parts of the country. Wherever his work as a bellhanger for Messrs. Mears and Stainbank took him he participated in local ringing.

Mr. Thomas has been married twice and he has taken part in a married couples' peal with both of his wives, including with his present wife a peal of Stedman Cinques at Leicester. Mrs. Thomas was the first lady to ring 500 peals, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have probably rung more peals together than any other married couple.

WAR-TIME RINGING

The outbreak of the last war brought a cessation to tower bell ringing, but Mr. Thomas was in the forefront of those who kept the art alive on handbells. He took part in Holt's Original rung 'silent' at Whitechapel Bell Foundry on November 8th, 1941. On March 14th, 1943, he rang Holt's Original 'in hand' at Enfield, and this was his 500th peal. About this time the floodgates really opened and 24, Suffolk Road, Enfield, became the best known address in the Exercise. In 1943, 1944 and 1945 hardly a week passed without several peals rung at that address. Several youngsters were taught and after the ban on ringing was removed All Saints', Edmonton, had a regular band trained by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. The names of some of these young ringers may be recalled—Eric A. Dench, Victor R. Woodard, Albert J. Wallman, Dennis H. Langdon, Philip J. Coward and Lucile M. Hubbert (now Mrs. P. A. Corby). Another well-known ringer associated closely with the activities of this company at that time was Mr. Charles W. Roberts, whose name appears very frequently in Mr. Thomas' peal book. Many fine handbell performances resulted from their activities including Stedman Cinques, which they rang with great skill. The culminating performance was the first peal ever rung with 14 changing bells—Plain Bob 14-in on Sunday, August 24th, 1944. Many peals were rung on Sunday afternoons, but this particular peal was the only one which ever interfered with regular service ringing at All Saints', Edmonton.

SOLID ACHIEVEMENT

In December, 1946, Mr. Thomas moved from London to his present home at Hinton-on-the Green, Worcestershire. He continues to be very active both with tower- and handbells. Very few ringers are better known than Mr. Thomas, and his many friends will share his pleasure at ringing his 1,000th peal. This has been no mere peal-grabbing but represents solid achievement and a great deal of spade work for the benefit of less experienced ringers. Few instructors are gifted with such patience, and few are more qualified to give instruction than this man with a wonderful ear and a genius for striking an odd-struck bell. The Exercise hopes he will continue long to enjoy his present good health and live to ring many more peals. Congratulations, Jack!

HIS 1,000 PEALS

(Number conducted in parentheses)

Minor.—One method 10 (5), two methods 2 (1), three methods 4 (4), four methods 8 (7), five methods 2 (2), six methods 2 (2), seven methods 28 (21).

Triples.—Grandsire 66 (51), Stedman 107 (53), Oxford Bob 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 28 (14), Double Norwich 41 (20), Little Bob 2 (2), Forward 2 (1), Double Oxford Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 23 (16), Oxford Treble Bob 3 (1), Oxford and Kent Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—London 25 (4), Bristol 19 (4), Cambridge 37 (14), Superlative 20 (6), New Cambridge 4 (1), Yorkshire 11 (1), Rutland 6, Hinton 2, Painswick 2, Old Gloucester 1, New Gloucester 1, Norfolk 1, Evenlode 1, Ashtead 1, Pudsey 1, three spliced 1, four spliced 2.

Caters.—Grandsire 16 (5), Stedman 57 (20).

Royal.—Plain Bob 4 (3), Kent Treble Bob 4 (1), Oxford Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 13 (3), Yorkshire Surprise 4, Middlesex 4.

Cinques.—Grandsire 2 (1), Stedman 41 (9).

Maximus.—Kent Treble Bob 1, Cambridge Surprise 7, Spliced Little Bob and Plain Bob 1.

Total on tower bells.—621 (272).

HANDBELLS

Minor.—One method 4 (4), four methods 2 (2), seven methods 1 (1).

Triples.—Grandsire 77 (65), Stedman 13 (5), Oxford Bob and Grandsire 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 69 (46), Double Norwich 7 (1), Double Bob 1 (1), Little Bob 2 (1), Kent Treble Bob 30 (20), Oxford Treble Bob 5 (3), Oxford and Kent Treble Bob 5, Spliced Plain and Kent Treble Bob 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 41 (25), Stedman 50 (15), Spliced Stedman and Grandsire 1 (1), Spliced Grandsire and Bob Royal 1 (1).

Royal.—Plain Bob 21 (11), Kent Treble Bob 11 (2), Oxford Treble Bob 2, Little Bob 2, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob 1.

Cinques.—Grandsire 7 (4), Stedman 17 (5).

Maximus.—Plain Bob 5 (3), Kent Treble Bob 1.

Fourteen-in.—Plain Bob 1 (1).

Total 'in hand.'—379 (216).

THE LADIES' GUILD PROGRESSES

25 PER CENT. MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

WHEN the Ladies' Guild came to Guildford on July 2nd it had its largest attendance at an annual meeting in the 43 years of its existence. For the occasion a good programme of ringing was arranged, seven towers in Guildford and the neighbouring villages being available. Members came from Leeds, South Wales, Bristol, Bedford and the Home Counties.

The service was held in St. Mary's Church, some 900 years old, and was conducted by the Rev. C. G. Pearson, who gave an address. Tea in the Congregational Hall had been provided by the Guildford Diocesan Guild and the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild. Appreciation of the fare provided was a collection of £7 for the Guildford New Cathedral Fund.

The meal had scarcely concluded before the Mayor and Mayoress of Guildford (Councillor and Mrs. H. Kimber) arrived to give the Guild a civic welcome to Guildford. Such an honour, said the president, in introducing the visitors, was unique in the Guild's 43 years' history. 'We have never had the honour of being welcomed by a Mayor and Mayoress before.' That was the largest annual meeting of the Guild she had presided over. They were very fortunate in having so many friends in Guildford, who had entertained them as their guests. Guildford was a delightful old town but she found the hills rather trying.

The Mayor, in his defence of Guildford's hills, thought the winds of Caister far more dangerous. In extending a welcome to the Guild he expressed surprise that they had not been welcomed by a chief citizen before, and suggested that they had not approached the Mayor.

'COLLEGE MAIDENS'

He lived near a church and he frequently heard them making 'a joyful noise unto the Lord.' He was rather intrigued about the title of the Ancient Society of College Youths; he suggested that their Guild was the 'Ancient Society of College Maidens.'

'You have a glorious day for your visit. I suggest you get up early to-morrow and see Guildford from the hills. See the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit and ring the bells with all your might but don't ring before 8 a.m.'

At the business meeting Mrs. Fletcher presided, supported by Miss D. Colegate (hon. secretary). Among the apologies received was one from Miss Dorothy Sayers, an honorary member, who could not attend through ill-health. She sent her best wishes to the meeting and the Exercise generally.

The meeting stood in remembrance of Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. East, Mrs. Reeves (one of the earliest members better known under her maiden name, Miss Chillingworth) and Miss Walker.

STARTED WITH 30

Acknowledging her re-election as president, Mrs. Fletcher said she sometimes felt that she ought to give up the office, but the Ladies' Guild and the Central Council were her only two connections with ringing now. 'I don't feel, unless I am chucked out, that I can give up the office. When we started there were 30 members; now there are over 700.'

Miss Colegate was elected secretary and treasurer and was described by the president as a 'real tower of strength to the Guild.' Miss Audrey Bailey, the hon. auditor, was also re-elected and was especially thanked for the expeditious way she dealt with the accounts to have them ready for the meeting.

The secretary's report stated that 1954 had been a year of slow but steady progress. The West Midland District, under its new secretary, was increasing its membership, and the newly-formed Kent District had made an excellent start. The total membership had increased during the year by 25 per cent., rising from 612 to 768. The recent death of Mrs. K. Matthews was a sad loss to the Guild. She was for a time secretary of the Central District, and had also acted as assistant secretary. She had represented the Central District on the General Committee and had also taken part in peals for the Guild.

Subscriptions showed an increase (£28 17s. 6d. compared with £26 2s. in 1953). There was an excess of income over expenditure of £18, but it must be remembered that no report was issued during the year.

PEALS WANTED

'No peals were rung for the Guild during 1954. Whilst peal ringing is not one of our aims, there is a sense of achievement when one has been accomplished, and often a peal will create interest among non-members of the district in which it is rung. It is not an easy matter to get together a band, but it is doubtful if the difficulties are as great to-day as they were when the first peals for the Guild were being rung, and we should like to see a few peals each year as a proof that we are still going forward.'

The president said the committee considered the matter of a report and suggested that it would be advisable to have a full report with the names and addresses of members every three years, and in the interim a small report of the activities of the various Districts and any vital information as to changes of officers would be published. This was agreed to and the report was adopted.

The balance sheet showed cash balances of £51 17s. 11d., stock of badges £10 10s., and Post Office Saving Bank Account £55 8s. 11d. There was an excess of income over expenditure during the year of £18 2s. 10½d. The accounts were adopted on the proposition of Miss Colegate, seconded by Miss Steel.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Miss Oliver, reporting on the Southern District, stated that it kept very staple and there was nothing very outstanding. There were quite a number of girls and women who were not members whom they would like to see in the Guild. The time had now arrived when she could not continue as District secretary.

Miss Evans, presenting the South Wales report, said the District was going from strength to strength and they had 88 members on the books. For their next meeting they were going to Eardisland, in Herefordshire, and they hoped to form a Hereford District.

Miss Haffenden gave an encouraging first report of the Kent District. At the annual meeting at Canterbury the ladies rang the 12 bells of the Cathedral. They had now 70 members, including five honorary.

Miss Lawrence, reporting on the Central District, stated that 13 new members were elected during the year. The District continued to meet on the fifth Saturday of the month.

A written report was received from Mrs. Richardson concerning the Lincolnshire District, which stated that 1954 was a good year for the District. They had lost one of their ablest ringers by the marriage of Miss Betty Brown, who now lived in Canada. The strength of the Branch had moved from the north to the south and 17 lived in the Spalding area. They had still six ladies who joined the Guild in 1927.

A report of the Midland District was sent by Miss Simpson which stated that five meetings had been held and 12 new members elected.

Mrs. Lee's report on the North-Eastern District stated meetings were well supported. They had 45 members, including six honorary.

The Western District's report sent by Mrs. De Jong recorded a fairly successful year with four meetings. Their first service touch of Grandsire Caters was rung at Minehead. Six new members had been elected.

Miss Stella Hughes' report of the West Midland District stated that meetings had been well attended. Two peals had been attempted but unfortunately came to grief. Two quarters had been rung. They hoped to ring at least one peal during the coming year.

The Yorkshire District report sent by Mrs. Kelly stated that four meetings, all successful, had been held. Fourteen new members had been elected against six in the previous year.

The president said they owed a debt of gratitude to the secretary and the District secretaries. Their hard work had brought the Guild up to its present strength.

NEXT MEETING AT WORCESTER

On the proposition of Miss J. Evans, seconded by Mrs. E. A. Barnett, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Worcester on the first Saturday in July, 1956.

Upon the recommendation of the committee the meeting agreed to hold another dinner.

An omnibus vote of thanks was moved from the chair to the incumbents of Guildford and neighbouring churches for permission to ring, to the Rev. C. E. Pearson, the organist and choir for their services, and to the Guildford Diocesan Guild and Mrs. Grover for the tea, and to Miss Oliver for making the arrangements.

Acknowledging the compliment, Miss Oliver said 'We have had great fun in arranging it.'

Mrs. Lock proposed a vote of thanks to the Guild's officers, which was carried with acclamation.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Joint Meeting at Drighlington

Leeds and District Society held an enjoyable joint meeting with the Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild at Drighlington on June 25th. During the afternoon and evening members and friends from Pudsey, Northowram, Leeds, Bradford, Liversedge, Thorner, Rothwell, Armley, Headingley St. Michael's, Otley, Handsworth and Batley kept the bells going in a variety of methods ranging from Plain Bob to Yorkshire.

In proposing the customary vote of thanks at the business meeting Mr. I. Slack particularly thanked Mr. S. Barron, who had made the local arrangements for tea, which had earlier been enjoyed by some 18 members. This was seconded by Miss M. Rhodes on behalf of the Ladies' Guild.

The next meeting will be held at Bramley.

In a report from the Ladies' Guild we learn that Mrs. P. M. Thorley was elected vice-president in place of Miss M. Rhodes, who retired, and Mrs. E. D. Kelley re-elected hon. secretary.

The report for 1954 stated that 14 new members had been elected, against six in the previous year. Four quarterly meetings had been held.

On returning to the belfry, writes E. D. K., it was noted that a stay, broken while the meeting was taking place, had been replaced with alacrity, but the ladies were disappointed at not seeing tht 'Jacob's Ladder' negotiated, 'J. L.' being nothing more than toe holes in the wall as far as the eye could see.

A course of Bob Minor was rung by the ladies and then votes of thanks were expressed to Mr. Barron for his excellent arrangements, to the clergy and to the Leeds Society for their kind invitation to join them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE EMANCIPATION OF 1955

Dear Sir,—So Bob Triples is reprieved!—and with it all its aberrent relations. Considering the stir the Bob Triples controversy aroused, I have been most surprised at the quiet way its acceptance by the Central Council has passed off, only you, sir, making a comment.

Ringers generally must concede that their representatives voted in accordance with popular sentiment. The majority is not **always** right, but can usually be relied upon to give a rational judgment upon issues affecting the multitude. Pages of 'Decisions' reconsidered this year at Bristol, and agreed to, cannot but be accepted by any fair-minded ringer.

Many a pint of ale has been quaffed of late to the accompaniment of a discussion on what we think we should legitimately ring; much ink has been expended, and on occasions much heat generated in this journal over the issue. It appears that it has been well worth while. Despite the verdict of a small minority, the commonsense of the majority has triumphed, and the Council has at last shown clearly that it will not be controlled by small extremist groups.

It is most heartening to learn that democracy still prevails in our councils, and the Exercise owes a gracious 'Thank you' to all those loyal enthusiasts who gave their time and money to travel to Bristol amid the confusion of the rail strike to convey their members' decisions (often at variance with their own) to the Parliament of ringing.

Now that we have the liberty to ring peals of whatever we like, and have them recognised, let us not interpret this as licence to ring 'rubbish.' It is our obvious duty to follow the guidance of the Methods Committee, even if we do occasionally take the liberty of ringing an irregular method based on one of the standard methods, or one which has a practical value in the advancement of a pupil. Let commonsense rule our activities in the belfry, as it did the decisions made at Bristol, and let us not give the Council occasion to rue the emancipation conceded in 1955.—Yours faithfully,

W. BIRMINGHAM.

Slough.

PEALS OF STEDMAN CINQUES AT CIRENCESTER

Dear Sir.—The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has been misinformed re peals of Stedman Cinques at Cirencester.

The first was rung on September 18th, 1903 (conducted by G. Lindoff). Others were: Sept. 27th. 1924 (J. E. Groves); March 28th, 1932 (William Pye); Feb. 23rd, 1945 (Wilfred Williams): Oct. 16th, 1948 (Walter F. Judge); the last, May 30th, 1955 (Fred E. Collins).

I well remember what would have been the first peal of Stedman Cinques for the Gloucester and Bristol Association being lost in the turning course after the last Bob had been called, owing to a change course. This was previous to 1903.—Yours faithfully,

F. J. LEWIS.

Cirencester.

[Note.—We thank other correspondents who have written.]

Dear Sir,—Help! I am already receiving protesting letters re Stedman Cinques at Cirencester. I fear they are right and I have made a mistake. Can't read my own writing, it seems. Anyway, there **have** been peals of Stedman Cinques in the past 50 years—the last one in 1948, which was the peal previous to the recent one. My observations still stand about Maximus, fortunately. Apologies to all concerned.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

RINGING DURING A SERVICE

Dear Sir,—During the last month the times of our Sunday morning services have been altered at St. Thomas' Church, Exeter. It has been the custom to ring for matins from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Now that the morning services are altered, there is a said matins at 10.30 a.m., followed by sung Holy Communion at 11 a.m.

Before this alteration of the Sunday morning services started I asked our secretary to call a meeting with the Vicar, so as to arrange earlier ringing, viz.. from 9.30 to 10.30. The verbal reply our secretary had from our Vicar was that the ringing could carry on as before, namely, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

In my opinion, it is not right for ringing to take place whilst a service is on. Admittedly only about six people attend the said matins, but I ask, how can people worship Almighty God when ringing and talking is taking place in the belfry?

I may mention that our belfry ringing floor is open to the church.

I have given notice to our band that I will **not** attend Sunday morning ringing unless the time is altered. My wife is a member of our band and she shares the same views.

I would like to know of anywhere else where bells are rung from a belfry open to the church during a service and whether fellow-ringers agree with me in not ringing under these circumstances.

You may note my church-going comes first, ringing second. I am also a member of St. Thomas' Parochial Church Council and sidesman, and have always been a regular churchgoer.—Yours faithfully,

W. A. WILLS.

Exeter.

'WITHIN OUR HEARTS'

Dear Sir,—Thanks for the article, 'Topic for the Month' (page 412).

By gad, it was far nicer and more encouraging than what was in column 1, page 381. I am glad to state that we at Friezland do appreciate it and I am sure those who heard us at St. Botolph's or anywhere else did fully realise our thoughts in respect to the bells and good striking, so I quote the following:—

> Within the walls, without the walls or without the walls within the walls we ring the bells from within our hearts.

Sincerely yours,

J. BURGESS.

Friezland, Yorks.

PEAL AT ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE

Dear Sir,—My attention has been directed to the report of a peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on May 7th, 1955. The performance actually took one hour longer than is stated, which is, perhaps, accounted for by the fact that 32 more changes were rung than appear in the report. The composition used was a regular four-part of 5,056 changes and was rung in 3 hours and 6 minutes.—Yours faithfully.

ROBIN G. TURNER.

Manchester.

LAVENHAM TENOR

Dear Sir, — In the report of Walton-on-Thames ringers' outing is a statement that Lavenham has the finest toned tenor in the country.

I would like to say this is very untrue, and it is time the 300-year-old myth was exploded. —Yours, etc.,

CECIL W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh, Suffolk.

BOB TRIPLES AT LEISTON

Dear Sir,—In a recent 'Ringing World' it states Bob Triples was rung at Leiston, Suffolk, for the first time. This is not correct. The original Leiston company rang their first peal, 5,040 Bob Triples, on November 6th, 1886, conducted by T. Shearing, and on November 20th a 5,040, conducted by G. Baxter, and on January 10th, 1887, 6,024 Oxford Treble Bob. This was conducted by G. Lindoff, as his original name was changed that day.

I have the honour to be the only **living** ringer in those three peals. The above three peals, with one of 10,304 Bob Major, conducted by J. Motts in 1888, are recorded on the centre tablet in the belfry. For this I collected the money. Mr. F. Tillett, of Ipswich, and myself are the only survivors of the peal of Bob Major. —Yours faithfully,

R. W. STANNARD.

WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir.—I notice in last week's 'Ringing World' Mr. Speed points out that the composition of Watford by me is almost identical with one by Mr. Cashmore. I was not aware of it at the time I sent it, so may I be allowed to withdraw any claim to same and ask you to publish the enclosed composition, which I think will settle the point.—Yours respectfully,

GEORGE FREEBREY

Derby.

5,056 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

23456	M	B	W	H
64352	—		3	—
64523		—	3	—
42635		—	3	
45236		—	—	—
62534	—		3	—
42356	—		2	—
32546			2	—
25346			3	2
23456			—	2

MR. DEREK P. JONES' 100 PEALS

Mr. Derek P. Jones has taken 12¼ years to complete his first 100 peals. Of this total 80 have been rung in the last two years. Ninety-six are on tower bells and four 'in hand.' His peals have been rung in 76 different towers. He has conducted 34 peals and rung with 180 different ringers for 12 Associations. Details (those conducted being in parentheses):—

Doubles 16 (14) including handbells 2 (2)—Grandsire 1 (1), handbells 1 (1), Stedman 1 (1), St Martin's 1 (1), two methods 1 (1), handbells 1 (1), three methods 1, four methods 1 (1), five methods 2 (2), six methods 1 (1), seven methods 1 (1), eight methods 1 (1), nine methods 1 (1), ten methods 1, twelve methods 1 (1).

Minor 29 (17) including six 'first in method').—Two methods 1 (1), three methods 3 (2), four methods 3 (1), seven methods 3, four Surprise 1 (1), seven Surprise 2, eight Surprise 1, nine Surprise 1, seven Plain 1, Plain Bob 4 (3), Trinity Sunday 1 (1), British Scholars' Pleasure 1 (1), Kirkstall 1 (1), Taxal 1 (1), Burnaby 1 (1), Dunedin 1 (1), Beverley 1 (1), Wearmouth 1 (1), Cambridge 1 (1).

Triples 4 (1).—Grandsire 1, Stedman 3 (1).

Major 40 (2) including handbells 2.—Plain Bob 3, Double Norwich 3, Double Oxford 1, handbells 1, Kent 2, handbells 1, Oxford Treble Bob 2 (1), Cambridge 4, Superlative 4, Yorkshire 6, Lincolnshire 3 (1), Ealing 1, Hitchin 1, Rutland 1, Bristol 2, London 1, Pudsey 2, New Cambridge 1, Southwell 1.

Caters 1.—Grandsire 1.

Royal 8.—Plain Bob 2, Kent 1, Cambridge 3, Yorkshire 1, Pudsey 1.

Cinques 2.—Stedman 2.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Festival at Knighton

June 25th was an ideal day for the visit to Knighton, Radnorshire, where the annual festival of the Guild was held. It was one of those days when everything went perfectly, and all enjoyed themselves.

The town is situated at the northern tip of the diocese and this means a day's journey for the members of the Southern District. This year they travelled via Hay and Eardisland, where the party had lunch and were met by Mr. Leslie Evans, who arranged ringing on the lovely eight in St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church.

All parties arrived at Knighton between 2.30 p.m. and 3 p.m. Evensong was attended by the Lord Bishop (Dr. Glyn Simon), who gave the Blessing. The Rev. T. E. Griffiths, Rector of New Radnor, gave the address. High tea followed the service.

In opening the business meeting the Lord Bishop, who presided, thanked the Vicar of Knighton for the arrangements made and also for the use of the bells. He also thanked the ringers for their part in the preparations. Apologies were received from Builth Wells and Cefn Coed.

Members stood in silence while the following members were remembered: Mr. J. Smith, Talgarth; Mr. Allsop, Ebbw Vale; and Mr. G. Morris, Llanstephen.

The general secretary's report included the sad news of Cefn Coed bells. Ringing has been stopped because the tower is cracked from top to bottom and is unsafe. The cost of repair will be over £4,000, an amount which is not easy to obtain.

The Rev. Sydney H. Morris, Vicar of Gorseinon, who was nominated as vice-president by Mr. Roderick, was elected. The hon. treasurer's report, which showed a great improvement in the balance in hand, was adopted.

Mr. G. I. Lewis was thanked by the chairman for his report on the Central Council meeting at Bristol.

Mr. E. Morris was elected Master of the Guild. All other officers were re-elected.

A welcome to the visitors from Shrewsbury and Chichester was proposed by the general secretary.

The 1956 festival will be held at Sketty, Swansea, and an invitation has been received from the Rector to visit New Radnor for 1957. Arrangements for the ringing competition were left to the committee.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the general secretary to the Lord Bishop for presiding.

After more ringing at St. Edward's tower, the Southern party left for home, and on the way stopped at Llanfihangel, Rhydeithen, to ring on the light six. Standing outside the tower we could not help thinking of the five peals in one day. J. A. H.

HORSMONDEN HAS NOW A RING OF EIGHT

The old six bells of St. Margaret's, Horsmonden, Kent, have been rehung and augmented to eight by the addition of two new trebles. The cost has been defrayed by Mrs. Bridges as a memorial to her husband, Mr. Bertram Bridges. An excellent splice has been effected by Messrs. John Taylor and Co, and in the opinion of local ringers the bells, with a tenor of 19¼ cwt., are second to none in the county of Kent.

The two new bells will be dedicated on Sunday, July 24th, at 6.30 p.m., by the Right Rev. H. N. V. Tonks, formerly Bishop of the Windward Islands. Ringing will start on the six at 5.30 p.m., and after the service on the eight. All ringers are welcome.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Presentation to Central Bucks Secretary

For the first time in its history the parish of Wingrave welcomed the Central Bucks Branch for its annual meeting. The six bells were rung up at 2.45 p.m. The Guild service at 4 p.m. was conducted by the Branch chairman (Canon G. Dixon) and the lesson was read by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Wigg). The Vicar of Wingrave (the Rev. T. Barker) gave the address and members of the Branch formed the choir.

Over 60 ringers sat down to an excellent tea in the Church Room, provided by the wives of the local ringers.

The annual meeting which followed was somewhat of an occasion, as it was the 25th time that Mr. E. F. Gibbard had officiated in the capacity of hon. secretary and treasurer. The Branch chairman (Canon G. Dixon) presided, supported by the Master of the Guild and hon. librarian (Miss M. R. Cross). All the Branch officers were re-elected and the secretary reported that the Branch had a balance of £19.

To mark this auspicious occasion for Mr. Gibbard, the assistant secretary, Mr. D. Wheeler, and Branch Ringing Masters Mr. G. Edmans and Mr. F. Gregory had secretly organised a presentation to him which came as a great surprise. After the Master of the Guild had expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Guild for his long and valuable work for the Branch, Mr. Gibbard was presented with a handsome eight-day clock in walnut case and with Westminster chimes. The clock was suitably inscribed, and a book, 'The Towers and Bells of Britain,' was also presented.

The presentation, amidst loud applause, was made by the Branch chairman, who, like Mr. Gibbard, had done long and sterling service to the Branch. In fact, Canon Dixon has been chairman ever since the Branch was formed, 27 years ago.

Mr. Gibbard thanked the members for such delightful presents and said it had been a pleasure to work for so happy a branch. He only wished he had the time to get round to more towers in the branch.

After the meeting ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD

The July meeting of the Newark District was held at the Church of St. Mary, Staunton-in-the-Vale (5, tenor 9 cwt.). The bells were raised at approximately 2.30 p.m. and rung in a variety of methods until 5 p.m., when tea was taken at the Staunton Arms. After tea the chairman, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, took the chair and welcomed visitors from Ancaster, Eagle, Heanor, Hough-on-the-Hill, Grantham and Rotherham. The next meeting was confirmed as a joint meeting with the Lincoln Guild at Newark, and the November meeting at South and North Collingham.

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

New Ringing Master of Western District

Although the total attendance was rather disappointing, 21 towers were represented at the annual meeting of the Western District held on June 18th at SS. Peter and Leonard's, Horbury. The bells of Holy Trinity, Ossett, were also available during the afternoon and evening.

Tea was served at 5 p.m. in the Co-operative Cafe, Horbury, and was followed by the business meeting.

In the absence of the vice-president, the chair was taken by the Ringing Master, Mr. T. W. Strangeway. Votes of thanks were expressed to the church authorities and local companies of both towers for their hospitality.

The election of officers then took place and it was with regret that members accepted the resignation of Mr. T. W. Strangeway from the office of Ringing Master. His services were, however, not to be dispensed with, and he was subsequently elected to serve on the District committee and to represent the District on the general committee of the Association. Mr. V. Bottomley was unanimously elected to succeed Mr. Strangeway as Ringing Master. Retiring committee members were Messrs. E. H. Simpson and A. Bairstow, neither of whom sought re-election, and Mr. A. W. Bond. Mr. Bond was duly re-elected and the remaining two seats filled by Messrs. T. W. Strangeway and J. Pearson.

Following the meeting, members apportioned themselves between the two towers and ringing continued throughout the evening.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

The summer festival of the Bedfordshire Association was held at All Saints', Leighton Buzzard, on June 25th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. with a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples on the back eight, continuing with Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Surprise Major, and rounds for those learning.

Those fortunate enough not to be roped in took full advantage of the June sunshine by going out on to the chancel roof enjoying the view towards Mentmore and the surrounding countryside in this beautiful corner of Bedfordshire.

After a bountiful tea members returned to the tower and continued ringing with Stedman Caters, Double Norwich, Yorkshire Surprise Major, etc., until 9 p.m. J. W. S.

HONOURING A VETERAN RINGER

A band composed of friends of Mr. T. W. Wyatt from Leamington, Warwick and Lillington met at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Lillington, on June 28th, to attempt with him a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of his 78th birthday and his long service to ringing.

Unfortunately Mr. Wyatt had been taken to hospital the previous day. After some very good ringing the quarter peal broke down when about 20 changes from the end.

Mr. Wyatt started his ringing career in London in 1896 and rang for many years at Lambeth Parish Church and other towers in London, and held office in one of the London Associations.

After coming to Leamington some years ago he joined the band at All Saints' and is one of the most regular members of that band, attending ringing twice every Sunday and on practice nights, and gives valuable help in training beginners. Considering he is 78 years of age, we think his record is very good and feel sure his London friends will join with Warwickshire ringers in wishing him a speedy recovery.

H. C. B.

LAVENHAM RINGING DAY

The 144th ringing anniversary on Saturday, June 18th, was well attended by ringers of both sexes from many Districts. The opening touches were 'tapped off' by the St. Stephen's company, Hampstead, who were passing through Lavenham on their 'annual.'

During the afternoon and evening many touches in various methods were enjoyed by the other visiting ringers, amongst whom was the Suffolk Guild's Ringing Master, Mr. Charles Sedgley.

The rounds ringers were not forgotten and everyone present had a pull.

Although the anniversary is only a shadow of its former self everyone present enjoyed ringing on these grand bells. Time was when ringing commenced at 6 a.m. and continued till 9 p.m. with many noted ringers present, including the late Squire Proctor and his band, John Marven, Nathan Pitstow and the noted London ringer, John Cox, etc. The last-named used to entertain the assembly by ringing a three-bobbed lead of Kent Major on handbells—two in each hand, one strapped to each of his elbows and one strapped to each boot-toe.

S. H. S.

5,056 Spliced Cambridge, New Cambridge & Southwell Surprise Major

By ROGER BALDWIN

23456	B	M	W	H	
65432		—	—	—	NNNXXXX
34256		—	—		XXXXNNN
25346			—	—	NNNXNNN
42356			—		XNXXNNN
54326			—		XNXXNNN
32546			—	—	NNNXNNN
43526			—		XNXXNNN
24536			—		XNXXNNN
53246			—	—	XNXXNNN
45236			—		XNXXNNN
63254			—	—	XNXXXXX
52436			—		NNNXNNN
63425			—	—	XNXXXXX
46325				—	XXXXXXX
53624		—		—	NNNXNNN
65324				—	XNXXXXX
32654			—	—	NNNXNNN
46253		—		—	XXXXXXX
24653				—	NNNXXNX
62453				—	NNNXXNX
62534	x			—	XX XX
35426		—	—		NNNXNNN
23456			—		NNNXNNN

6th extent in 6ths at CE's.

N=New Cambridge.

X=New Cambridge, Cambridge, or Southwell.

This composition is true to Superlative. ✔

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

The curious iron cresset on the tower of Monken Hadley was an object of interest to the St. Albans District members who visited this tower on the afternoon of June 18th. Good use was made of the light eight.

The ringers then crossed the common to Barnet, that ancient Hertfordshire town that is now so much a northern outpost of London, where they were joined by many more ringers for the short business meeting, followed by ringing on the glorious octave housed in the flint chequered tower. The bells demanded and responded well to good handling and even the touches that failed were worth listening to.

At the business meeting it was proposed that Essenden (in a perfect 'summer setting') be visited on July 16th, and possibly St. Michael's, St. Albans, in September, with no August meeting.

G. D.

ROSS-ON-WYE'S TOWER-GRABBING EXPEDITION

On Saturday, June 25th, eight ringers from the Ross-on-Wye District had an enjoyable outing in Gloucestershire. The first tower visited was Quedgeley (8, 9½ cwt.), followed by Elmore (6, 11 cwt.). At Longney (8, 14 cwt.) the sole disaster of the day occurred. Just as the bells were being lowered a snapping noise was heard. No, it wasn't a rope—but the thread of the necklace one of the young ladies had been wearing! The result can be imagined. Both here and at the next tower, Moreton Valence (6, 10 cwt.) the band amused themselves by following in her wake collecting stray beads!

After ringing at Moreton Valence (and being shown round the church by the Vicar), sandwiches were enjoyed in Whitminster Park. The meal was enlivened by the two girls' discovery that they had been sitting on an ants' nest. Proceeding to Whitminster, an attempt was made to raise the bells (6, 15 cwt.), but several jackdaws' nests had to be removed before this was possible. Slimbridge (6, 12¼ cwt.) was a complete contrast, possessing what is surely one of the most attractive ringing chambers in the country. Next came Coaley (6, 12½ cwt.), where the long draught and the low sallies proved troublesome; and the final tower, the best of the day, was Dursley (8, 19½ cwt.),

The following methods were rung:—

Doubles.—Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob. Minor.—Plain Bob, Little Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Thelwall, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Triples.—Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Triples and Oxford Bob. Major.—Plain Bob.

Thanks are due to all incumbents and local ringers who met the party, and to the two organisers, Reginald Jones and Eric Roberts.

M. T.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

The Elloe Deaneries Branch visited Gedney Hill for its summer meeting. A small village on the borders of Cambridgeshire, in spite of its name there is no hill for miles around. The church is most unusual with a nave of wooden arcades, the pillars being of stout oak.

The glorious summer weather attracted a gathering of about 30 ringers and friends. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Hibbert, with Mrs. Hibbert at the organ. Tea was served in the Memorial Hall by the local ringers' wives and other helpers.

Mr. Hibbert was chairman at the business meeting. Four members of the local company were elected ringing members and Mr. Hibbert was elected an honorary member. Mr. Ames, in his vote of thanks, said that the last meeting here was in 1936, and he hoped it would not be another 19 years before the next visit. Handbell ringing followed the meeting, then members again returned to the church, where ringing continued till 9 p.m.

A large variety of methods was rung on the five bells, the only ring of five in the Branch, and it is understood that there is now a fund started for adding a treble at some future date.

R. C. N.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Urchfont on July 2nd, some 32 members and friends attending, including visitors from Chippenham, Frome, Nailsea, Chilcompton and New Zealand.

The next three meetings were fixed for Great Cheverell, Rowde and Trowbridge. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for providing tea. Ringing ranged from rounds to Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

S. C.

SOUTH DEVON RINGERS' FESTIVAL

Everything contributed to make the ringing festival at Dean Prior on June 25th a noteworthy event—brilliant weather, good ringing and wholehearted co-operation from the Vicar.

The 15th century church was almost full for the service at 4 o'clock, at which the Bishop of Plymouth, the Rt. Rev. N. H. Clarke, gave the address. In his address the Bishop stressed the fact that, although time lent dignity to our churches, its hand lay heavily upon them in deterioration of fabric, and he at once brought home to the congregation the need for and the needs of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, to which fund the day's activities were directed.

As was to be expected, the occasion was marked by call change ringing of a high order, but it was disappointing that owing to last-minute shortage, the Mid-Devon Guild were unable to ring the service touch. However, the judges were able to make up six and so gratify their own wish to ring.

Dartmouth were unfortunate in having the treble rope break as they were nearing the end of their peal. A replacement was speedily forthcoming and a satisfactory arrangement was made as regards their marking. 'Sixty on thirds' constituted the prize peal.

Certificates were presented to the first six teams — Kingsbridge, West Alvington (1), Buckland-in-the-Moor, Widecombe-in-the-Moor, Upton, Torquay and West Alvington (2) in that order.

It is expected that a sum of about £12 will be handed over to the Trust as a result of the Festival.

STOKE D'ABERNON, SURREY.. TO HAVE RING OF FIVE

Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, is to have a light ring of five bells. The four old bells in the church have been silent for years owing to the frame being unsafe and have been removed to a bell-foundry.

Making the announcement, the Rector (the Rev. John H. L. Waterson) writes: 'It would be a very sweet ring of perhaps the lightest bells in the south country with a tenor weighing three and a half cwt. and the new treble bell not more than one cwt., all harmonically in accord.'

The cost is about £700.

Of the four bells in Stoke D'Abernon, one was pre-Reformation, circa 1450, which was ascribed to Joanna Sturdy. Another pre-Reformation bell was recast by Warners in 1886, and William Eldridge provided a bell here in 1687.

Hascombe, in the Guildford Diocese, has a ring of five with a tenor weighing 3 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

By kind invitation of the Vicar the monthly meeting of the Society was held at High Bradfield on July 2nd. The ringers from the Cathedral had been asked to ring the bells for the annual church garden party and so it was decided that the meeting should be held there.

Altogether about 30 members, representing 10 towers, were present. The bells were rung for a few minutes until 3 o'clock, when there was a break during which the garden party was declared open. Ringing continued until 4 p.m., when tea was served in the Church Hall.

No business meeting was held but ringing continued in a variety of methods including London, Cambridge, Stedman and Plain Bob until 7 p.m. During the course of the evening a few rounds were rung by a team consisting entirely of girls attending the High School for Girls, Rotherham. The next meeting is to be held at Eckington on August 4th.

D. F. S.

OBITUARY

THE REV. DAVID RAILTON

A memorial service for the late Rev. David Railton, Rector of Liverpool from 1935-42, was held at the Parish Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on July 4th. The service was conducted by the present Rector, Canon R. Nelson.

The Rev. D. Railton served as a chaplain in the first world war and won the M.C.; he picked up a large Union Jack in no-man's-land and it was in this flag that the body of the Unknown Warrior was wrapped and brought from the Western Front to London. The suggestion to bury an unknown soldier in Westminster Abbey as a memorial to all those who died in the first world war emanated from David Railton in a conversation with the late Bishop Ryle, then Dean of Westminster.

In the evening, after Evensong, members of the St. Nicholas' band attempted a peal of Stedman Triples on the light eight, which was lost in the last plain course.

MR. ROBERT BRIGHAM SMITH

The passing of Mr. Robert Brigham Smith (aged 77), of Howden, East Yorks, on May 15th, is deeply regretted by ringers of the Yorkshire Association and Selby and District Society. He had been a member of the Yorkshire Association (Eastern District) since 1908 and was a member of the general committee of the Association.

His ringing career began at Howden Parish Church more than half a century ago and he was captain of the belfry for most of that period. He had rung in 23 peals and was keenly interested in change ringing throughout the county and attended meetings regularly up to the time of his passing. He gave every encouragement to young ringers and was of a very kindly and sociable disposition, and would sit outside various churches listening to any peal in progress.

Mr. Smith was Howden's only surviving veteran of the old Volunteer Corps which fought in the South African War.

The funeral took place on May 18th and in the evening his memory was honoured by a team of ringers ringing Howden Church bells half-muffled. A course of Grandsire was rung on handbells at the graveside.

At the quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association held at Howden on June 25th, members stood in silence for a moment in respect of the late Mr. Smith, the vice-president of the Association (Mr. A. E. Sellars) paying tribute to his memory. Mr. W. A. Hudson (Hemingbrough), who had been his pal for 50 years as a ringer and socially, wrote the following lines, which were read to the meeting:—

OUR LAST FAREWELL TO R. B. SMITH
(OLD BOB)

At rest he lies on the sunny south side of
Howden Church,
Beneath the bells he rang so long and true.
His course is run, his bell is home and honour
is his due.
The bells each week as they ring out their
message, ever new,
Will also keep alive and warm
Our memories, Bob, of you.

L. M. W.

MR. EDWIN YATES

One of the oldest members of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Mr. Edwin Yates, died at his home on Sunday, June 26th. Born at Stony Stratford in 1868, he resided in the town all his life, where he carried on his craft as a master wheelwright.

As a lad he sang in the choir of St. Giles' Church and later became a member of the local bellringers, joining the Oxford Guild in 1885. He was tower captain for 60 years, a post he held until his death. He had rung between 50 and 60 peals, mostly for the Oxford and Peterborough Guilds.

In his younger days he was a member of the local fire brigade for 30 years, serving as captain for the last 13 years, when he was succeeded by his son, who is also a ringer.

The funeral took place on June 29th at St. Giles' Church, where he had been verger for the last 30 years. The service, which was choral, was conducted by the Vicar the Rev. C. L. G. Hutchings), and in addition to the family mourners was attended by fellow ringers from Newport Pagnell, Cosgrove, Wicken and St. Giles' tower.

The bearers were members of his own tower, Messrs. W. G. Clark, A. W. Dillow, A. Hurst and H. C. Edwards. Among the many floral tributes was one from the North Bucks Branch, Wicken ringers, and St. Giles', Cosgrove, ringers.

'Father,' as he was affectionately called, will be sadly missed by his fellow ringers and friends.

H. C. E.

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This is your story-teller, the man called Slack. To-day's story is of a trip through three counties by lads and lasses from 11 towers. Two coaches set off round the area collecting the people from various points. The coaches met at Penistone and proceeded over the wild moors to 'hide' (sorry, Hyde)—we were not yet fugitives.

Then began the mystery—who had two breakfasts? And what a breakfast it was! A good start to what proved to be a grand day.

At the church the children's choir were rehearsing, and the non-ringers, and the ringers, too, enjoyed listening to them. The bells were truly a delight and were soon rolling merrily along with the usual Barnsley neatness. Touch number two—Spliced Kent and Oxford—was going nicely when the tenor rope broke. Was this the result of two breakfasts? Repairs were soon in hand by the local ringers and the ringing continued. Reluctantly we had to leave — a short journey this time — to the city of reputed everlasting rain, but to-day something had gone wrong. A golden ball suspended in the heavens poured down heat and light on the party as we arrived at Miles Platting, where this light eight were soon away to 'Yorkshire Glory' followed by the usual neat six. Again the enemy was pressing and we had to leave; a straight run to Liverpool, the Mersey tunnel, Birkenhead and New Brighton. There the afternoon was deployed as each individual was wont.

After tea, the journey home.

'They travelled along at a rattling good pace
Over moorland and valley and plain,
And poor little . . . .'
(Sorry, right verse wrong opera.)

Soon the George and Dragon was reached but George must have been out, according to who served us.

Then for home, one off here, two off there, and your scribe to catch a train to London for his holidays. You may hear from him shortly if he keeps off the cider.

The enemy, time, defeated, everyone safe home after another good day.

OUTING

SPALDING, LINCS

Leaving the Corn Exchange, Spalding, at 6 a.m. on July 9th was a great effort for some ringers of St. Mary's and St. Nicholas', Spalding, along with friends from some neighbouring towers, but away on time and off towards Yorkshire, arriving at the first tower of the day, Thorne, in good time. The bells were all up ready and soon changes were ringing out over the town.

Away in good time and to our next tower, Goole. After an enjoyable ring here and some good wishes from the Vicar we set off to Howden. The enormous tower could be seen long before arrival and we were not disappointed when we heard the bells, a truly grand octave.

On again to Beverley where, after a good lunch, we first enjoyed the ring of ten at St. Mary's, the weight men having a go. We then travelled along to that wonderful Minster Church just as a bride and her groom were leaving. We gave them a good and unexpected send-off to Royal and Caters, all agreeing that the bells of Beverley were indeed first class.

In the coach again and on to Selby, where we had to pay a toll before we could get into the town. Our first call was for tea, an excellent meal enjoyed by all. Unfortunately, we clashed with another party of ringers at the Abbey Church through some mistake, but we all got a ring on the fine ten.

Our last call of the day was Doncaster, its massive tower standing out over the town. We were not disappointed by the bells after a long climb to the ringing chamber and the day was completed with various methods on this glorious octave. A short stop was made at Retford for refreshments, and we arrived back in Spalding at 12.30 a.m. all exhausted, but agreeing it had been a wonderful day.

Thanks were expressed to our secretary, Mr. France, and to the Ringing Master; also to all the incumbents of the churches we had visited and the ringers who had met us and made us so welcome.

R. C. N.

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MUSSON.—On June 22nd, 1955, at The Sleaford Maternity Home, to Lucy Evelyn and James H. Musson the precious gift of a daughter (Beverley June). 6639

ENGAGEMENT

MARSHALL—KILBOURN. — The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Marshall, of 41, Reedman Road, Sawley, Derbyshire, and Shelagh, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Kilbourn, of 11, Hawthorne Avenue, Sawley, Derbyshire. 6638

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Chesterfield District) and SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD (North Notts District).—Joint meeting, Creswell (8), Saturday, July 16th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Barlow, Mansfield Road, Creswell, Worksop. (Please note change of date.) 6628

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western.—Quarterly meeting, Ingrave, July 16th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mrs. D. Crouchman, Frieze Hall Cottages, South Weald, near Brentwood. Brentwood bells (8) will be available in the evening. 6565

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HAROLD J. POOLE

THE news of the passing of Harold J. Poole, in tragic circumstances, will come as a tremendous shock to those who knew him—hundreds of ringers knew him personally and thousands knew of him by repute because he was a giant among ringers, one of the great men of the Exercise. Ringers everywhere will join us in expressing our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Poole and her family.

Harold Poole had all those attributes that made him the great man he was. As a ringer and conductor there have been few his equal; as an instructor he accomplished marvels. His tremendous enthusiasm infected all his pupils; they established a reputation for 12-bell ringing unsurpassed in the country. But it was not merely in his own tower and among peal ringers that his activities were confined. The same enthusiasm for peal ringing he introduced into the activities of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, which became a separate entity largely through his initiative when the Midland Counties Association was divided. As president he did a great work among the young people. Mere instruction is not enough; for a guild to flourish there must be a strong social life. In spirit he was for ever young, joining and inspiring the fun and happiness of those around him. His socials were at times on a big scale. We remember seeing nearly 1,000 people dancing in the de Montford Hall at Leicester at a function his ringers had organised.

There was also the serious side of his character. He realised that ringing was not solely for human enjoyment; it had a great spiritual message to convey to the country. In the Leicester Diocese the understanding between the Church authorities and the ringers was almost ideal. Since 1941 Mr. Poole had been a lay canon of Leicester Cathedral, an honour that is unique in English ringing. This friendliness has not only found expression with the support given by the Bishops and Provosts of Leicester to ringers' meetings and festivals, but on one of the happiest days in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Poole the Bishop attended to give the Blessing at the marriage of their daughter, Jill.

By profession he was a policeman. There was the police stamp of authority about him. It was only last November that he retired from the Leicester City Force. For years he had been the prosecuting inspector, sitting almost daily in the Leicester Courts. He had a deep knowledge of human nature: not a hard impenetrable rock but a sympathetic understanding and a readiness to help those who found life's travel one of difficulty. With those above him he was held in high esteem; with policemen all over the country he was known as a fine colleague. Much of this came through the agency of the National Police Guild of Ringers, of which he was one of the founders. From secretary in this Guild he advanced to president. The annual gatherings of the Guild were very fraternal with the president not only maintaining the standard of ringing but introducing a happy social atmosphere.

It is only natural that Harold Poole, with his brilliant achievements as a ringer and the president of two guilds, should be on the Central Council. Nowhere will his passing be more keenly felt than when the Council meet again. He brought to bear a complete understanding of what the rank and file of the Exercise were thinking. We are not giving away a secret when we mention that at a meeting of the Standing Committee eyes would turn towards him seeking his reaction to the immediate problem. It was the same on the floor of the Council meeting. His views were listened to attentively. At times there would be a bluffness and the spice of humour was invariably near to the surface, but always his advice was sound. When the business of the day was over it was to Harold Poole that the company looked for entertainment. He was undoubtedly the presiding genius at the social evening.

We on this journal remember in particular his tenacious fight at Chester to keep the price of 'The Ringing World' at fourpence. He joined Mr. J. Frank Smallwood on 'The Ringing World' Committee and examined with care the different sides of the problem. Only those behind the scenes know of the really big effort that was made. Harold Poole was particularly anxious that every boy and girl should not begrudge the price of the publication.

Of the pupils of Fred Dexter, Harold Poole was probably the greatest. He moulded him as a ringer and he introduced to him the art of composition. Our news columns give some indication of his accomplishments as a peal ringer, both on tower bells and handbells. The full story will come later with the record of his peals.

Truly, his motto might well have been, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.' There was nothing half-hearted about Harold; in all matters he was painstaking and conscientious. May he rest in peace.

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Composed by JAMES TOPP. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Angela Bell, daughter of the ringer of the 5th, and member of the local band; and also in honour of the engagement of Geoffrey W. Seaman to Miss Shirley Ambler.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb.

FREDERICK G. HINCHIN	*Treble*	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	5
ARTHUR T. SHOREY	2	GERALD C. HEMMING	6
BRENDA M. SMITH	3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	4	*JOHN MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by GERALD C. HEMMING.
* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells since being re-hung and augmented to eight by J Taylor and Co.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

EUNICE HILEY	*Treble*	A. PATRICK CANNON	5
ROLAND W. MORANT	2	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	6
*DAVID D. WRIGHT	3	HERBERT COLCOMBE	7
E. JOHN WELLS	4	JAMES F. DODSON	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by JAMES F. DODSON.
* First peal on eight bells.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,176 Yorkshire, 1,472 Lincolnshire and 1,408 Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Middleton's. Tenor 12 cwt.

W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Treble*	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
HOWARD SCOTT	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
ALEXANDER E. MARSH	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

LLANDUDNO, CAERNARVONSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 8 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS	2	L. JOHN EVANS	6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	3	ANDREW J. SALISBURY	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE (C.C.C. 20).
Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
Rung as a compliment to Canon R. T. Rowlands, who has now completed 21 years as Rector of Llandudno.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, being 864 Cambridge, 800 Lincolnshire, 768 Painswick, 736 Superlative, 672 Pudsey, 672 Yorkshire and 576 Aldenham, with 130 changes of method and all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

ALAN J. BROWN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	JOHN WORTH	6
BASIL JONES	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN A. BARNETT. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
The first peal of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods for the Guild, in which all the bells do all the work of all the methods.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	ROBERT W. PARKER	5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	2	HARRY BARNES	6
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	3	WILLIAM H. DALE	7
GEORGE W. CREASEY	4	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS (No. 572).
Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Barnes (Stainton).

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 LUTTERWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	JOHN SCHOFIELD	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
D. KAY ADKINS	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
J. DESMOND PAINTER	4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band. Rung without previous practice.
A birthday peal for Mr. J. E. Rootes.

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WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

KENNETH LAWSON	*Treble*	THOMAS TEMPLEMAN	5
MRS. W. MAUGHAN	2	CHARLES LEA	6
*MICHAEL C. AUSTIN	3	ROBERT BELL	7
WILLIAM F. SHERATON	4	WILLIAM MAUGHAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOLT. Conducted by WILLIAM MAUGHAN.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal of Major as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. R. Wears (former curate of Stranton) on his institution and induction to the living of St. John-the-Evangelist, Merrington, on Thursday, July 7th.

WITTON, NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID A. GODFREY	*Treble*	HENRY PARKER	5
REGINALD W. WORRALL	2	WILLIAM B. ALLMAN	6
WALTER ALLMAN	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
NEVILLE C. BROWN	4	CECIL RADDON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

Rung for the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Parker (July 12th). R. W. Worrall was the best man at the wedding in 1930.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	ROBIN G. TURNER	5
C. KENNETH LEWIS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
A. NEVILLE BROWN	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 13, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th Observation). Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

KENNETH L. BROWN	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	BERT GOGLE	6
HERBERT LASKEY	3	*WALTER FORD	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Grandsire. The only other peal of Grandsire on the bells was rung 42 years ago.

SIX BELL PEALS

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., June 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALLEN COLCOMBE	*Treble*	AUBREY J. PROBERT	4
THOMAS J. GUNDY	2	CHARLES PHILLIPS	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

The ringer of the tenor has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. Powell.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., June 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Cambridge Surprise and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

DAVID P. STUBBINGS	*Treble*	EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	4
JANE THORPE	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
JAMES M. BAILEY	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

Rung for the festival of St. Peter.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

ALBERT J. DUNK	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. WOOD	4
STANLEY V. RAYFIELD	2	*GEORGE KENWARD	5
FRANK E. FAGG	3	*GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.

* 75th peal together.

Rung as a farewell peal to Frank E. Fagg, captain of the local band, who is leaving Milton Regis to take up an appointment in Belfast. The band and all members of the Rochester district wish Frank every success in Belfast.

BLANKNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Consisting of (1) Cambridge, Primrose, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich and Norfolk; (2) York; (3) Durham; (4) Netherseale; (5) London; (6) Wells; (7) Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt.

AMOS INGALL	*Treble*	LOUIS WILLDERS	4
WILLIAM R. PARKER	2	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
JOHN F. PEARSON	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

STOULTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND, KING AND MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Single Oxford Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*ROBERT C. HALL	*Treble*	*PATRICK L. HATCHER	4
*COLIN B. LONGMORE	2	*ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	5
*HARRY J. WHEATLEY	3	R. ROGER SAVORY	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. ROGER SAVORY.

* First peal in more than one method.

Rung as birthday compliments to the ringers of 2nd and 5th, and to the conductor on gaining the degree of B.Sc.(Hons.).

BROWN EDGE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 15 lb. in G.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	CHARLES H. PAGE	4
GEORGE H. HALL	2	EWART H. EDGE	5
SHELAGH R. COLLINS	3	ALFRED H. COTTRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.

Rung to commemorate the visitation the previous day of the Lord Bishop of Lichfield (the Rt. Rev. A. S. Reeve, D.D.).

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat, July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*DAVID D. WRIGHT	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	4
EDWARD G. L. COWARD	2	ROLAND W. MORANT	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

* First peal in seven methods.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 of St. Clement's, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

MICHAEL HARROP	*Treble*	D. M. HAWLEY	4
SUSAN HARROP	2	A. SHEPPARD	5
G. F. TERRY	3	EDWARD M. BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. F. TERRY.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being seven extents, 120 each, of St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HOOPER	4
*F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	SIMON L. BARLEY	5
*GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* 25th peal together.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. L. Exton, ringing master of the Newark District of the Southwell Guild, and Miss Brenda Wright, whose wedding took place in Newark during the ringing of this peal.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*PERCY E. CROWE	*Treble*	‡LESLIE H. RISEBROW	4
CYRIL POOLEY	2	JOHN R. SMITH	5
†RAYMOND W. BALLS	3	‡WILLIAM H. HOLDOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal on tower bells. ‡ First peal.

SEALE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A flat

*EUNICE A. HILEY	*Treble*	†DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	4
†MONICA E. COLLINS	2	JAMES F. DODSON	5
E. JOHN WELLS	3	ERNEST GARDNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal of Minor and first peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' Mr. E. Gardner has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. E. D. Ginever).

SHUSTOKE, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., July 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 by Pitman and 40 120's, 10 callings.
Tenor 12 cwt. approx.

WILLIAM C. RHODES	*Treble*	LESLIE L. WILLIS	4
J. WILLIAM HOVEY	2	GORDON H. LANE	5
DONALD L. HOOPER	3	*HARRY WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GORDON H. LANE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

Rung for the Diocese Jubilee.

WINTERBOURNE ST. MARTIN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Dorchester Branch.)
On Sat., July 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 10 extents of April Day, 16 extents of Plain Bob, 14 extents of Grandsire and one 240 of Morris' arrangement. Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*JOHN W. ROSE	*Treble*	*BETTY J. MARSH	4
*DOROTHY M. NICE	2	HENRY J. FORD	5
*GEORGE J. W. ABBOTT	3	†JAMES A. HART	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY J. FORD.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal.

Rung as a farewell to Miss D. M. Nice, who is leaving the district, and as a birthday compliment to Miss B. J. Marsh.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two extents of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ALBERT DUNK	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	4
†EDWARD C. BARTON	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
JOSEPH GRENSTED	3	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL S. JARRETT.

* First peal including Treble Bob hunt. † First peal in three methods.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of Rodmersham (the Rev. Mr. Jacques), who is taking up another appointment.

HANDBELL PEALS

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	1–2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5–6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3–4	KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	7–8

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.

Arranged and rung as an 88th birthday compliment to Josiah Morris, of Leicester.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGERS' ROOM AT THE MINSTER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (10 different callings).

GEORGE E. FOSTER	1–2	*FREDERICK G. HOOPER	3–4
		†J. BRYAN SMITH	5–6

Conducted by FREDERICK G. HOOPER.

* First peal of Doubles 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.' First handbell peal as conductor

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 13, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON	1–2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3–4
		LESLIE BOUMPHREY	5–6

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT 34, LEONARD AVENUE, SHERWOOD.
A PEAL OF 5040 COLLEGE TRIPLES
Reeves' Variation.

MRS. A. SIMPSON	1–2	BRIAN BUSWELL	5–6
CLEMENT GLENN	3–4	ALLAN SIMPSON	7–8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

The first handbell peal in the method.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Sexton 1, Pamela Law 2, Beryl Reynolds 3, R. D. Brown (first quarter of Minor 'inside') 4, H. W. Brown 5, S. W. Brown (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Beryl Reynolds, who will be leaving the parish after her marriage to Jim Sexton on July 9th.

BOURNE, LINCS.—On July 2nd, 1,296 Spliced Surprise Minor (576 Beverley and Surfleet, 720 Cambridge, Norfolk, Ipswich, Hull, Primrose, Bourne): A. E. Larkinson 1, A. E. Scott 2, F. W. French 3, C. Wade 4, A. Wade 5, J. W. Haw 6. Jointly conducted by 4 and 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also a farewell to the curate, the Rev. D. T. Russell, M.A., upon his departure to become Rector of Belton, Lincs. Also a wedding compliment to William R. Fayers, one of the local band, who was married the previous day at Preston, Lancs.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On July 10th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): E. Deacon 1, S. W. Bigmore 2, G. M. Rouse 3, A. T. M. Perry 4, K. Everett (first in method as cond.) 5, H. Stebbings 6. Rung for morning service.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On July 11th, 1,344 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Cox (Bramley) 1, W. Lee (Calverley) 2, D. Cox (Bramley) 3, R. Waddington (first quarter, Calverley) 4, P. Dawson (Calverley) 5, D. Thorp (first as cond., Calverley) 6.

CAMBERWELL, LONDON, S.E.—At the Church of St. George, on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, B. K. Lunn 3, J. Waters 4, D. E. J. Watts 5, E. G. Webb 6, J. Phillips (cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. Rung for Evensong. A birthday compliment to F. R. L. Blewer.

COLERNE, WILTS.—On June 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. H. Clements 1, G. C. Weeks 2, W. J. Gait 3, G. J. Sheppard 4, A. Lee 5, R. O. Fry 6, P. W. Weeks (cond.) 7, T. Gray 8. First of Triples for 1 and 4. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.—On June 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, F. Elsome 2, G. Crisp 3, V. Chamberlain 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. David P. Maurice, son of the Rev. L. S. Maurice (Rector of Cottenham), who was ordained Deacon in Chelmsford Cathedral on Trinity Sunday.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On July 3rd, at the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: F. E. Darby 1, W. Williams 2, S. H. Dearden 3, J. H. Crampion 4, J. Waters (longest length of Surprise and Maximus) 5, R. Davies 6, A. G. Mason 7, W. F. Oatway 8, C. G. Watts 9, A. B. Peck 10, J. Phillips 11, F. E. Collins (cond.) 12.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Line 1, E. Geeves 2, R. Daniels 3, R. Line 4, E. Smart (cond.) 5. Rung for the Festival of SS. Peter and Paul.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): P. Down (first quarter) 1, F. Hurrell 2, G. Hurrell 3, E. J. Coode 4, F. Richardson 5, C. Philpott 6, G. Daynes (cond.) 7, J. Hurrell 8. Rung for Evensong and also an 85th birthday compliment to G. Daynes.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On July 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: N. Watson 1, T. Stagg 2, R. Rose 3, Miss D. M. Reeve 4, L. Sharpe 5, A. F. Balaam 6, K. G. Brown (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8. First in method for 3, 5, 6, 7.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On July 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from Carter's Odd and Even Bob One-Part): W. A. J. Knight 1, H. Baker 2, W. T. Grice 3, W. R. Manser (first in method) 4, L. Mannering 5, J. Wallis 6, L. Head (cond.) 7, M. Downes (first quarter) 8.

FULHAM, S.W.—On July 3rd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, J. Phillips 3, J. Alsopp 4, W. S. Langdon 5, B. K. Lunn 6, H. Belcher 7, W. Hibbert 8, T. Setter (cond.) 9, Mrs. P. Lewington 10.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On June 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. V. Good 1, W. Ayre (cond.) 2, H. Gates 3, Miss P. A. Martin 4, W. C. Hughes 5, W. B. R. Ellender 6, G. S. Duncan (first in method) 7, D. E. Latchford 8. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. A. Malley, on his retirement.

HORBURY, YORKS. — On July 7th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. M. Thorley (cond.) 1, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 2, Miss A. Laycock 3, M. B. Schofield 4, W. Sykes 5, P. M. Speck 6. First of Cambridge Minor by 2 and 3.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. E. Cox 1, J. D. Kape 2, A. Heppenstall (first in method) 3, N. Cornwall 4, D. Cornwall 5, P. Newton 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, V. Evans 8.

ILFRACOMBE, DEVON.—At Holy Trinity Church, on June 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Walters (first in method) 1, A. Diserens 2, Mrs. A. Diserens 3, D. Gay 4, D. Beecham 5, N. Mallett 6, J. Worth (cond.) 7, F. Yeo 8. A compliment to L. Walters on his silver wedding anniversary.

MARHAMCHURCH, CORNWALL.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Vinnicombe 1, B. Bissat 2, R. J. Hicks 3, H. Stacey 4, C. Sangwin (cond.) 5, D. Martin 6. Rung as an 80th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

MELBURY OSMOND, DORSET.—On July 8th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 60 of Grandsire): A. Atyeo (first in six methods) 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, J. Taylor (first in six methods) 3, D. Sweet 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. First on the bells since their recent restoration after about 40 years of silence.

MERROW, SURREY.—On July 11th, 1,260 Doubles (60 Grandsire, 120 each Dedworth I., Dedworth II., Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure and Southrepps Pleasure): Rosamund A. May 1, Jillian H. Wilson 2, Eva Taussig 3, G. L. Grover (cond.) 4, J. H. Etherington 5, G. M. Purnell 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Cecil George Kibblewhite, for many years a ringer and chorister at Merrow and interred there that day.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On July 10th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Isobel Dearling 1, N. Small (first in two methods) 2, H. Allen 3, G. R. Drew (first quarter) 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, J. Uden 6. Birthday compliments to the conductor's wife and father, the 2nd ringer's son and the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Johnston), whose birthdays all fall on the same day, July 5th.



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NEWPORT, MON.—On July 9th, at All Saints' Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Doris 1, Miss D. Atwell 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, D. James 4, J. A. Hoare 5, J. E. Morgan 6, R. E. Coles 7, D. J. King (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 4.

OLD MARSTON, OXON.—On July 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: D. Woodward 1, M. Journeaux 2, Miss C. Woodward 3, C. Holloway 4, A. Gammon (cond.) 5. Rung before evening service on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Oxford.—Also on July 10th, 360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob Doubles, 540 Grandsire Doubles: D. Woodward 1, Miss C. Woodward 2, M. Journeaux 3, A. Gammon 4, C. Holloway (cond.) 5. Rung after evening service, half-muffled, in memory of the Rev. G. E. Day, Rural Dean of Islip, and Miss M. Mortimer.

OXFORD.—On June 12th, at the University Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. H. Jackson 1, D. H. Niblett 2, D. A. Edwards 3, P. R. Sanders 4, G. F. Jenkins 5, J. H. Smart (cond.) 6.

PENTRE, GLAM.—On July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Lovett (cond.) 1, T. P. Edwards 2, G. Williams 3, K. Jones 4, J. Evans 5, R. Brabham 6, K. Hartnoll 7, H. Crabb 8. A 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

STEPNEY, LONDON, E.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on July 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. M. Powell 1, C. Tester 2, H. G. Weedon 3, R. E. Lambert 4, W. Hughes 5, A. Lewry (cond.) 6, L. Honess 7, W. Manser 8.

STOCKLAND, DEVON.—On June 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Poole 1, H. W. Pearce 2, R. P. Selway (cond.) 3, A. W. Dyer 4, W. G. Turk 5, C. F. Joyce 6.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples (from Thurstans' One-part): Miss I. Holland (first of Stedman) 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, Miss M. Thompson 4, D. Wight 5, H. C. Allbrow 6, T. G. Hawkins 7, A. D. Barker (cond.) 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On July 3rd, 1,272 Stedman Caters: Muriel Reay 1, G. E. Fearn 2, J. Findon 3, A. J. Print 4, G. Ingram 5, F. C. Lyne (cond.) 6, R. C. Chapman 7, H. Huxley 8, J. Steed 9, W. Cockins 10. First of Stedman Caters for 3, 4 and 5.

THURSTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Nice 1, L. Pierce 2, R. Rose 3, L. Sharpe 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5.

TOWNSTAL, DARTMOUTH, DEVON.—On July 11th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: Pat Mills 1, Heather Hood 2, A. Newman 3, Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge 4, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 5, A. Goss 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1, 2 and 6 and first on the bells. Rung for the birth of a son to the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, the priest in charge of this church.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH. — On June 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. S. N. Brown 1, J. R. Hobbs 2, T. J. Milsom 3, A. F. Lee 4, R. O. Fry (cond.) 5, T. V. Pitt (first quarter) 6.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX. — On June 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Beryl Colbran 1, F. H. Hicks 2, Patricia M. Howard 3, J. H. Howard 4, C. F. Bonnett 5, I. A. C. Butcher (cond.) 6, E. Constable 7, M. McLeod 8. Rung with 7-8 behind. Rung for the Diamond Jubilee of the dedication of the church.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Medway 1, Marion Macfarlane 2, Marjorie Legg 3, J. Tonkin 4, G. Pratt 5, G. Prescott (cond.) 6. Rung for the coming-of-age of Mr. H. Collings, a ringer at the above tower.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. K. Brady 8.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nancy Wilcox (first quarter) 1, R. Bullivant 2, Freda Robinson 3, F. Flint 4, D. H. Rooke 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 29th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: I. Hughes 1, Mrs. E. A. North 2, Mrs. J. Moore 3, S. N. Bristow 4, G. Walford 5, W. Stevens 6, G. J. Gammon 7, D. T. North (cond.) 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. J. C. Lloyd as Vicar.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—On June 26th, at All Saints', Stranton, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. K. Lawson 1, Mrs. W. Maughan 2, Miss P. James 3, Miss M. James 4, W. Maughan 5, H. Short 6, K. Lawson (cond.) 7, A. Watson 8. First of Stedman for 3 and 4. Rung for evening service.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Holland 1, A. N. Wood 2, W. A. Yates 3, H. Ridgway 4, F. C. Case 5, G. E. Green 6, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 7, G. Foddy 8. Rung in memoriam Edwin Yates.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On July 3rd, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, V. Chamberlain 2, N. Robinson 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

WOLLATON, NOTTINGHAM.—On July 1st, 1,260 Spliced Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples: A. Jaques 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, P. M. Giles 3, P. E. Ball 4, C. Glenn 5, A. Simpson 6, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 7, H. Cawthorne 8. Rung for Confirmation service.—Also on July 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marjory Twells 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, Vallery Tebbut 3, C. Hammond 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, P. M. Giles 6. Rung on the occasion of H.M. the Queen's visit to the Royal Agricultural Show, Wollaton Park, Nottingham.

WOOLAVINGTON, SOMERSET.—On June 25th, 1,440 Minor (720 Single Oxford and 720 Double Oxford): G. Marchant 1, C. Clarke 2, M. Stone 3, D. Miller 4, R. Short (cond.) 5, W. Gigg (first in the method) 6. First in two methods of Minor by all.

WRITTLE, ESSEX. — On May 23rd, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: P. J. Came 1, Miss M. Dowsett 2, P. W. Saltmarsh 3, E. W. Roast 4, E. E. S. Johnson 5, D. A. S. Symonds 6, I. J. M. Saunders 7, J. E. G. Roast (cond.) 8.

OBITUARY

MR. THOMAS H. TOWNSEND

With the passing of Mr. T. H. Townsend, Ely Association has lost another of its old stalwarts.

A native of Tetbury, Glos, he settled in Huntingdonshire in 1898 and at Great Staughton a few years later. He was a keen ringer and when the bells were augmented to six, after the first world war, he soon established a change ringing band. In 1921 he had the unusual experience of conducting the first peal on the bells and the first peal and the first attempt by all the band. It was only Grandsire Doubles, but it earned the following comment from Mr. Goldsmith: 'No matter to what heights these men may climb they will never ring a sweeter peal.'

Tom was very regular in his service ringing, and although he had to work on Sundays he made a point of being in the belfry for both morning and evening service. He was captain of Great Staughton tower until he left the district in 1930. On his retirement, in 1950, he returned to Great Staughton, but failing health prevented him from doing much ringing, though he was still interested right up to the end.

Tom was a great man, always cheerful, and beloved by all who knew him. After his funeral, on July 11th, the bells were rung half-muffled to a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles.

F. W. L.

OUTING

TIVERTON, DEVON

Two outings have already been enjoyed this year by members of St. Peter's, Tiverton, and friends. The first was on May 28th, when five six-bell towers in the Dunster Deanery were visited. The first stop was at Exton, high on the hill overlooking Bridgetown and Exmoor, then to Cutcombe, where to the surprise of the party the bells were up. Here there is a ground floor ringing chamber not shut off from the church.

Exford has a modern ring of six, excellent for both tone and 'go.' Then followed the mellow old six at Winsford, and, finally, Brushford, where in spite of the rope of the fourth breaking, some good ringing was enjoyed on this tricky light six.

The annual outing on June 18th was into Somerset proper and five eight-bell towers were the order of the day. At 9.30 a.m. the party were ringing Grandsire and Stedman at Wedmore. Next to Cheddar, where the 'go' of the bells or the sway of the tower upset many, but the locals were quite pleased with the striking, although not up to the Society's usual standard.

Lunch was taken at Weston-super-Mare and then to Congresbury, the heaviest ring of the day. These bells are certainly a handful, but the effort put in was well worth while, some Grandsire and Stedman Triples being successfully brought round. Winscombe, a lighter eight, where some thought the ringing was the best of the day, was next: this lighter ring seemed ideal for a very hot afternoon. Back to Weston for tea and to pick up those who decided to spend the afternoon by the sea, then down the coast to Burnham-on-Sea for one and a half hours' ringing on a lovely Mears eight with some of the local ringers.

Taunton, the final stop, for refreshments, was reached at 9.30 p.m. and home was reached at 10.30 p.m. Thanks are extended to all incumbents and to the local tower captains who met the party.

W. H. W.

HANDBELLS REPLACE ORGAN

At a special service at St. Mary's Church, Ambrosden, on July 3rd, all the hymns were accompanied on handbells by Mr. Frederick Sharpe's handbell ringers. In all three, octaves of bells were used, the largest being 25 in G. The bells were by many different founders, the oldest being 1696. The lessons were read by ringers—Mr. S. Holtham, Miss S. Clarke, Miss P. J. Avris and Mr. F. Sharpe. The church was packed for the service.

DIAMOND JUBILEE OF QUEENBOROUGH RINGER

Eighty-three-years-old Mr. George Wood, of Queenborough, Kent, has celebrated his diamond jubilee as a ringer. Mr. Wood joined the Kent County Association in 1895 and for the past 45 years he has rung regularly for services at Holy Trinity Church, Queenborough.

His completion of 60 years' practising membership has been followed by a letter of congratulation from the general secretary of the Kent County Association. The letter states: 'This is a wonderful record of service and loyalty, and it is not wholly surprising that your fellow ringers and the members of the Parochial Church Council are honouring you.

'As you ring the bells in God's name this Sunday, your diamond jubilee as a ringer, you can feel that your achievement is at the heart of our Association's traditions, and that your example will be the inspiration of younger ringers for many years to come.'

A native of Faversham, it was as a boy of 15 that Mr. Wood crept up to the belfry at Selling. He became fascinated by the bells and learned to handle them. He rang for Queen Victoria's Jubilee and, since, on the occasion of every Royal birthday, wedding and funeral. Not only does he attend the weekly practice at Queenborough, but most Mondays will also find him at the Sittingbourne practice.

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
N.E. Branch in Culm Valley

Towers in the Culm Valley were visited by the N.E. Branch for their meeting on July 2nd at Hemyock, where the service was conducted by the Rector. He told the ringers of the damage done by the clapper of the tenor bell breaking. Although temporary repairs had been effected he asked that ringing should be limited, but hoped that everyone would have a touch on the bells. A Bells Restoration Fund had been started and the collection was devoted to this object. Tea, an excellent spread, was served by the wives of local ringers.

Ringing before the service was at Culmstock, a useful but tricky ring of eight, where some well-struck touches of Triples and Doubles were brought round. After tea and a short ring at Hemyock, the visitors went up the hill to Clayhidon, a tower never previously visited by the Guild, not even by the president, who was among the party. Here two very enjoyable hours were spent on this handy six, methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Court and Cambridge. Ringing was under the guidance of Mr. A. G. Selley.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

The Diocesan Ringing Festival was held at Launceston on July 9th, with headquarters at St. Stephen's. Other towers open were St. Mary Magdalene's, St. Thomas', Lawhitton, Lezant, St. Giles-in-the-Heath, North Petherwin and North Tamerton. About 70 were present, representing Zennor, Lewannick, Lelant, Landulph, St. Mary Magdalene's and St. Stephen's, Launceston, Crantock, Lezant, St. Dennis, Stratton, Marhamchurch, St. Breock, Menheniot St. Ewe, St. Mawgan-in-Pydar, and several visitors. The late hay harvest kept many away.

The president was unfortunately unable to attend, the officials of the Guild being represented by the Ringing Master (Mr. D. Burnett), the Assistant Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Clark) and the secretary (the Rev. H. Trewhella).

Evensong at St. Stephen's was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Gendall), the preacher being Prebendary Guy, of Tavistock; the lessons were read by Mr. E. H. Ransom, one of the ringers at St. Stephen's. An excellent tea was provided and served by the ladies of the parish during which the Ringing Master, introduced by Mr. H. J. Clark as it was his first Diocesan Festival since his election, thanked the Vicar of St. Stephen's and all who had helped to make the festival a success.

Ringing ranged from rounds upwards and much method ringing was heard. It was good to know that this last type of ringing is beginning to be practised in Launceston, whose three noble rings are worthy to be used for the highest forms of the Exercise.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

We apologise to our readers who purchase their copies of 'The Ringing World' through newsagents over the late delivery of their copies last week. The fault was not that of our publishers, Rolls House Publishing Company, Ltd. Copies for our publishers left the printers at Guildford before 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday for delivery by British Road Transport at Rolls House, in London. The lorry left Guildford with the copies at 6.30 a.m. on Thursday and returned to Guildford that night with the copies undelivered. They were eventually delivered on Friday at 10.45 a.m.

The next Henry Johnson commemoration dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on February 26th, 1956.

Steeplekeepers will be intrigued by the following notice that was seen recently on a ground-floor level door giving access to the staircase of a Suffolk church tower:—

'Please fasten this door securely.
Birds building in tower.'

When in hospital Mr. Pack, a Faversham, Kent, ringer, came in contact with another patient from Herne Bay, who had with him a photograph of Mr. John Thomas, of Gloucester, who died on May 7th, 1921, aged 92. This Mr. Thomas assisted in ringing a muffled peal in London at the funeral of the Duke of Wellington in 1852, and was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mr. Isaac Emery, who was one of the three veterans attending the College Youths' meeting referrred to in this column last week, is 84 years of age. Of the three veterans mentioned, he was the senior College Youth, having been elected on May 2nd, 1891, On his birthday, on June 25th, he was unable to get the band he wanted but he conducted several touches of Grandsire Triples with seven girl ringers at Bromley.

If the Leicester Diocesan Guild are unable to have the Central Council meeting at Leicester in 1956, the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Saturday empowered its officers to invite the Council to hold its meeting at Oxford, a city which has never previously been visited by the Council.

With a quarter peal at Melbury Osmond on July 8th Mr. E. T. P. Field has rung in all the ringable towers in Dorset.

Mr. Tudor P. Edwards, B.Sc., of Bristol University, recently received heartiest congratulations from his fellow ringers at Pentre, Glam, on his 21st birthday. A quarter peal, in which he participated, was rung in honour of the event.

The tragedy at Westbury-on-Trym, where a choirboy was crushed to death by a falling bell, emphasises the responsibility of ensuring that no unauthorised person enters a ringing chamber. It is incumbent upon all ringers to examine the safety precautions existing in their own tower.

The single bell of Iona Abbey will be heard prior to the services to be broadcast from there at 9.30 a.m. on Sundays in all Home Services on July 24 and 31st and August 7th, the only exceptions being the West Home Service on July 24th and the Midland Home Service on August 7th.

Mr. Harold J. Poole's last peal was arranged specially for Mr. J. W. Cotton, of Overseale, to enable him to ring his 400th peal. 'I shall always remember with gratitude one who so readily arranged and assisted, when not fit, in my 400th peal. We ringers in the Midlands—to say little of the Exercise as a whole—have now suffered a great loss and I a very sincere friend,' writes Mr. Cotton.

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TRAGIC DEATH OF MR. HAROLD J. POOLE

A Brilliant Ringer whose Lustre Enhanced the Exercise in every Direction

WITH deep regret 'The Ringing World' records the death of Mr. Harold Joseph Poole, of 150, Narborough Road, Leicester, on Thursday, July 14th. In the opinion of the Coroner he acted on a sudden impulse in taking his life, and while the balance of his mind was temporarily disturbed. He was found hanging from a spare rope which had been attached to a spiral staircase in the belfry of Leicester Cathedral.

Mr. Poole, who was 52 years of age, rang his last peal on the evening before his death, in the Loughborough Bell Foundry Campanile. It was Stedman Caters and was called by his son-in-law, Mr. Peter J. Staniforth. Mrs. Poole was also a member of the band. For the past week he had not been his usual self. On the Thursday morning he left home in his car to call for his daughter, Jill, and his little granddaughter. He did not arrive and the police were notified.

CHIEF CONSTABLE'S TRIBUTE

At the inquest the Chief Constable of Leicester, Mr. O. J. B. Cole, said: 'Inspector Poole was a superbly conscientious officer. On behalf of the Police Force I would like to express our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Poole and his family. I have known him for 26 years and he was a most able and efficient officer.'

Thus passes one of the most brilliant ringers the Exercise has ever known. He was the president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and the National Guild of Police Ringers. He had rung approximately 1,250 peals, and last year rang more than 100 peals with his wife.

INFLUENCE OF F. H. DEXTER

It was while a choirboy at Bitteswell, Leicestershire, a six-bell tower, that Mr. Poole was taught to handle a bell by the verger, Mr. Tom Briggs. In 1917 the family moved to Leicester, and Harold and his father and brother became members of the St. Mary-de-Castro tower. Under the guidance of William Millar, the steeplekeeper, he learned to ring Grandsire Doubles, and for two years his ringing was mainly confined to this method.

The turning point in his ringing career came in July, 1919, when the bells of St. Mary-de-Castro were condemned as unsafe to ring. He was then a member of the choir and it was a choice between ringing and singing. Mr. Poole's choice was ringing and he joined St. Martin's band. Here he came under the very critical ear and eye of Frederick H. Dexter, who quickly realised his aptitude for learning more difficult methods.

His distinguished career as a peal ringer started with Stedman Triples at Stoney Stanton on July 3rd, 1920, and by May, 1923, he had completed his century. Before he was 21 he had conducted the longest length (12.896) of Cambridge Surprise Major, at Stoney Stanton. His second century was completed in 1925, and in November of that year he joined the Leicester City Police Force, with which he served for 29 years.



The Late Mr. H. J. Poole

CONDUCTED G. R. PYE'S 900th PEAL

While attending a detective course at New Scotland Yard in 1930, Mr. Poole rang his first peal of Spliced Surprise Major—one in four methods conducted by the late William Pye. One of his most thrilling week-ends at that time was when he rang his first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on the Saturday, conducted a handbell peal of Stedman Cinques (G. R. Pye's 900th) on the Sunday afternoon, and afterwards rang ten courses of London, Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal on handbells. This was said to be the first time Cambridge Surprise Royal had been rung 'in hand.'

RINGING MASTER AT CATHEDRAL FOR 18 YEARS

In 1937 when the new ring of 13 bells was installed at Leicester Cathedral Mr. Poole was elected Ringing Master in place of his tutor, Mr. Frederick H. Dexter. This position he held to the time of his death, and there is no question that the band he brought to perfection in Surprise Maximus ringing was the outstanding Sunday Cathedral band in the country.

Among his many individual achievements was being the first person to conduct Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus on tower bells and also 'in hand,' and he had also conducted from Minor to Maximus in this method in one day. He conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques by a police band, and the first of Stedman Cinques by a band of married couples. His 1,000th peal was rung in December, 1952, one of Spliced Surprise Maximus in ten methods, the first time such a peal had ever been rung.

PRESIDENT OF TWO GUILDS

Mr. Poole combined his outstanding proficiency as a conductor and a peal ringer with the gift of organisation. As a young man he was at one time secretary of the Leicester District of the Midland Counties Association and also represented that body on the Central Council. Following the decision in 1946 to divide the Midland Counties Association into three and to form as one part the Leicester Diocesan Guild he was elected the first president. This position he held at the time of his death. His unlimited enthusiasm for social events made annual meetings and dinners of the Guild memorable occasions. Leicester gained a big reputation for its hospitality. With the Lord Bishops and other leading officials of the Diocese he maintained a very friendly contact, and his services to Leicester Cathedral were recognised in 1941 when he was elected a lay canon.

Mr. Poole was also a founder of the Police Guild of Ringers in 1931. For the first 16 years he was honorary secretary and in 1947 he was elected president, a position he still held.

With the Central Council he had a long association and for many years was a member of the Standing Committee. In 1951 he was elected a member of 'The Ringing World' Committee. As a public speaker he spoke with conviction and his views received the closest attention of the Exercise.

The deep sympathy of the Exercise is extended to Mrs. Poole, his daughter, Jill, and son-in-law, Peter J. Staniforth. They constituted a family that did much to advance the progress of change ringing.

The funeral service was held at Leicester Cathedral on Monday.

A service of 'Reconciliation' was held in the Cathedral on Saturday conducted by the Bishop, Dr. R. R. Williams, assisted by the Provost, the Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong.

AN APPRECIATION

Consternation, bewilderment and tragic shock greeted the Leicester Cathedral ringers on their arrival at the Cathedral for the usual Thursday evening practice on July 14th. It was a stunning blow difficult to realise, as only the previous evening he had rung in a peal at Loughborough without any indication of the tragedy so soon to follow. His brilliant brain must have snapped with startling suddenness.

As a ringer he stood on a pedestal with the very few. I counted him as a great personal friend throughout his ringing career and his police service. His natural aptitude as a ringer was brought to perfection by Fred Dexter, who was very proud of his pupil and very pleased to see him take over the leadership of the Cathedral band. His genius as such is well known. He inspired ordinary ringers to effort and achievement which has never been surpassed. In everything he did or undertook he displayed an enthusiasm and thoroughness which guaranteed full success. These qualifications were in evidence in work and play.

His domestic life was also a shining example of affection and happiness and to those who mourn their loss the sympathies of a host of ringing friends will be extended.

As a lay canon of the Cathedral he was respected by all with whom he came in contact. His Christianity was the real thing, a practical Christianity which showed itself in many ways without ostentation or thought of appreciation. He could be exacting inasmuch as nothing but the best sufficed, but there was always a tolerant kindness which earned the respect of all with whom he dealt. Our loss is irreparable but his shining example will live with us, and must be our inspiration to carry on.

Leicester. H. G. J.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD

RETIREMENT OF MR. GEORGE PULLINGER FROM MASTERSHIP

THE annual meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Basingstoke on July 2nd was well attended, all Districts of the Guild being represented, together with visitors from Chilvers Coton, Beaconsfield, Checkendon and Salisbury. The bells at many of the surrounding towers were available during the day, and the Guild's service was held in St. Michael's Church, conducted by the Archdeacon of Basingstoke. The address was given by the Rev. D. A. Oliphant, Vicar of Yateley.

A meat tea was provided in Church Cottage after which the general meeting was held presided over by the Master (Mr. G. Pullinger) and supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers) and general treasurer (Mr. R. A. Reed). The Master welcomed the visitors on behalf of the Guild and made special mention of the presence of those ringers from various towers who are now attached to Southampton University and take an active part in the Guild's affairs. Apologies expressing their inability to attend were received from several members.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and accepted, the general secretary expressing his regret that owing to unforeseen circumstances the printers had not been able to distribute the annual reports in order that members could have been in possession of them before the meeting.

IMPROVED FINANCES

In the absence of the report, copies of the accounts were passed round and exhibited whilst the treasurer explained the items in detail. An improvement in the Guild's financial position was revealed, showing a balance of £133, excluding investments in Defence Bonds and War Savings and moneys held by District secretaries. He attributed the improvement to (1) decrease in cost of reports by adopting an abridged form: (2) no schemes entailing expense; (3) slightly increased membership; (4) increase in dues from Districts. He was pleased to report that the juvenile membership of the Guild was now over 60. The report, as circulated, was adopted.

The general secretary read the joint report of the Guild officers.

From reports received from the various Districts quite a useful and encouraging year had been spent, which must have given the District secretaries a considerable amount of satisfaction, especially in the knowledge that the juvenile membership was steadily increasing. A special word of praise was due to the Andover District in increasing its ringing members by 36 and honorary members by 11, also to the Basingstoke District, which reported an increase of 26 ringing members. It was to be hoped that this would be spread over all Districts during the coming year.

The overall membership showed a slight decrease but with a united effort this could be remedied to show a definite increase.

The finances had shown a greater stability during the year, due in no small measure to the decision to economise on annual reports, which showed a saving of £29. A further supply of badges was obtained but due to steady sales a profit was shown on the Trading Account, together with Guild certificates. Little restoration work had been reported during the year but the Guild wished success to Preston Candover in their effort to recast and augment their bells, and also to Old Alresford where it was hoped to raise sufficient funds to rehang the present ring.

An inspection of the statistics presented by the recorder of peals showed that a varied and useful year had been spent. The District secretaries reported that more quarter peals had been rung, many for Sunday services.

'It is to be hoped that members will support their District secretary with their presence at District meetings. In many cases these meetings would have met with little success had they not been supported by ringers outside of the Districts, much as their presence is both welcomed and appreciated. We should like to commend to all the desirability of supporting our only national journal, "The Ringing World." The editor and editorial committee have a difficult task in covering all aspects and catering for all tastes in our art, but we are sure that ringing would suffer a severe set-back if, through lack of support, it had to cease publication.

'We much appreciated the portrait of the late Master (Mr. George Williams), which our late treasurer (Mr. W. Linter) presented to the Guild.'

The recorder of peals (Mr. N. Hayes), in presenting his report, said that during 1954, 48 tower bell and 17 handbell peals had been rung compared with 52 and 14 respectively in 1953. Ten new methods for the Guild had been rung, among them Southwell and Winchester Surprise, being the first ever rung. For the first time peals had been rung on the bells at Baughurst and Kingsclere. The peals recorder intimated that he would not be seeking re-election, and after the meeting had accepted his report he was heartily thanked for his past services in connection with this office.

The librarian (the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead), in his report, mentioned that the handbells needed an overhaul of straps, and the meeting empowered the Executive to invite tenders for renewal of straps and to proceed with the work if the estimate was considered reasonable.

A report of the Central Council proceedings at Bristol was presented by one of the Guild's representatives, Mr. C. H. Kippin, and supported by the other three representatives who attended the meeting.

CHANGES IN GUILD OFFICERS

The Master (Mr. George Pullinger) expressed his definite wish to relinquish his office. He said he would be retiring soon in private life and he considered that now was the time to make the change. Mr. Kippin proposed that a record be placed in the minutes of the great work done by the Master, and this was endorsed by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. Mr. N. Andrews proposed that the Master's work be recognised in a fitting manner by electing him a vice-president of the Guild. This was received with acclamation, and Mr. Pullinger feelingly responded and thanked the members for the honour bestowed on him.

The general secretary had given his intention to resign from his present office for some months, and the members, on the proposition of Mr. Kippin, invited him to accept the vacant Mastership. After some consideration he agreed to the nomination and as there were no other nominations he was elected Master.

In thanking the meeting for their confidence, he paid a personal tribute to the work done by Mr. Pullinger for the Guild, both as Master and before that as general secretary, and trusted that he (personally) would be able to serve the Guild equally as efficiently as his predecessors.

Mr. J. C. A. King (Winchester) was invited to accept the post of general secretary. He said that if it was the wish of the members he would be happy to serve in that capacity. He was unanimously elected.

Mr. R. A. Reed was re-elected general treasurer, Mr. L. Bailey general auditor, and the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead librarian. Mr. J. M. Lakin was elected in place of Mr. N. Hayes as recorder of peals.

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on July 7th, 1956.

A suggestion to hold the annual general meetings alternately in each District of the Guild was referred to the Executive for consideration, as it would necessitate amending Rule 5.

PRESTON CANDOVER BELLS

The Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth announced that the restored bells at Preston Candover would be opened to ringers on October 22nd. Mr. King appealed for the restoration being carried out on the six bells at Old Alresford and a sum of five guineas was granted from the Special Purposes Fund to this project. Mr. Brinkworth also mentioned that a scheme was afoot to restore Brown Candover bells.

At the conclusion of the business votes of thanks were accorded Mr. J. Chesterman, Mr. and Mrs. Austin, the ladies who officiated at tea and the organists and incumbents of all churches who had granted the use of their bells to the members.

The bells of the various churches were again made use of during the evening.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 2nd, a meeting of the Eastern District was held at the Parish Church of St. Hilda, South Shields. Contrary to the usual inclement weather, brilliant sunshine shone through the circular window and illuminated the ringing chamber where there were gathered ringers from various towers in Northumberland and Durham. We were pleased to welcome visitors from Richmond, North Yorks, and Poole, Dorset.

Unfortunately, the Vicar (Canon M. N. Coates) was unable to be present at the meeting owing to other engagements, but on his return in the evening he came up into the belfry to welcome the ringers.

The ringing was somewhat curtailed during the afternoon on account of the stallholders in the Market Square, but after tea there was no opposition and we were able to ring until 9 p.m.

The next meeting is to be held at West Hartlepool (St. Oswald's), when the predominant method will be Stedman Caters. J. B. S.

Mr. T. J. Fowler is writing his reminiscences of 57 years in Cookham. This vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, we are certain, will have something interesting to say about ringing. He cannot keep it out.

LETTERS

A LEAD OF PRIMROSE IN CAMBRIDGE

Dear Sir.—Mr. Barnett's supposition about the introduction of the lead of Primrose into the composition of Cambridge is correct, it 'by-passes' false leads in course with tenors parted. I see nothing objectionable in it; there is nothing there which is not Cambridge, and in a method such as this, which has so few good compositions available, is justified. Middleton's, good as it is, must become dreadfully monotonous after ringing it a few dozen times.

Further, I think the introduction of a lead of Primrose at the start of a peal of Cambridge Maximus, thus bringing up the 'Wrong' the first lead, is the best means of shortening it to 5,040; we did this once at Ipswich.—Yours sincerely, CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

Ipswich.

LAVENHAM TENOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Pipe's outburst on Lavenham tenor was in bad taste. No doubt he wants to extol the virtues of some other bell. Envious controversy, to my mind, is harmful to the Exercise. Few, if any of us, are qualified to make comparisons and we do not want a long drawn-out argument on this matter. So please, Mr. Pipe—pipe down.—Yours, etc.,

Cuckfield. R. V. JOHNSON.

'NOT A BETTER BELL'

Dear Sir,—It always appears to me rather ridiculous and sometimes childish to criticise without reason.

So perhaps Cecil W. Pipe will add a little reason to his criticism of Lavenham tenor and inform ringers where better tenors are to be found and why they are better.

During my 40 years as a ringer I have not heard a better-toned bell; until I do I shall believe the 300-years-old myth which Cecil W. Pipe wants exploding—mind the blast, sir. —Yours faithfully, R. NEWMAN.

Holloway, N.7.

Four Generations Ring Together

Horsham, Sussex.—On Sunday, July 3rd, 72 changes of Bob Minor, with the tenor covering: Jean F. Barnett (age 12) 1, F. Bennett (age 86½) 2, Mrs. O. D. Barnett 3, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 4, E. Barnett 5, E. A. Barnett 6, F. I. Hairs 7.

The ringers of the first four bells are four generations and it is believed to be the first occasion this has taken place. They are respectively the treble ringer's great-grandfather, mother and grandmother, and the other ringers were her father and two grandfathers; in all, four sets of three generations were included.

The band are very grateful to the Horsham ringers for allowing them to come at rather short notice, and glad to have joined them in the normal service ringing afterwards. In the course of this the oldest member of the party proved that he could still call Stedman Triples without any difficulty.

5,024 Lutterworth Surprise Major

By C. W. WOOLLEY

23456	B	W	M	H
42635		—	—	3
64523		—	—	3
54326			—	
32546		—		—
53246	5			—
25634		—	—	3
32654		—		3
63425		—	—	
43526			—	
52436		—		—
35426		—		
23456		—		3

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

Visit to Tanworth-in-Arden

A very enjoyable meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held in beautiful summer weather in the pleasant village of Tanworth-in-Arden on July 2nd.

An apology was read from the Rev. D. W. Lee, Vicar of Tanworth, who regretted his inability to attend, which was due to the holding of the Sunday School festival on that date. The only room in the village was booked for the children's tea, so the members of the Guild accepted the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Jones to tea, and to hold the meeting at their residence. As the Master remarked, they were not sorry that the Village Hall was in use, so well were they provided for by their host and hostess.

Several members visited Henley-in-Arden to ring, at the request of the Vicar, for the village fete, and transport was provided by the Jones brothers for the four miles which separate the two villages.

At the meeting the Master referred to the death of Frederick W. Rishworth, who had been a ringer at Perry Barr and Aston Parish Church since he came to Birmingham from Yorkshire some 40 years ago. He had regularly attended the meetings of the Guild, and his loss is much regretted.

Two life members had passed away since the last meeting—Mrs. C. J. Matthews, of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, and William H. Passmore, of the Ancient Society of College Youths. The members stood in silence for a short time as a token of respect to their memory.

The tower election of Mr. Robert A. Southwood, of Plymouth, as a life member was duly ratified.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Yardley Parish Church on October 1st.

The secretary informed the meeting that the date of the next Henry Johnson commemoration dinner would be February 26th, as the Connaught Room was already booked for the first Saturday in March.

The meeting closed with an enthusiastic vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jones for arranging a superb tea and for placing their home at the disposal of the members of the Guild.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

A Summer's Day at Grundisburgh

A general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Grundisburgh on July 16th and was fairly well attended. Ringing commenced on the 'pretty six' (1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10) with a good course of Cambridge Minor, which was followed by methods ranging from Bob Major to London and Bristol and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal.

In the burning sunshine cool drinks were served under the churchyard giant beech tree and tea was later taken on the Rectory lawn.

At the business meeting Mr. Charles J. Sedgley referred to the sad news of Mr. Harold J. Poole and spoke to the members of his greatness as a ringer. All stood in silence as a tribute to his memory.

The next meeting will be at Beccles on September 24th, when it is hoped many will avail themselves of the opportunity to ring on one of the finest rings in the Eastern Counties.

C. W. P.

CHOIRBOY CRUSHED BY BELL

Accident at Westbury-on-Trym

A boy chorister, Richard Egan (15), of 15, Elderberry Walk, Westbury-on-Trym, was crushed by a 15-cwt. bell in the tower of Holy Trinity, Westbury-on-Trym, Glos, on July 12th. This tower has a ring of six with a tenor of 23¼ cwt.

The accident happed about 8 p.m. after choir practice. Egan and his companion went to the ringing room at the foot of the tower. Richard asked the tower master, Mr. Edwin George, if they could go to the top of the tower. Then Peter Adams, an 18-years-old student, came in, and at Mr. George's request, raised No. 4 bell to the ringing position, ready for the evening practice.

Mr. George asked Adams to take the boys up, assuming that they were going up to the top of the tower to see the view. At the inquest Adams told the Coroner that he misunderstood what Mr. George said and thought he was to show the boys the bells, as he had done before.

Fifty feet below Mr. George pulled off the bell and it crashed against Richard, pinning him by the chest against an iron girder.

Mr. George ran up the stairs and found Adams trying to pull the bell back from the boy.

Police and firemen were summoned and Fireman S. Morgan climbed into the bell chamber carrying a giant iron jack. Working in the confined space and semi-darkness rescuers eventually managed to prise the bell away. Oxygen breathing apparatus was called for, but the boy was dead.

A verdict of 'Accidental Death' was returned. Precautionary measures are to be taken as to future admissions to the tower.

Wedding of Mr. W. L. Exton

Saturday, July 9th, was a day of great rejoicing in Newark, when that very busy gentleman, the Ringing Master of the Newark District of the Southwell Guild, Deputy Ringing Master of Newark Parish Church and 'Ringing World' correspondent, namely, Mr. W. L. Exton, found time to get married to Miss Brenda Wright.

The Parish Church ringers rang a 'wedding touch' as the happy couple came from church, and a few miles away at North Muskham a peal was in progress during the time of the wedding ceremony, rung by a representative band of the Southwell Guild.

Mr. and Mrs. Exton spent their honeymoon at Chapel St. Leonard, Lincs, where, it is understood, there are no ringable bells within a radius of about ten miles!

A Colchester Ringing Wedding

Mr. Peter G. Barnes, a member of Ardleigh tower, and Miss Rosemary W. Sollis, of St. Leonard's Church, Colchester, were married on Saturday, June 25th, at St. Leonard's Church, Colchester.

The bride, who wore a dress of white figured taffeta and carried a bouquet of red roses, was given away by her uncle. She was attended by four bridesmaids.

After the reception the happy couple left for their honeymoon in North Devon.

On their return the following quarter peal was rung to honour the happy occasion:—Wednesday, July 6th. 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Eva Appleby (chief bridesmaid) 1, Rosemary Barnes 2, B. Fairhead 3, F. Oliver 4, G. W. Barnes 5, P. G. Barnes (conductor) 6.

The many presents included a fish cutlery set from St. Leonard's choir and ringers and a bedside cabinet from Ardleigh ringers.

PEAL RINGING IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE is one of the counties which has a much higher proportion of six- and five-bell towers than eight and upwards. Out of 198 rings, only 30 are eights and tens (there are two of the latter). It will be no surprise, therefore, to find that more six- and five-bell peals have been rung in the county than eight- and ten-bell peals. Actually, the approximate number is 1,150 as against 1,100. The latter number would be very considerably reduced if one tower is ignored—Irthlingborough, for there have been nearly three times as many peals there as at any other tower. Its total is 227 and it is the only tower which has passed the century. It was most prominent 50 years ago, for 168 peals were rung from the first in 1894 up to 1916—about eight a year average. After the war less than three a year were rung, for only 53 came from 1919 to 1939. Even so this was a higher total than at any other tower in the county. Since the last war there have only been six, which means a smaller average still.

The tower which comes next in numbers, Higham Ferrers, shows a very similar history. Out of its total of 91, 68 were rung between 1893 and 1914, there were 19 from 1919 to 1935, and there have been four since 1951. The next two towers both had six bells at the beginning of the period under consideration (1881 onwards). They are Raunds and Wicken. The first peal rung in the county in the period came from the former tower in 1883, and ten were rung on the six before the trebles were added in the 1890's. Then came 35 from 1898 to 1914, 26 between the wars and only six since, making a total of 77. Wicken was not augmented until 1922, by which time there had been 15 on the bells, commencing in 1905. The 40 peals which were rung from 1922 to 1939 made it the second most popular tower in the county during that period. It is still going strong, for 20 peals have come since 1944—easily the most of any tower since the war.

TWO TEN-BELL TOWERS

It is convenient to take the two ten-bell towers next for their peal totals come more or less next in order. They are Kettering and Northampton, St. Giles'. The former was an eight-bell tower at first, and 43 of its 73 peals were rung there before 1914—its best period. Two more were rung in 1921 before augmentation and there followed 20 up to 1937. There have been eight since the war. St. Giles' has had a rather more consistent history than most towers, even though its peal total is not high—60. Twenty-one came from 1898 to 1913, 32 from 1919 to 1932, and seven from 1946 to 1951 (none since).

Actually a six-bell tower comes next after Kettering—Isham, with 67 peals. Here, too, ringing has been fairly consistent with a slightly better average at first than since. The first peal recorded was in 1906 and 29 were rung before the first war. Thirty-one came between the wars, and seven since 1947 have appeared in 'The Ringing World' columns.

Thrapston (8) has 61 peals, spread evenly over the past 60 years with the usual gaps for the wars. Northampton, St. Edmund's (8), shows a similar history also, but the first peal was earlier, in 1889, and there have been only four since the war. Burton Latimer (8) also has 60. As a six-bell tower, 11 peals were rung between 1903 and 1913. After the trebles were added it became one of the most popular towers in the county, and 37 peals were rung there before the last war. There have been 12 since 1947 and only one or two towers can beat this post-war figure. Two other towers have passed the 50 mark in the county and both have 55 peals. They are Finedon (8), whose best period was before the first war (32 peals then and only two since 1936), and a six-bell tower—Cranford. The average here was also better prior to 1914, for 25 of the peals came in the seven years from 1907 to 1914. There were 23 from 1919 to 1932, after which silence for 15 years, and seven peals recently.

In the 40's are Peterborough, St. Mary's (6), with 48, Rothwell (8) with 45, and Great Addington (6) with 42. All registered their first peals at the beginning of the century and have appeared at regular intervals in the peal columns since. The 14 peals at the Peterborough tower make it the second highest in the number of peals since the last war.

TOWERS UNCONQUERED

All the eight-bell towers have had a peal or peals rung at them—Aynhoe's one and only being as long ago as 1901. The only previous peal at Rushden before the one in 1953 was in 1885, when it had six bells. Although there are 73 six-bell towers in the county only two remain virgin territory—Barnack and Cottesbrooke. The proportion of five-bell towers which have been conquered is likewise very high, only 27 out of 96 remaining. The only counties with comparable numbers of five-bell towers are Norfolk (80) and Suffolk (98). At the former, 47 are still unconquered, as mentioned in the last article, whilst in Suffolk 53 have not had a peal yet. So Northamptonshire can well be proud of this record. Before coming on to make special mention of the five-bell towers one or two more of the six-bell towers must be mentioned. Ringstead and Weekley both have had 30 peals rung at them, Cogenhoe, Islip and Rushton 26. The latter two have only been heard once or twice in the past 25 years. Glinton (21) and Mears Ashby (20) complete the six-bell towers which have reached 20 peals.

Very special mention must be made of the five-bell towers, for peal ringing on these has been higher than in any other county. I said in a previous article that few such towers in the country had reached double figures—the number is only 17 in all at the moment. Eight of these towers are in Northamptonshire—practically half, in other words. They include the only three five-bell towers which have recorded more than 20 peals. They are Warkton with 32, Barton Segrave 29 and Pytchley 22. Barton Segrave headed the list for a long time, for 14 of the peals were rung prior to 1914 and 13 between the wars. There has only been one since. Warkton's total was five in 1914 and 25 in 1938, but the seven since the war have enabled it to take the lead. Pytchley has only had two since 1945 the bulk (17) having been rung from 1919 to 1939. The other towers with more than ten peals are Weston Favell (14), Grafton Underwood and Orlingbury (12), Easton Maudit (11) and Roade (11). The last named is doing very well since it is a new ring. Alderton, Bozeat and Stanwick each with eight, should soon join the above select company. Peal totals include all that have appeared in the ringing Press up to April 22nd inclusive.

In the middle of writing the above article, I received a letter from Mr. P. Amos in his usual fiery vein! In the part concerning my articles, he suggested I might give a wrong impression about peal ringing activities in Northants and Rutland, since some peals rung were never published because of certain differences with the local Guild. (What a pity that people can't 'agree to differ' in a friendly way.) However, even though this be so, I don't think that the overall picture will be very different. I can't think that any unpublished peals would be as much as five per cent. (i.e., 100 peals), in which case they wouldn't make much difference. I should, however, be very grateful if Mr. Amos, or others, could kindly let me know of such unpublished peals for my records. My object is to hand on to posterity as complete a record as possible of all the peals that have ever been rung.

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, ALDERNEY

Alderney, perhaps one of the most beautiful of the Channel Islands, has in St. Anne's Church a ring of six bells. The church, built in 1850 after the Early English style, was designed by Sir Gilbert Scott, and has a large central tower, in which the bells are hung. They were originally cast by Mears in 1852.

In 1940 the Germans invaded Alderney, and the island, after complete evacuation, was turned into a concentration camp. The bells were removed, one was left in the churchyard, another in Braye Harbour and the other four were removed to France to be melted down. By some stroke of luck they were found in Cherbourg by the Allies and were returned to St. Anne's.

Two bells were cracked, but the other four were hung on a wooden frame in the churchyard and chimed for service. The Islanders, of whom there are nearly 1,300, first undertook to repair their church, but in 1953 the great day arrived when the bells were recast by John Taylor and Co., at a cost of £1,370. The bells are inscribed:—

Treble.—'The Time is Short,' in memory of B. B., H. B. and R. Bickerton.
2nd.—'Watch and Pray always.'
3rd.—'O Come let us Worship.'
4th.—'Praise ye the Lord.'
5th.—'In everything give thanks in memory of F. L. Impey.'
Tenor.—'All things are ready.' In memory of Daisie Mignot.

A very pleasant chime of bells, tenor 12 cwt. It is a pity they cannot be rung to changes.

I should like to thank the Vicar (the Rev. G. F. D. Pitts) for certain information contained herein. J. A. H.

EXPLORING THE UNKNOWN

By P. AMOS

QUERY has been raised in the past as to the church with the lightest ring of five bells; Foots Cray, Kent with its 3¼ cwt. tenor, has been claimed. Should a treble be added at some time in the future, this must have a very close rival in Wansford, near Peterborough, for the tenor of these four is but 24 inches across the lip and reported to be three cwt.

The frame at Wansford dates back many years and in 1897 wooden props were erected in each corner of this upstairs belfry from its floor up to the old oak frame (for four bells) above to support it, truly a patch-up job! In that same year (1897) enthusiasm evidently ran high to add the two other bells—the present treble and tenor which Messrs. Taylors cast. An entirely new frame would certainly have saved what must very shortly be a scheme of complete restoration if these bells are to be prevented from crashing under their own weight, light as they be, for the old frame to-day is so riddled with death watch beetle and wood worm that it can have but a very short life. The broach steeple has recently had £650 spent upon its exterior.

The two middle bells were both originally circa 1520, by Mellor, of Nottingham, but only the third is to-day untouched; the second was, in 1868, recast by Messrs. Warners, of London. Much rubbish adorned this steeple when I visited it in August, 1954, my second visit.

UFFORD

Not far from here is Ufford, where, in 1896, Messrs. Taylors installed a new 'H' metal frame. The treble to the existing three bells (tenor 11 cwt.), being cracked, was recast, and a new treble added to make four. The present third and tenor are ascribed to John Sanders, who owned the Reading bellfoundry from 1539 to 1559. It is doubtful if they will ever (during the present incumbency) be augmented, for this living now goes with Barnack, where the present incumbent is content to let the disgraceful state of affairs remain.

Six bells are in this noted steeple, the tower of which is truly Saxon. Only five bells are, however, hung for ringing, and these in 1935 were immobilised by removal of the ropes, the pulleys and the sliders, together with the floor immediately beneath, leaving an open drop to the new concrete belfry floor below, where a chiming apparatus is installed. At the same time a new bell of 14 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. sounding the note of a tenor to the old five (which are a minor five) was added, suspended stationary on an oak beam and triagular oak frame on its own in one corner of the tower, used only for the clock and chimes.

Some £2,000 was spent from his own purse by the then Rector (Canon Fry) upon all this work as a memorial to a relative. Fortunately the wheels of the five are still intact, and their oak frame (in good condition) was repaired in 1897 when they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co, who also cast the new clock bell in 1935. From a ringer's point of view the money could have been more wisely spent, especially as the tower and spire were strengthened from top to bottom at the same time, and is equally as strong as is the other well-known Saxon tower, Earl's Barton, which (also in 1935) had its six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) rehung and two trebles added.

When I spoke to the Rector of Barnack once about restoring the pulleys, the slides, putting the floor back and replacing the ropes I was told that 'the population had accepted the present state, and there was no likelihood of going back to the old period, as there were no ringers.' The tenor of the old five is a pre-Reformation bell, possibly by John de Colsale, of Nottingham, circa 1410. In Barnack steeple one cannot help thinking of the words of the hymn, 'Through all the changing scenes of life'! Let us hope they will one day change for the better.

I must now proceed to another story of almost equal interest concerning a steeple in Peterborough, St. Mark's. Here is a church built in 1856 with a fine tower and spire capable of eight bells with a tenor of 10-15 cwt. In it is but one small bell, 19 inches diameter, cast by Messrs. C. and G. Mears, of London, 1856.

INVESTIGATING A BEQUEST

Rumour has had it for a number of years (I had it told to me 30 years ago by the late Mr. Waldron, of Peterborough) that as far back as 1889 (or thereabouts) an old lady parishioner left a sum of money to this church on condition that it never had bells.

A short time ago I contacted the present Vicar to ascertain the truth of this story, as neither Mr. Waldron nor anyone else seemed ever to be able to name 'the old lady making this bequest.'

The reply came: 'Dear Mr. Amos, No such bequest has ever been made to St. Mark's, Peterborough. I have looked up the facts of the case for you, and it appears that many years ago a scheme was launched to have a ring of bells. But when a faculty was applied for it met with such strong opposition from residents in the neighbourhood that it had to be dropped. St. Mark's people have accepted the position and there seems little likelihood that it will ever be raised again.'

To this I replied: 'Thank you for your help and information, but I hope future generations (nor present, for that matter) at St. Mark's will not content themselves to be tied down to decisions of their forefathers, in this case wholly contrary to the words of a hymn so often sung, "Soldiers of the Cross arise, gird you with your armour bright." Compared with a ring of bells, the armour of one bell is certainly very dull'! Maybe this comment would be passed on to the Parochial Church Council—I hope it was!

PETERBOROUGH'S BELLS

Peterborough has several churches with only one bell—All Saints', 1891; St. Paul's, 1868; and St. Barnabas', 1900. Those of the first two have towers, but the one at St. Barnabas' is hung on a wooden framework from the ground outside, and chimed from the inside—a cheap, ugly looking contraption.

St. Mary's, Peterborough, is well known to ringers. But I must refute the weight of the tenor of this Warner ring of 1887 (six bells in a saddleback tower) which has varied from time to time. Its correct weight is 8 cwt. 3 lb., not 9 cwt., 8½ cwt., and so on!

St. John's, Peterborough, is also well known, but not well known are its bells and history. There was in this stately tower before 1675, five bells only, which Tobie Norris II. recast in 1675, together with a sanctus bell. They were recast again in 1808 by William Dobson, of Downham.

Although pleasant to ring, they strike one as being thin on first hearing them. The tenor is 26 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in C sharp, which tells its own story, for most bells in C sharp are several cwt. heavier. The seventh cracked in the late 1920's and in 1930 had to be recast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Previously they had been rehung in a new metal frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in 1910, the two trebles being recast at the same time.

WYLDBORE'S DAY

Matthew Wyldbore, one time Member of Parliament, who died on March 15th, 1781, by his will 'bequeathed an annuity of £5 to be paid for entertainment to the ringers on condition that they ring one or more peals on the anniversary of the date of his death.' 'Wyldbore Day' was a regular feature of ringing for many years. The money is vested in the Vicar and churchwardens.

Nearby is one of the noblest of Norman Cathedrals to be seen anywhere. Prior to 1540 it was an abbey church to Lincoln Cathedral—the Peterborough Diocese then being part of the See of Lincoln. At the dissolution of the monasteries an inventory was taken on November 30th, 1539, of all the furnishings of the Abbey, which showed: 'In chapel of Low, 3 bells. In infirmary chapel one small bell. In the two steeples at the front, 10 bells.'

Those of the chapel of Low and the one of the infirmary were evidently sold soon after the dissolution, but the other 10 were allowed to remain. At the time of the Commonwealth, soldiers quartered there used to annoy the inhabitants by continually jangling upon them. They must have been very heavy, for in 1709 a new ring of 10 was cast from the metal of the four heaviest, and even these 10 (five of which still remain) have a tenor reputed to be 30 cwt., which I, personally, have reason to believe is nearer 28 cwt. It is 56½ inches diameter across the lip! The tenor at St. John's, by the way, is 55 inches diameter.

The work of casting these 10 bells was entrusted to Henry Penn, who six years earlier, in 1703, had set up business in Broad Bridge Street, Peterborough, where he cast many bells, until his tragic death falling from his horse after an Assize at Huntingdon, in 1729. This Assize concerned a claim against him by the people of St. Ives for work to their bells. He won his case, but the tragedy followed immediately after.

No trace of Penn's bell foundry to-day exists, nor does the waterway called 'bell-dyke,' which he constructed for more readily conveying his bells. He married a Miss Annie Sheppard.

In 1831 the ninth of these bells (the present fourth) was recast by William Dobson, who two years later died. Dobson is said to have bought the first five and used the metal for casting the six bells at Witham-on-the-Hill, Lincs. These five bore the inscriptions:—

1.—Cantemus Domino Canticum Novum. Henry Penn, Fvsore, 1709.

2.—Venite Exultemus Domino. William Precent, 1709.

3.—Gloria Deo In Excelsis. Richard Cumberland, Præb. Henry Pen. Fvsore, 1709.

4.—Voce Mea Ad Dom. John Balderson. D.D. Præb, 1709.

5.—Benedictum Sit Nomen Domini. John Taylor. A. M. Præb. 1709.

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Various Notations used in setting down Touches and Peals

By D. BEACHAM

THE LEAD HEAD

In writing out a plain course of Bob Doubles, we start from rounds and obtain the rows by applying a certain rule as far as the treble's handstroke lead. In order to obtain the treble's backstroke lead, however, we apply a different rule. We then start from this last row or 'Lead Head' in the same way that we did from rounds and prick the next lead, and so on.

Now, if we know the rules for writing out a lead of any method, then, given any lead head, we can prick all the rows in that lead; the lead head is thus representative of all the rows in the lead, and in practice it is this we use in setting down touches and peals.

Thus the plain course of Bob Doubles set down by the lead heads is:—

(1)2345
——
(1)3524
(1)5432
(1)4253
(1)2345
——

The treble is shown bracketed because in practice it is always omitted, its presence being understood.

Note: 'Lead Head' is the correct name for this row, but it is more often referred to as the 'Lead End.'

In order to produce a 120 we must employ Bobs. The bob is called when the treble is in 2nds on its way down to lead, and is 'made' at the treble's backstroke lead. This will produce a different lead head from that if no bob was called.

A 120 of Bob Doubles is produced by calling three bobs, each bob being called in the fourth lead after the previous one. The first bob, however, can be in any of the first four leads. Here is one of them:—

2 3 4 5
——
3 5 2 4
5 4 3 2
4 2 5 3
—4 2 3 5
2 5 4 3
5 3 2 4
3 4 5 2
—3 4 2 5
4 5 3 2
5 2 4 3
2 3 5 4
—2 3 4 5
——

The 'dash' shows that a bob was called to produce that lead head.

Singles are shown S4235 (though there are no singles in Bob Doubles, of course).

TRANSPOSITION

In order to write down the lead heads of any touch, all we need to know is the first lead head of the plain course and the lead heads produced by a Bob or a Single being called in the first lead, for we can then write down all other lead heads by transposition.

Look at the lead heads of the plain course of Bob Doubles:— We wrote down first of all 2345 (the lead head from which we start) and underneath it the first lead head 3524. This lead head is related to 2345 thus:—

2345
3524

The next lead head is 5432, and since the rows starting from 3524 and ending with 5432 were produced by the same rule which produced 3524 from 2345, then 5432 will bear the same relationship to 3524 as this latter does to 2345 thus:—

The other leads of the plain course will be similarly related, so that knowing the first lead head of the plain course, we can obtain any 'plain' lead head by transposing the previous one by 3524, the plain lead transposition.

2345
3524
5432
etc.

Thus the plain lead after 2534 will be 5423 and the next 4352, etc.

Note: 'plain' lead—the lead head if no call was made.
'bob' lead—the lead head produced by a bob.

As a further example, take the lead heads of the plain course of Bob Major. If we know the first lead head then we can obtain all the others using it as the transposition, thus:—

First lead head is 3527486
Having written it down as shown, look at 3527486 and say to yourself three, and write down (as the first figure of the row) the bell in thirds place, i.e., 5; then say five and write down the bell in 5ths, i.e., 7, and so on, and we get:—
To obtain the third lead head we transpose 5738264 by 3527486 in the same way, and so on.

2345678
——
3527486
2345678
——
3527486
5738264

Now for the bobs, for which we shall go back to Bob Doubles. If we call a bob at the first lead we shall get 12354, our 'bob lead' transposition is thus 2354. If, then, we write down the first three lead heads of the plain course and transpose the third one by 2354, we shall obtain the first bob lead thus:—

2345
——
3524
5432
4253
—4235

We can then write down the next three plain leads using the transposition 3524 and then again transpose the last one by 2354 to obtain the bob lead and so on. Notice that the bob lead transposition is an easy one; it only involves reversing the last two bells in the previous lead head.

OBSERVATION BELL.

Before giving details of the notations used for different methods and for different numbers of bells, a short explanation of the use of an 'Observation Bell' will be given.

It is often convenient for a conductor to learn the work of one bell in a long touch or peal, and since it may simplify composition as well as conducting, it is often arranged for one bell, generally the tenor in Major and the seventh in Triples, to repeat its work at regular intervals. This bell is called the Observation bell and the bobs and singles are often referred to by the position into which the observation bell falls at the lead head at which the call is made.

In Bob Minor a bell is said to be called RIGHT (or HOME in the case of the tenor) if it is a 6ths place bell, i.e., it dodges 5–6 down at the lead head at which the call is made. If it is a 5ths place bell (dodging 5–6 up) it is said to be called WRONG; and if it is called to run out (3rds place bell) it is said to be BEFORE (because it is coursing before the treble).

The positions in Bob Major are:—

(M) MIDDLE—
6ths place bell (5–6 down).
(W) WRONG—
7ths place bell (7–8 up).
(H) HOME or RIGHT—
8ths place bell (7–8 down).
(B) BEFORE—
3rds place bell (runs out).

There is also another position sometimes used known as 5ths and 4ths. This is when a bob is called when the tenor dodges 5–6 up (i.e., is a 5ths place bell), and then a bob is called at the next lead which the tenor makes (i.e., is a 4ths place bell).

The M, W and H positions in Royal will be 8ths, 9ths and 10ths place bells respectively.

The positions in Grandsire Triples are:—

MIDDLE—5ths place bell (4–5 up).
WRONG—6ths place bell (6–7 down).
RIGHT or HOME—7ths place bell (6–7 up).
BEFORE—3rds place bell.
IN—Into the hunt (2nds place bell).
OUT—Out of the hunt (4ths place bell).

If the call is a single, the words 'with a single' are added, e.g., 'Before with a single.'

(To be continued)

OUTING

REDENHALL AND DISS

Accompaned by Ernest Whiting, Ringing Master for South Norfolk, the Redenhall and Diss ringers left Diss at 7 a.m. on July 9th for a tour in Hertfordshire. The first call was Braughing (8 bells), then on to Baldock and Stevenage. Lunch was taken at Stevenage.

The afternoon's programme included St. Andrew's, Hertford, and Bengeo, then tea in Hertford. The evening call was at Much Hadham. The return journey was via Newmarket for 'supper.' Before dispersing, thanks were expressed to Mr. William Flatt, who organised the outing.

We should also like to express out thanks to the incumbents and ringers of the towers visited and the warm welcome we received.

A. G. H.

Exploring the Unknown—Cont.

This John Taylor, by the way, was in no way connected with the present firm of Taylors of Loughborough.

Bells 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 (now the present five) are inscribed:— 6, 7 and 8 the same as 1, 2 and 3; 9 (now the fourth), was, before 1831— Te Deum Laudamus. White Kennett. S.S.T.P. Decano. Henry Penn, Fvsore, 1709. Its present inscription reads: Herbert Marsh, Bishop of Peterborough. Thos. Turton, Dean of Peterboro'; Wm. Strong, Archdeacon of N'pton. There are also the names of six prebendaries inscribed together with the year 1831.

Thir diameters and approximate weights are: (1) 39in., 10 cwt; (2) 42 in., 13 cwt.; (3) 45 in., 15¼ cwt.; (4) 48 in., 19 cwt.; (5) 56¼ in., 28 cwt., reputed 30 cwt. in D.

Although they have been rung in years gone by, at present they are only chimed by apparatus, and the condition of the fabric, although constantly under renovation, expresses fears of them ever being rung again. I did once suggest to the late Bishop Blagden when conversing together over a cup of tea at a Diocesan Conference that they be melted down into a light ten with a tenor about 18 cwt, to which he replied, 'I wish it were possible'!

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THE MARRIAGE of Miss Kathleen Higgins and Mr. Peter C. Wright will take place in Bradford Cathedral, Yorkshire, at 12 noon on August 6th, 1955. All friends will be welcome at the church. Future address: 22, Elgin Road, Wallington, Surrey. 6663

DEATH

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SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.—Evening practices on Tuesdays, July 19th, 26th and August 2nd, cancelled. Regular practices will be resumed on Tuesdays, from August 9th onwards. Visitors always welcome, 7.30–9. 6658

S. NICOLAS', GUILDFORD. — Change of practice night from Wednesday to Thursday. Practices will cease on Wednesday, July 27th, and resume on Thursday, September 1st, then every Thursday. 6660

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DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Sutton-on-the-Hill **now cancelled.**—M. Bailey. 6676

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Matching (6) on Saturday, July 23rd, at 3 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Hatfield Broad Oak not available.—G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6649

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — Next meeting, Swepstone, July 23rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names to J. W. Cotton. 6644

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Kenninghall, Saturday, July 23rd, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Bells available after, including Quidenham and East Harling. Business during tea is possible. 6679

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Hambledon (6), July 23rd, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 6656

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — A practice meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Nottingham, Saturday, July 23rd. Ringing 6-9 p.m. All ringers welcome. 6646

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at North Ockendon, Saturday, July 23rd, at 3 p.m. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided.—B. C. Sadler. 6641

WARBOROUGH, OXON. — The dedication of Warborough bells will take place on July 27th at 7 p.m. by the Bishop of Reading. Two new trebles for a ring of eight.—F. Absolom. 6665

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, July 30th, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, July 30th, 3.30. Preliminary notice: annual dinner, Bridge House, Saturday, November 12th.—A. B. Peck. 6679

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Winscombe, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, Bird's Rooms, 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Cheddar. 6674

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—All (meaning **you**) ringing rousingly received, July 30th (note), Cranfield (6), 2.45. Brief service and bumper tea at 2s. at 5 in Rectory. If any profit, to Diocesan New Churches Fund. There cannot and will not be tea for those who fail to notify by previous Tuesday—so **no names, no tea.** Wootton (6) 6.15 onwards. Half-hourly buses. — Peter Shipton, 16A, Kimbolton Road, Bedford. 6670

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Shirland, Saturday, July 30th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. Mason, 1, Birkinstyle Lane, Shirland, Derbyshire.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6667

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Olveston, Saturday, July 30th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.40 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, July 26th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 6678

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Chertsey (8), Saturday, July 30th. Bells 3 p.m . Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, July 27th, to J. B. Hessey, 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.—R. Collins. 6606

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Giles', Camberwell, on July 30th. Bells (10) at 4 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Tea at local Lyons. All members and friends welcome. 6648

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Leigh on Saturday, July 30th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Business meeting 6. Cups of tea provided. Good 8 by Rudhall (ton tenor).—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 6661

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Bramley, July 30th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Cups of tea provided for those bringing own food.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 6666

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Marlborough Branch.—Next meeting, Collingbourne Kingston, Saturday, July 30th. Names of those requiring tea to T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 6669

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District). — Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 1st. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in S. Nicolas' Hall. Numbers for tea, by July 27th, please, to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead. 6653

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Cheriton (8), Aug. 6th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. W. C. Chandler, 2, Alma Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, by Tuesday, Aug. 2nd.—W. P. G. 6629

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — Meeting will be held at Parbold Parish on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Tea at small charge. Meeting in School. Members and non-members are cordially invited. Those requiring tea please notify, not later than Wednesday, Mr. H. Leyland, 16, Station Road, Parbold, near Wigan.—W. O. Farimond, Branch Sec. 6673

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting, Barrow-on-Humber (8), Aug. 6th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. A. W. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 6677

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Freshford on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Dr. C. N. Vaisey, Freshford, near Bath. 6681

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HOW HANDBELL PEALS WERE LOST

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

LOOKING through my peal book recently recalled not only the successful occasions but also the failures with their pointers to success, and in some cases humorous situations which caused sudden stoppages. Some handbell ringers are apt to be 'nervy' and strange noises upset them very easily, for those residing in the vicinity cannot be expected to understand anything about handbell peals.

On one occasion we were all set for a peal of Triples in a back room when the man next door started shooting rats from an open window. A front room attempt went well till a man with his one-man-band came along and we were glad when he passed to other houses. Shortly afterwards a band struck up and preaching followed, but one of the umpires went out with some coppers, and this had the desired effect until a man with a cornet started his solos in his own particular style which finished our attempt for that meeting. Many other outside noises were experienced such as a political meeting, a singing beggar, cat and dog fights, and a domestic quarrel, all of which taught us the lesson that suitable rooms should be appreciated. Even open-air attempts were liable to come to grief because of unexpected events, and a tolerant 5–6 man can say nasty things about mischievous boys who squirt water down people's necks from behind a garden fence.

The writer attempted but one handbell peal in Ireland, which was in J. W. Washbrook's garden at Arklow, and after ringing over 2,000 Stedman Triples he had to cry off from having any more on 5–6 because of the perplexing situation created by the front bells. In ordinary handbell peals 1–2 and 3–4 are manipulated by two persons using up and down strokes, but on this occasion Jim Washbrook was ringing four bells and also calling the bobs; therefore, such a mode of procedure, unique and clever, was too confusing to me because of the difference in hand-movements.

Sometimes it was the umpires who caused a stir by undue noises when poking the fire or putting on more fuel, and during one peal we had two umpires who enjoyed a bag of juicy pears, some oranges and a bag of nuts between them, with varied noises caused by the nut-crackers at uneven intervals.

The three brothers William, Ernest and Bob Pye with Bertram Prewett used to meet occasionally in London for double-handed Stedman 'in hand,' and in 1911–12 quite a good bag of peals 'in hand' was rung at various addresses in London and Surrey, but when Alf Grimes took up handbell peal ringing early in 1912 his residence, a licensed house in Haggerston, became a popular meeting place, chiefly on account of a nice large room readily available for peals. Even here we found that a big rat became interested in Stedman for a short while and one evening the umpire's chair collapsed! Alf's 'pub' was handy when listeners came to hear the ringing, for a choice of drinks could be obtained, and how nice it was to ring Stedman Cinques with one umpire busy with his bread, cheese and pickles.

Later on, the belfry of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, became the meeting place, and here came many famous ringers, clergymen included, to take part in handbell peals. A rare experience of two bats invading the ringing chamber of a Surrey tower while a handbell peal was well on the way to success brings back memories of five ringers evading bats and ringing Grandsire Caters at the same time. The umpire settled the argument by switching off the light.

We had no code of rules relating to umpires or any advice on situations likely to arise during the ringing, and if one dropped off to sleep after his day's work it was understandable, but his loud snores certainly disturbed the tranquillity of the ringing. The umpire two of us found hard to forgive was one who liked a nice blazing fire and who kept stoking up until the heat became unbearable for my neighbouring ringer and myself who had our backs to the fire.

A unique way of attending a ringing meeting came one day when a Surrey handbell party travelled by boat on the Thames and rang a quarter peal en route. This led to the idea that a peal on the water would be quite a novelty and this was duly arranged. Everything looked all right even though we had to make do with a punt, but after ringing 1,500 the writer found his cushions had slipped and he was low in the punt. Soon came the uncomfortable feeling that water had found the spot where he was sitting and was slowly coming upwards because of a leak; therefore, it was desirable to arrive at a decision quickly. Needless to say, we made for the land and all hands helped the wet conductor ashore. No more river handbells, was the verdict; still, everyone enjoyed a good laugh over it.

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Those London and Surrey handbell days, peal or no peal, enabled the writer to meet well-known personalities who did much to popularise double-handed ringing. Many of them have left us for higher service, leaving behind them not only a record of peals scored but also happy memories of peal attempts and incidents connected with them. Space prevents any mention of names or details of peals won, but I trust the few specimens given herein will suffice to show what varied situations have been the means of halting handbell peals.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., July 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt in D.

ERNEST W. RAWSON	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
PHILIP A. CORBY	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	3	SIDNEY O. CHENEY	9
ALFRED BALLARD	4	J. FREDERICK MILNER	10
HARRY G. WAYNE	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
HAROLD G. JENNEY	6	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK H. DEXTER. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
Rung half-muffled to the honoured memory of Harold J. Poole, greatly beloved founder and first president of this Guild and master of the Cathedral company of ringers.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5077 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	*JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
HAROLD J. POOLE	2	ROLAND BENISTON	7
ERNEST W. RAWSON	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	8
J. FREDERICK MILNER	4	ERNEST J. JELLEY	9
MRS. H. J. POOLE	5	MRS. B. G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* 400th peal.

RICKMANSWORTH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat , July 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb. in D.

PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	6
ALBERT DISERENS	2	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
*ELSIE K. FULTON	3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	8
RONALD F. DISERENS	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	9
JOHN N. DISERENS	5	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal of Royal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Treble*	STANLEY E. BENNETT	6
JACK BRAY	2	*HARRY HALL	7
*RONALD CHAFER	3	*W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	8
*C. AUBREY HARRISON	4	GEORGE W. MOODY	9
FRANK LORD	5	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung in affectionate remembrance of Harold J. Poole.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., June 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	WILLIAM THORNLEY	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
PETER R. JOHNSON	4	SAMUEL J. HINES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
The first peal of Major in the method by all.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5024 QUESLETT SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	PETER BORDER	7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., June 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 BOURNVILLE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
JOHN PINFOLD	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., June 25, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5120 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
BRYAN D. A. WOOLLEY	3	PETER BORDER	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 23 lb. in G.

*GEORGE A. FLEMING	*Treble*	GEORGE W. PIPE	5
PATRICIA M. CLARKE	2	JOHN WARNER	6
DIANA M. MATTHEW	3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN	7
TERRY EARLE	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.
* 400th peal for the Suffolk Guild.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in E.

EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	DENNIS BERESFORD	5
J. EDWARD CAWSER	2	PETER BORDER	6
PETER BERESFORD	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	7
ALFRED BALLARD	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	FREDERICK C. GUNTON	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	WILLIAM LOVE	6
RICHARD W. R. COATES	3	BURLEY P. MORRIS	7
PETER KINDRED	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. WILLIAM BARRETT.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

TREVOR A. CROSS	*Treble*	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
*ARTHUR G. MASON	2	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	6
JOHN R. COOPER	3	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	7
†RALPH BIRD	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by FREDK. J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method. † 300th peal.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ALBERT MALLEN	*Treble*	SIDNEY T. HOLT	5
WM. B. CARTWRIGHT	2	CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	6
NORMAN G. GOODMAN	3	THOMAS HEMMING	7
*FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal in the method.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

VALERIE WILLARD	*Treble*	G. LEONARD HEWITT	5
*SHIRLEY PARSONS	2	LESLIE BARRY	6
WILLIAM FARMER	3	THOMAS BOREHAM	7
GEORGE KILMISTER	4	HARRY NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Grandsire.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt. in G.

GEORGE E. FEARN	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	6
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING	4	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Rung to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the formation of the diocese.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., July 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE R.C. ABBEY OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	JEFFREY B. WEBB	5
ANN BURR	2	GEORGE E. OLIVER	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	*PETER BERESFORD	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* 100th peal for the Society.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

FRANK W. PERRENS	*Treble*	HUBERT E. SUMMERS	5
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
JOHN W. T. TAYLOR	3	L. MICHAEL CALLOW	7
PERCY STONE	4	DAVID A. CARPENTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. T. TAYLOR.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of John W. Taylor, father of the conductor, for 44 years a ringer at this church, who was interred on Saturday, July 9th.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5120 QUEENSLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
DENNIS KNOX	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

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

ACCRINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 15, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Heywood's. Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

ROGER LEIGH	*Treble*	FRANK STEAD	5
JAMES GROUNDS	2	*MAURICE HOLGATE	6
*WILLIAM RAMSBOTTOM	3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	7
PETER CROOK, SEN.	4	JOSEPH THORNLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Peter Crook, sen., and a 51st birthday compliment to the mother of the tenor ringer.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	LESLIE SQUIRES	6
JOHN WALDEN	3	JOHN A. FREEMAN	7
H. LESTER PASK	4	HARRY SQUIRES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

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LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5088 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

*ELLAINE GREATHEAD	*Treble*	W. ARTHUR CROWDER	5
*MICHAEL W. CROWDER	2	*GEOFFREY PAUL	6
*JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	7
†GWEN I. RUSBY	4	†JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Little Bob Major. † Twenty-fifth peal together.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
BASIL JONES	2	ALAN J. BROWN	6
JOHN WORTH	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
ALAN A. POTTS	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
This composition is a variation of the 27 course block usually ascribed to John Reeves, shortened to 5,152.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	JACK ASHCROFT	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	*BARNABAS G. KEY	7
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the visit to Southport of H.R.H Princess Margaret.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MARTIN CUBITT	*Treble*	PETER WOODWARD	5
†DAVID BANKS	2	GEOFFREY TOWNEND	6
R. MARGARET BRYCE	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
WILFRID F. MORETON	4	JOHN E. KIRBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First attempt for a peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled in memory of Lt.-Col. Thomas Chadwick.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 19, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies's Five-part. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F sharp.

MELBOURNE PRICE	*Treble*	ALFRED LOMAS	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
RONALD BAGNALL	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
*NORMAN TOMPKINS	4	HENRY PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.
* 50th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the parish priest, Rev. E. D. Butters.

RYE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE RYE GRAMMAR SCHOOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.
On Wed., July 20, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb.

*MARGARET H. TWIDALE	*Treble*	ALAN J. HICKS	5
†DEREK C. JACKSON	2	DAVID HODGSON	6
*RUTH A. CAREY	3	*ROBIN A. HODGSON	7
*PATRICIA A. M. FORSTER	4	‡GEOFFREY F. B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HODGSON.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal. First peal on eight bells as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 7 on leaving Rye.

WILBY, SUSSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Thurs., July 21, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15 cwt.

*BETTY SYRETT	*Treble*	*STANLEY W. COPLING	5
E. AUSTIN HEAD	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
*JAMES B. MORLEY	3	*H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	4	*L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. HOLT. Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
* First peal of Plain Bob Triples.
Rung as a 6th birthday compliment to Pauline and Peter Head, twin grandchildren of the ringer of the 2nd.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

*SHEELAGH SANDS	*Treble*	PETER SHIPTON	4
*ANN FUNDERY	2	J. RUSSELL TAYLOR	5
DAVID HOUGHTON	3	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal. Average age 17 years.

HUYTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Plain Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

J. PHILLIP EASTLAND	*Treble*	SAM SCATTERGOOD	4
ARTHUR SMITHSON	2	WILFRED RILEY	5
DOREEN ARMSTRONG	3	FRANK BRADLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BRADLEY.
In memoriam Mr. J. W. Pilkington, captain of Ormskirk Parish Church bellringers, who passed away July 2nd. 1955, aged 74 years.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 32 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	4
DEREK E. LATCHFORD	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
RALPH BEAUMONT	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. T. COOK (Oxford and Kent) and W. J. RIDGMAN Cambridge).

PURLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 15, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	4
*THOMAS R. ROAST	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARY DOWSETT.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

HEREFORD.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (10 callings). Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM YATES	*Treble*	HENRY JOHNSON	4
WILLIAM A. KITSON	2	SIDNEY BOWYER	5
TRACEY H. YOUNG	3	H. DOUGLAS WRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by TRACEY H. YOUNG.
Rung as a silver wedding compliment to the Rev. C. T. Cottrell, B.A., Vicar of this parish.

RICKINGHALL SUPERIOR, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being a 2,160 and four different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM H. CRACKNELL	*Treble*	LEONARD S. SHARPE	4
RONALD FRANCIS	2	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE ..	5
JAMES B. MORLEY	3	KENNETH G. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES B. MORLEY.
First peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor by all.

KINGWESTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, with 14 callings.
Tenor 18¾ cwt. in E.

FREDERICK G. SPARKS	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. CALLOW ..	3
*FREDERICK L. ANDREWS ..	2	E. T. PAUL FIELD	4
		*ARNOLD C. BOWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. T. PAUL FIELD.
*First peal in two methods.
Rung in connection with the centenary of the church celebrations.

HANDBELL PEAL

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., July 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT 184, LOWER FARNHAM ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents (10 callings) and Morris's 240. Tenor size 15 in C.

ANN M. COX	1—2	E. JOHN WELLS	3—4
		DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	5—6

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
First handbell peal by all the band.

QUARTER PEALS

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE. — On June 19th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. S. Aylett 1, W. A. Stote 2, J. L. Garner-Hayward 3, J. W. T. Taylor 4, F. W. Perrens 5, A. Carpenter 6, D. A. Carpenter (cond.) 7, G. Gardner 8. Rung for Evensong.

ARMLEY, YORKS.—On July 19th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor (2 extents): H. Lofthouse 1, D. Fenton 2, J. D. Cox 3, V. M. Cox 4, P. Dawson 5, D. Thorp (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. Cox, mother of the ringers of 3 and 4, on her birthday.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael with St. Paul, on July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. G. Davis 1, J. G. Hobbs 2, Miss B. Russell 3, E. Naylor 4, C. Conway 5, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1, 2, 3 and 5.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS. — On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. W. Willgress (first quarter) 1, H. Sear 2, A. B. Corden 3, W. Daniells 4, R. Cadamy 5, J. Marks 6, D. J. Meager (first as cond.) 7, F. Stonton 8. Rung for the treble ringer, a visitor from Acle, Norfolk.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE. — On June 5th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: C. Wright (cond.) 1, S. Slaney 2, A. Keller 3, K. Rutland 4, Mrs. L. Holmes 5, A. B. Cooper 6, D. Cooper 7, H. Wagstaffe 8. First quarter for 3 and 4.

BUCKLAND DINHAM, SOMERSET.—On July 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Pearce 1, Miss E. Overend 2, W. Mills 3, W. J. Phippen 4, E. E. Bray (cond.) 5, P. Bray 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral service of Mrs. L. G. Courtney, wife of the Vicar of Buckland Dinham with Great Elm.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On July 17th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, H. Stebbings 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, G. Rouse (cond.) 6. For morning service.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—On July 16th, 2,176 Plain Bob Major: F. J. Bailey 1, Dillys Hulbert 2, T. P. Edwards 3, W. G. Jones 4, G. F. Jenkins 5, W. H. Dare 6, A. K. G. Jones (cond.) 7, A. R. Price 8. First in method by 3, 4 and 7.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE. — On July 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. A. Elsey 1, D. Bray 2, H. Kilby 3, A. Bodycote 4, P. Immins 5, R. T. E. Hubbard (cond.) 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 5. Rung to welcome home the Dudley family from Canada, also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

COWLEY, OXON.—On July 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Holloway (cond.) 1, Mrs. L. Busby 2, Mrs. W. Holloway 3, J. Sutton 4, D. Norris 5, P. Smith 6. First 'inside' for 3 and 5.



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QUARTER PEALS

CREECH ST. MICHAEL, SOMERSET. — On July 14th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Barbara J. Stevens 1, F. Caseley 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, H. G. Sparkes 4, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 5, W. Nuncombe 6.

ELMORE, GLOS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Doubles (being 300 Grandsire, 480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob): P. Hurcombe 1, C. Wixey 2, G. P. Green 3, F. E. Tranter 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, J. Cobb 6. First quarter in three methods for 1,,2 and 3.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On July 10th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): K. Small 1, E. J. Coode 2, F. Hurrell 3, F. Richardson 4, G. Daynes 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. Rung for Evensong. — Also, on the same day, 1,274 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss B. Slark 1, F. Hurrell 2, E. B. Crowder 3, E. J. Coode 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, G. Hurrell 6, J. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. Rung after Evensong for Procession of Witness to Open-air Service arranged by Eltham Council of Churches.

FRESHFORD, SOMERSET. — On July 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Audrey Stephens 1, Mrs. P. Newman 2, Josephine Burrows (first quarter) 3, C. Conway 4, H. Newman (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Bishop of Taunton.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On July 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. S. Peacock 1, C. J. Young 2, M. Dyer 3, C. Clarke 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5, F. Reeve 6. Rung with bells half-muffled after the funeral of Mr. T. H. Townsend, who for many years was captain at this tower.

HARTEST, SUFFOLK.—On July 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. J. Fruin 1, M. Willoughby 2, F. Payne (cond.) 3, Mrs. C. Hurrell (first quarter) 4, G. Jennings 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Garwood, who has been a ringer at the church for 47 years and is one of the local band.

HEALEY, ROCHDALE, LANCS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Ogden (first in method) 1, A. Hilton 2, J. A. Taylor 3, F. Pritchard 4, I. Kay 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6. A tribute from the Rochdale Branch, Lancashire Association, to the memory of Harold J. Poole, late president, Leicester Diocesan Guild.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.—On July 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): W. T. Stoker 1, E. D. Tune 2, G. F. Terry (cond.) 3, J. M. Harrop 4, E. Philpot 5, A. H. Howcroft 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

KETTERINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On July 5th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Tooke (cond.) 1, Eileen Bracey 2, C. H. Moore 3, M. J. Day 4, R. G. Lofty 5, W. Clover 6. Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. G. Heawood as Vicar of Ketteringham, which living is held in plurality with Hethersett.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Chambers 1, Clare Chambers 2, Barbara Marks (cond.) 3, B. L. Marks 4, P. T. Pilcher 5, P. Wells 6. Rung for Evensong and to welcome P. T. Pilcher home from Australia and New Zealand.

LONGDON, STAFFS.—On July 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Doleman (first quarter) 1, J. A. Townsend (cond.) 2, Angela W. Smith (first 'inside') 3, L. E. Monk 4, B. J. Townsend 5.

LAMBETH, LONDON, S.E.—On July 10th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Hawksley (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, W. D. Grainger 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, C. W. Ottley 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7. Rung, for Evensong, without covering bell, owing to meeting short.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET. — On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Rothwell (first quarter) 1, F. T. Locke 2, P. Cox 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, H. G. Westlake 5, H. Wetherell 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. E. L. Taylor, whose funeral was earlier in the day, and as an expression of sympathy with her husband, son and daughter, members of the local band.

MAIDSTONE, KENT. — On July 16th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Doris Dobbie 1, J. Grensted 2, T. Grice 3, B. Baker 4, R. Rich 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, F. Leeson 7, G. Kenward 8, S. Dobbie 9, A. Dunk (first on ten bells) 10. First quarter of Caters for 50 years for the 2nd.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On July 12th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Bishop 1, T. Warner 2, Miss P. J. Butcher (first 'inside' and first of Minor) 3, C. Saunders 4, H. H. Usborne (cond.) 5, L. Honess 6. Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Miss P. J. Butcher.

NORTH BARROW, SOMERSET.—On July 15th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, April Day, Plain Bob, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 60 of Grandsire): C. Clarke 1, M. Stone 2, R. D. Short 3, D. Sweet 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter peal on the bells.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Nancy E. Kempsell 1, F. W. Bird 2, T. H. Bird (cond.) 3, A. Streeter 4, G. Olliver 5, F. J. Carvell 6. Rung for St. Peter's Day.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on July 3rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: C. F. Sayer 1, H. G. Mason 2, Mrs. O. Johnson 3, B. C. Johnson 4, F. J. Spicer 5, A. E. Ewer (first of Major) 6, T. J. Southam (cond.) 7, G. W. Debenham 8.

WALMER, KENT.—On July 17th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss A. Banks (first quarter and first touch of Plain Bob Major) 1, Miss A. Vine 2, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 3, J. Penfold 4, J. Hales 5, P. Westwood 6, P. J. Rve 7, F. A. Rve 8. Rung for Evensong and as a 21st birthday compliment to P. J. Rve.

WINGHAM, KENT.—On July 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Devonshire (first of Triples) 1, Miss A. Banks (first of Triples) 2, R. Gray 3, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 4, J. Hales 5, F. W. Lawrence (cond.) 6, P. Westwood 7, P. J. Rye 8.

WOLVERCOTE, OXFORD.—On July 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Christine Woodward 1, C. Holloway 2, V. Green 3, M. Journeaux 4, R. Trebilcock 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. Rung for the Octave of St. Peter.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Luckman (19, first quarter) 1, F. Maynard 2, Mrs. L. Bullock 3, H. Rumens 4, B. Chapman (16) 5, J. Boyack 6, L. Bullock (cond.) 7, K. Gardener (first quarter) 8. Rung after evening service as birthday greetings to 1st and 5th ringers, Mr. E. Wright (service ringer) and 75th for Mr. C. Morss.

OUTINGS

NORTON SUBCOURSE AND BECCLES

On July 9th the ringers of Norton Subcourse and Beccles had an enjoyable day in Essex. The party of 38 left Norton at 8 a.m., and after a brief stop at Bury St. Edmunds proceeded to Pebmarsh, where some good touches were rung on the delightful six.

After lunch at Halstead, Sible Hedingham was visited, where methods including Cambridge Major were rung. Returning to Halstead the eight bells were set going, after which tea was taken. Then on to Colne Engaine, where London and Beverley Surprise Minor were attempted and brought round.

At the next stop, Earls Colne, some of the best ringing of the day occurred on these lovely eight bells. The final call was Great Tey, where some tired ringers ascended the somewhat unusual staircase to partake in various methods which included a touch of Stedman Triples.

Returning home via Colchester one stop was made to sample some Suffolk brew, and then home, arriving at 11.55. The party tender their thanks to Mr. W. Arnold for his help in arranging the programme, also to Mr. Claydon, who acted as guide. Mr. G. Walpole would like to thank all incumbents and local ringers for their help and kindness.

G. G. W.

ST. MARY'S, EASTBOURNE

A very enjoyable meeting took place on July 9th when St. Mary's ringers left Eastbourne at 7.30 a.m. picking up friends en route to the first stop, Crawley, where ringing was enjoyed at St. John-the-Baptist's (tenor 13¼ cwt.). Then on to Godalming, where, after a good lunch, the heavier eight (tenor 22 cwt.) were put to good use.

The highlight of the day followed, ringing on the ten at Haslemere: these must surely be the best ten for their weight (tenor 13 cwt.) in the country. This was followed by a drive through the beautiful countryside to the little village of Linchmere, where tea was prepared in the Vicarage garden and thoroughly enjoyed, appreciation being shown by handbell ringing. The little church of Linchmere could not be by-passed so the two small bells there had to be tried.

And so on to the last tower of the day, Billingshurst (tenor 12¼ cwt.), where a very good touch of Double Norwich rounded off a very pleasant day's ringing.

Thanks are due to the incumbents, the tower secretaries and all who helped to make this outing such a great success.

L. W. P.

TWERTON-ON-AVON

On July 16th the Twerton-on-Avon ringers had their outing. The weather was really beautiful and the lovely Wiltshire countryside looked a picture.

At Malmesbury Abbey we were met by Mr. E. Player and ringing was enjoyed on the good eight (tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp). The second tower was Cricklade, where Mr. Sherwood awaited the party. Ringing here on the five bells (tenor 12 cwt. 27 lb. in G) will be remembered for a very long time as the ropes go through two sets of guides. The length between the ringers and the bells is 75 feet.

After a wonderful spread, ringing followed at Purton, where we were met by Messrs. R. and C. R. Shailes. The six bells are glorious (tenor 20 cwt. 14 lb. in C sharp). At the last tower, Wootton Bassett, Mr. E. Brooks greeted the party. Ringing was enjoyed on the eight (tenor 18 cwt. in E).

Thanks are due to Mr. R. Fry, who organised the outing so well, and to the incumbents.

A. F. L.

QUESLETT SURPRISE MAJOR

58, 458, 58, 38, 34, 58, 16, 5

2nds place lead end. 4ths place bob.

Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, June 16th, 1955.

OUTINGS

PUTNEY

Readers of 'The Ringing World' for July 15th will have seen that Mr. Elson, of Putney, has celebrated his 88th birthday. But those of us who year by year take part in the outings which he arranges find great difficulty in believing it. I do not know whether he was ever a sergeant-major, but, by the way in which he keeps a coachload of varied ringers and non-ringers up to the time-table he has arranged, he could well have been.

This year was no exception and on July 9th the usual party of Putneyites and invited guests enjoyed ringing in four eight-bell towers in Essex: Halstead, deep in tone for its 14½ cwt. tenor; St. Peter's, Colchester, 21 cwt., a lovely ring and a fine ringing chamber; Writtle, 18½ cwt., in a church by the village green, where the annual fair was in progress; and Brentwood, 19½ cwt., with a tower at present in 'splints.'

Lunch at the Cups Hotel, Colchester, was first class, and a good tea was enjoyed at Whittle. But the unusual part of the outing was the afternoon visit to Bergholt, just over the border into Suffolk. Here the visiting ringers were spectators just as much as the non-ringers, while the local band demonstrated their skill in set changes on the five bells (tenor 28 cwt.) in the bell cage in the churchyard. Whether it is more difficult to ring the bells, without ropes, by the handgrips on the headstocks than it is to stand the noise in the bell cage is debatable, but we all found it most interesting.

Thanks are accorded to the incumbents and to the members of the local bands who welcomed us at each tower. W. G. W.

RAINHAM, KENT

It was at 7 a.m. with the mist still surrounding the countryside that Rainham ringers and friends left for their annual outing on July 9th. Mr. P. Borer and lady friend had travelled by car from Frindsbury and had kindly given a lift to Mr. and Mrs. Carey, who, like several younger members, were making it their first outing with St. Margaret's ringers. Soon Key Street was reached, where Mr. and Mrs. B. May and Michael, also Mr. George Kenward, joined the party.

Along the road to Stockbury Mr. and Mrs. Bert Dunk came aboard and we set sail for our 200 miles tour of Kent and Sussex well up to time, the route being via Maidstone, Hadlow, on to Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells.

After a short break at Crowborough for morning coffee we went to St. Margaret's, Buxted, our first ring, which proved to be a very handy eight (tenor 16 cwt.), rung from the ground floor. This church is well back in the park, where herds of deer roam, and our thanks are due to Mr. Eade, who met us.

Arundel was reached at midday for lunch at the Warming Pan Hotel, a very welcome break before ringing the light eight at Arundel Parish Church (tenor 14½ cwt.). Once again the coach had to hurry, for we were due at Chichester Cathedral at 2.30, and heard some members of the Cathedral band pulling up the bells as we climbed the many steps at its detached campanile. Here the bells were rung to touches of Plain Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and rounds. Non-ringing friends took the opportunity of visiting the Cathedral.

The next ring was upon the bells of St. Mary's, Pulborough, a light eight (tenor 13½ cwt.). Alas! The tower is surrounded by scaffolding, awaiting a surveyor's report upon repairs to be undertaken. By 5 o'clock tea was next upon the programme, but owing to a slight breakdown to the coach we arrived half an hour late at the Rose and Crown. Never was a cup of tea more welcome, for all the party had walked uphill for nearly a mile before the coach came along.

The last ring of the day was at East Grinstead with its grand eight (tenor 23½ cwt.). Here we were greeted in the tower by two local ringers, who had waited for over half an hour so that we could enjoy our ringing.

It was a great pity that the company this year could not ring more methods. How we miss the old faces the Jarretts, Naylors and Dobbies, besides those who have passed over since the war. Still, a happy day was spent, not forgetting the call at the local just outside Hadlow.

By 10 p.m. we were on our homeward journey led by choirmaster Bert Dunk, singing till Stockbury was reached. Rainham was reached just after 11 p.m. Our thanks are due to all incumbents, tower captains and ringers who helped to make this outing a success. F. J. C.

BOURNVILLE SURPRISE MAJOR

38, 14, 56, 16, 12, 1258, 36, 7

2nds place lead end. 4ths place bob.

Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, June 23rd, 1955

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Congratulations to the Rye Grammar School Society of Change Ringers on the peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells of St. Mary's, Rye. This is the first peal on the bells for 25 years. Unfortunately it was a farewell to four members of the band who are leaving Rye.

Will Mr. Roger Baldwin kindly forward his address to the Editor.

Mr. J. W. Pilkington, late captain of the Ormskirk ringers, who died on July 23rd, had rung at Ormskirk for over 60 years. To his memory a peal was rung at Huyton, Lancs, in which a great friend of Mr. Pilkington, Mr. Wilfred Riley, participated.

The quarter of Bob Minor at St. Michael's-with-St. Paul's, Bath, on July 17th, was arranged for Mr. Colin Conway, who has been in Bath serving an apprenticeship and is leaving to join H.M. Forces.

Mr. J. G. Macdougal, of Hornchurch, recently underwent a severe abdominal operation in Oldchurch Hospital, Romford. After making a good recovery his condition deteriorated and further treatment was necessary. The latest news is that 'Mac' is once again making steady progress. His many friends in the Hornchurch area hope that this improvement will be maintained. 'Mac,' indeed, thanks all who have written to him, and sends his kindest regards.

Seldom are the musical eight at Redditch, Worcs, heard ringing more than rounds or Grandsire Doubles and it is believed that not even a quarter peal has been rung on the bells since restoration in 1931. However, for Evensong, on July 17th, an excellent quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, with the assistance of two outside ringers, was rung to mark the end of a week of celebrations for the centenary of the consecration of the completed Church of St. Stephen (July 19th, 1855).

With the peal of Plain Bob Triples at Wilby, Mr. H. W. Barrett, of Loddon, has completed the Plain Bob family from Doubles to Maximus. The legitimacy of 'Master Triples' will doubtless cause maternal instincts to rise in the breasts of many who had hitherto thought they had a quiverful of Plain Bob.

Visitors, particularly 'tower-grabbers,' should note the recommendation of the Chew Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association that applications for the use of bells should be made at least one week before the date of a proposed visit.

The Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds and president of the Yorkshire Association, was inducted as Vicar of St. John-the-Evangelist's, New Briggate, Leeds, on July 21st. In honour of the event a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Heptonstall on July 23rd.

An attempt on Monday, July 11th, to ring a memorial peal to Mr. J. W. Taylor, at Allesley, Coventry, came to grief with only four courses to go when a rope broke. Despite the discomfort of the close weather the band instantly agreed to make a second attempt the following Thursday. This met with success and a very fitting peal was rung to the memory of the late Ringing Master.

Mr. Bob Stickley, to the deep regret of his South African friends, left for home on July 15th. He leaves a gap that will be very difficult to fill at St. Mary's, Woodstock, and the band there write appreciatively of his services during the last 12 months, particularly in conducting. They wish him Godspeed to Hereford and good ringing. Any ringers going to Cape Town will be very welcome and should communicate with Mr. A. V. Sheppard, P.O. Box 1,073, Cape Town.

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FUNERAL OF MR. HAROLD J. POOLE

A Wonderful Tribute of Affection at Leicester Cathedral

ON Monday, July 18th, in the presence of a large congregation of relatives, ringers, policemen and friends, all that was mortal of Harold Joseph Poole was brought to the Cathedral Church of St. Martin in Leicester. This was a place that he had loved, where many of his happiest hours had been spent, and where he had played so large a part in making ringing history. It was fitting that he should be received there for the last time with such honour and dignity, attended by important officers of Church and State amongst the sorrow and love of many humbler friends.

At the hour of one, in a pause in the throbbing life of a busy city, the funeral cortege, passing through a guard of honour of Leicester City Police, was received at the Cathedral north door by the Provost of Leicester, the Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong and the Rev. F. W. Pratt and other clergy, and as the opening sentences were recited the procession moved slowly up the nave and to the foot of the altar steps, where the Lord Bishop of the Diocese had already taken his place.

The coffin was supported by four of Mr. Poole's fellow lay canons wearing their familiar red and black robes. The family mourners were led by Mrs. Poole supported by Mr. P. J. Staniforth and followed by Mrs. Staniforth (known still to so many as Jill Poole) and Mr. G. W. Poole, Harold's eldest brother. Other brothers and sisters—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Poole, Mr. E. Poole, Miss F. A. Poole—and nephews and nieces—Messrs. F. and G. A. Poole, Mrs. W. Parker and Mrs. G. Fitzgerald—followed with his great friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Milner.

Then came the Cathedral company of ringers and Mr. E. C. Turner, vice-president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and Harold's mentor of long ago in the Leicester City Police. Also in the procession were the Chief Constable of Leicester, Mr. O. J. B. Cole, whose genial presence at many Leicester ringing functions will be recalled by many, accompanied by his deputy chief.

'CAME OUT OF GREAT TRIBULATION'

The choir, already in their places, led the singing of the opening psalm, and the Archdeacon of Leicester, the Ven. C. L. Matthews, read the lesson, the Revelation of St. John-the-Divine 7 xiv.

> '. . . . These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. . . .'

Then followed the familiar setting of the 23rd Psalm to Brother James' Air and so to the prayers and to the hymn 'Blessed are the pure in heart.' The Lord Bishop gave his Blessing, and as the choir took up the strains of the Nunc Dimittus the procession re-formed and moved slowly out through the north door.

Several of the congregation were able to follow in cars to the crematorium on the outskirts of the city, and in the Cemetery Chapel the prayers were said by the Rev. F. W. Pratt, and as the solemn words of committal were pronounced by the Provost of Leicester the coffin moved slowly out of sight. The Provost gave the final Blessing and so we left the Chapel having committed to the care and keeping of Almighty God the soul of a great friend of ringers and a much loved man whose good works will surely live long after him.

AMONG THE CONGREGATION

Many ringers were present in the Cathedral from all parts of the country representing many aspects of Mr. Poole's very active ringing career. Among them were Mr. E. A. Barnett, general secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, Mr. F. I. Hairs, representing 'The Ringing World' Committee, of which Mr. Poole was a member, Messrs. Alfred H. Pulling and Albert Walker, Mrs. A. Richardson and Mrs. J. Wayman (Surfleet), Messrs. John Freeman, George E. Feirn (Lincoln Guild), Messrs. J. G. A. Prior, N. S. Bagworth, C. E. Willmington (National Police Guild, of which Mr. Poole was founder and president), W. B. Cartwright and N. Goodman (Worcestershire and Districts Association), a strong representation from each of the six Districts of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, including Mr. Paul L. Taylor, vice-president, Mr. W. A. Wood, general secretary, Mr. A. E. Rowley, treasurer, and the Leicester Guild Central Council representatives, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish (Coventry Guild), Mrs. Datson (Peterborough), many old friends with whom Mr. Poole had done a great deal of ringing, such as Harry Broughton, who was in his first and many of his early peals, Redvers F. Elkington, Alfred Ballard, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, with whom he rang tunes on handbells with much skill and artistry, Leslie W. G. Morris, Ralph Edwards, John Pinfold, A. D. Barker, A. G. Mason, J. Cotton, K. Holtom, and very many others including ringers from humble five- and six-bell towers whose names are not known to the Exercise but whose cause was so dear to the first president of the Leicester Diocesan Guild.

MEMORIAL PEAL

In the evening at the Cathedral a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung half-muffled by a band comprising senior members of the Cathedral company including Mr. H. G. Jenney, a member of the Police Guild and a friend of many years, Mr. Shirley Burton, peal secretary, and other old friends in the Leicester Diocesan Guild. The composition was specially chosen as being the one that was rung for the Guild's first peal of Stedman Cinques and as being by Frederick H. Dexter, who, more than any other, was acknowledged always by Harold as to one to whom he owed most in his ringing career.

P. A. C.

AN APPRECIATION

As deputy to Harold Poole in the capacity of Ringing Master at Leicester Cathedral, I should like to add my tribute to his greatness.

All I may be personally, as a ringer, is due to his great ability, advice and help under all conditions. The Cathedral band was of his making, and all its success has been due to his enthusiasm and painstaking effort. It will indeed be a difficult task for his successor, but we shall do our best to maintain the standard he so ably created.

He was a gentleman in every sense and a very sincere friend. He will be greatly missed in many walks of life. The peal rung on the Cathedral bells on the day of his funeral was, I think, one which did full credit to those taking part, and a tribute for all he had done for ringing and ringers.

HERRICK B. BOWLEY.

VETERAN'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—As the ringer who first guided Harold Poole's steps to the Leicester Cathedral belfry and who had the arranging of all the ringing he did in the early years of his brilliant career, I would like to convey my thanks to all the ringers who gathered at Leicester Cathedral on the occasion of his funeral from both near and far to pay their last respects to a great ringer and true friend.—Yours faithfully,

Leicester. HARRY BROUGHTON.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Easton Maudit a Popular Meeting

Bellringers from a wide area and their friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch at Easton Maudit on July 16th.

Among those present were representatives from Earls Barton, Wollaston, Rushden, Ecton, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Northampton, Cogenhoe, Lichborough, Yardley Hastings, Great Doddington, Bozeat, Harrold, Lavendon, Luton and the local ringers.

The Guild service, held in the Parish Church, was led by the Vicar of Bozeat and Easton Maudit (the Rev. W. C. Knight), who is president of the Branch. He also gave an address. The organist was Mr. S. Jeffs, and a collection for the Guild Bell Restoration Fund amounted to £2 14s. 6d.

Mr. Knight presided over the business proceedings, supported by Mr. A. Bigley, secretary. It was decided to visit Ecton during October for the next meeting.

The Rector of Wilby, the Rev. H. D. Pitchford, was elected an honorary member, and Mr. E. Seamar, of Irchester, a ringing member.

Miss Smith, of Great Doddington, expressed thanks to the Vicar and the organist, and to Mrs. E. Jones and her helpers for providing and serving tea. Mrs. Allebone (churchwarden) and the Vicar replied.

Handbells were rung at the conclusion of the meeting. The towers of Easton Maudit, Yardley Hastings and Bozeat were open for ringing in the evening.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL

NEW LORD BISHOP'S ENCOURAGING MESSAGE — KEEP ACTIVITIES OF RINGERS IN PUBLIC EYE, URGES MASTER — FINANCES DISTURBED BY COST OF ANNUAL REPORT AN INVITATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL TO VISIT OXFORD

THE Right Rev. Harry Carpenter, the new Bishop of Oxford, met the ringers of Oxford Diocesan Guild for the first time at the Guild festival on July 15th. At the Guild service, held in Christ Church and conducted by the Rev. C. Elliot Wigg (the Master), he preached the sermon.

The Bishop spoke of the great joy expressed by bells in calling people to worship—a wild, riotous joy which was different in quality from anything that could be produced by any other form of music. The bells proclaimed in the heart the joy of Christian people.

To-day they particularly needed the reminder of the bells. So many Christian people did not connect joy and gladness with going to church. They were apt to think of their worship as something they ought to go through with or as a kind of tonic. The Church of England encouraged them to approach God with a joyful heart.

'I am very happy to know that all over the diocese there are keen, enthusiastic ringers, who give up a great deal of their time and energy to make their ringing more perfect. We are all grateful to you for your contribution to the life and worship of the Church and the witness you bear to the joy of the Gospel. I know you find in your work a happy co-operation in which each of you has a part to play. I hope you will have a happy festival and go back to your parishes encouraged for your work in the future.'

As usual, ringers of the diocese formed a surpliced choir. The Deputy Ringing Master (Mr. Frederick Sharpe) read the lesson.

THE BUSINESS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Guild was held in the Chapter House. The Master presided, supported by the Deputy Master, the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. D. Barker), the hon. secretary (Mr. W. Hibbert) and the librarian (Miss M. R. Cross).

At the beginning of the meeting the members stood in silence to the memory of Mr. H. J Poole.

The Master, in his report, wrote that the incumbents of the Oxford Diocese were, on the whole, very interested in the progress and welfare of their bands of ringers. It was most important for captains of towers to do their best to keep the activities of the ringers in the public eye of the parish, for in this way new recruits for the belfry could be more easily obtained. A very good plan was to obtain the sanction of the incumbent for a ringers' Sunday to be held. He urged ringers in any parish to keep the needs of the Guild Restoration Fund before their Parochial Church Councils and to ascertain what response had been made to the appeal recently circulated to all incumbents in the diocese with rings of bells in their charge.

The Deputy Master reported that with a few notable exceptions Sunday service ringing was well maintained and much enthusiasm was evident at Branch meetings. To those in the remoter parts of the diocese who found it difficult and costly to attend the annual festival, he suggested towers combining to run a motor coach to Oxford with stops for ringing en route.

Among those who had passed away he paid tribute to Victor Bennett, former hon. secretary of the Oxford Society, who was greatly beloved by all who knew him and did so much to advance the art of ringing in Oxford. Another outstanding ringer was J. E. Hedges, who did much good work for the Newbury Branch, and reached the advanced age of 92.

The secretary's report stated 1954 went along smoothly. Membership was still high and they must be thankful to all the individuals who spent so much of their time teaching recruits to handle a bell and then to 'hunt the treble.' The number of peals had decreased very much compared with the years since the war.

The treasurer's report stated that the general funds of the Guild amounted to £962 10s. 8d., of which £878 3s. 2d. was in the Restoration Fund.

The librarian stated that recording of peals rung by the Guild went steadily on and she was very grateful to Mr. H. L. Roper, of Adderbury, for all the work he had done. Between 3,000 and 4,000 peals had now been tabulated. She thanked all who had lent early peal books for reference.

Mr. F. Vickers proposed, and Mr. H. James seconded, the adoption of the reports with the exception of the treasurer's.

DIFFICULTY OVER PRINTER'S BILL

Mr A. D. Barker said the finances of the Guild were a serious matter. He had a bill for £92 2s. 9d. for printing the annual reports which he could not meet. Only two Branch quotas had been received and one was considerably lower.

The Master hoped the difficulty was only temporary. When the money from the Branches was received Mr. Barker should be able to pay the printers.

In reply to the Rev. C. Sherwood, Mr. Barker said the printer's charges were 50 per cent. higher.

It was decided that a committee consisting of the officers, with power to co-opt, should consider the position.

Mr. E. F. Gibbard suggested that each Branch should subscribe £2 from its Branch funds to meet the difference in cost. It was pointed out that the meeting had no power to vote Branch funds, but the Master said if Branches acted on Mr. Gibbard's suggestion it would be much appreciated.

The officers of the Guild were re-elected, and also the members of the committee with the exception of Mr. B. Hall.

The meeting debated a recommendation from the General Committee 'that in the case of children still at school, on application by the tower foreman to the Branch secretary, such children may pay half price for annual subscriptions.'

Miss Cross objected to the recommendation. In her own tower they saved the money received from wedding ringing to meet the cost of subscriptions and outings.

The recommendation was defeated by 34 votes to 33.

A number of other amendments to rules were approved.

NEW MEMBERS

The meeting confirmed the election of 205 new members, which included some non-resident members.

Mr. T. J. Fowler said while they were glad to have new members, many were only members for a few months and then lapsed. They got about 200 new members each year but their total membership did not increase. He thought the trouble was that foremen put up youngsters for membership before they were ready.

The Master said there was an old rule that a new member should be able to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles, and he felt they should stick to it.

Mr. Gibbard asked for a grant for Winslow tower, where they proposed to augment a ring of six to eight. A grant of £10 was agreed

Mr. F. Vickers submitted an application on behalf of Buckingham. They were having new headstocks, pulleys, etc., and the cost would be between £300 and £325. A grant of £25 was sanctioned.

THE LUNCHEON

The luncheon in the hall of Christ Church followed and was attended by the Lord Bishop. The Master presided.

Mr. F. Sharpe proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church for the use of the Cathedral for the service, to the new president, the Lord Bishop for preaching the sermon, to Mr. Oxley, the deputy organist, and to the general secretary and general treasurer for making the arrangements.

The Lord Bishop thanked the ringers for their welcome and said it was a great privilege to take part in their festival.

The toast of 'The Oxford Diocesan Guild' was submitted by Mr. T. W. White, who made a sympathetic reference to the passing of Mr. Harold Poole. Arising from his death it might not be possible for the 1956 Council meeting to be held at Leicester. He understood that the Central Council had not previously visited Oxford, and he wondered if, in the event of such a difficulty arising, the Guild would consider inviting the Council to Oxford

The suggestion was favourably received and on the proposition of Miss Cross the following resolution was passed: 'Should the Central Council not be able to go to Leicester for the 1956 meeting, the officers of the Oxford Diocesan Guild extend a cordial invitation to the Council to hold its 1956 meeting at Oxford.'

A collection of photographs of old bells and founders' marks belonging to Mr. Sharpe was on view and attracted considerable attention. Ringing followed in various churches and colleges.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE WESTBURY-ON-TRYM TRAGEDY

Dear Sir,—I am sure that after the unfortunate and tragic accident in the tower of this Parish Church last week, when a choirboy was trapped and killed by a bell, ringers and tower masters throughout the country will look to you for fair and informed comment, as many of the newspaper reports seem to have been hurried and incomplete.

I should like to make it quite clear that the two choirboys came quietly into the ringing chamber and sat down. Later they were given permission to visit the top of the tower, a ringer of four years' standing being deputised to accompany them while silent practice continued.

The stairs to the top lead past the outside of the bolted door of the bell chamber, and the evidence of the uninjured choirboy at the inquest made it quite plain that he expected to be taken on to the top of the tower, and that he had heard my warning about not leaning on the battlements. Unfortunately, the ringer (who arrived after the boy's original request) concluded that they would like to see the bells and opened the door.

The lesson to be learnt is that verbal instructions are inadequate, and that the physical barrier of a lock and key is a necessity. I am sure that this accident will make each person in charge of a tower even more conscious of his responsibilities.—Yours sincerely,

E. GEORGE, Tower Secretary,
Westbury-on-Trym Parish Church.

RINGING DURING A SERVICE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Wills' letter in a recent issue, I venture to say that the Vicar is undoubtedly right. If ringing ceased before Mattins, the congregation assembling for Choral Eucharist would hear no bells. There is really no difficulty about worship accompanied by the sound of bells, and the ringing of bells during an act of worship is by no means without precedent. Unless I am mistaken, the ancient statutes of Exeter Cathedral actually provided for the ringing or chiming of two bells during part of Mattins, viz., the Te Deum. The essential point is that the supreme act of Christian worship should be immediately preceded by the music of the bells.—Yours sincerely,

F. LLEWELLYN EDWARDS.

Kington Magna, Dorset.

BROADCAST — LYME REGIS

Dear Sir,—May I, through 'The Ringing World,' heartily congratulate the Lyme Regis band on the top grade ringing in their recent Sunday service broadcast. I am sure many will agree that this is the best striking heard on radio for a very long time.

As a past member of the band I am familiar with the keenness and enthusiasm with which Mr. G. S. Morris and his band have progressed, the first consideration always being a very high standard of striking and, secondly, to progress to the more advanced methods, an ambition every ringer should strive for where circumstances permit.—Yours sincerely,

N. MALLETT.

Barnstaple.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—When Australian bells and ringing come under discussion, the average English ringer generally says, 'Oh, but there isn't much ringing down there, is there ?' As one who has recently been 'Down Under,' may I do something to correct this impression?

In Sydney there are eight rings of bells. Seven of these are ringable and six out of the seven have active bands. There are also two 'country towers' in New South Wales—Yass and West Maitland, each of which have rings of six.

In Queensland there is only one ringing peal which is at Maryborough, 2,000 (yes, two thousand !) miles from the nearest ringing tower, and yet the Exercise lives on. At Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, the bells of St. John's Cathedral are hung dead in a temporary structure pending the completion of the new central tower.

Of the three rings of bells in Melbourne only St. Paul's Cathedral (13) are rung regularly. St. Patrick's (R.C.) Cathedral are silent for want of a band, and St. James' are unringable owing to faulty hanging. At Bendigo in Victoria the eight bells are rung although the tower sways fantastically. Ballaarat has a fine eight at the Town Hall and six (with an additional two trebles hung dead) at St. Peter's. Both of these rings of bells are rung regularly.

Adelaide also has three ringing towers. The eight at the Town Hall have not been rung within living memory, but the new Taylor eight at the Cathedral and the six at St. Andrew's, Walkerville, are far from silent.

There is only one ring of bells in Perth, the capital of Western Australia. Two English ringers have taught several of the local lads to handle the bells at St. George's Cathedral, but they are reluctant to risk ringing them as all the bells are badly pitted by years of chiming.

Down in Hobart, Tasmania (separated from the mainland by a day's sailing), there are two rings of eight, at both of which change ringing is practised.

Geelong has an absolutely unringable eight, and I believe that there was also an eight at Bathurst which have been taken down from the tower—in any event, no one can remember them ever having been rung.

In addition to all the centres of tower-bell ringing there is also a handbell group at Echuca, in the Murray Valley, taught by Mr. Bennett, a former English ringer. Handbells are also rung with great enthusiasm in Sydney and at St. Andrew's, Walkerville. Anyone else who has visited Australia can testify to the enthusiasm existing out there, and it is hoped that one day some of the Australian lads will visit England to 'show their paces' on our bells.—Yours faithfully,

JOAN E. M. HILLS.

Grays, Essex.

SINGLE-HANDED HANDBELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the statement made by Mr. Woolley in his article under the above heading, can he put me in touch, please, with one or more of those sets of handbells which are serving no useful purpose, as I would like to purchase same for our own belfry where they can be put to good use.—Yours faithfully,

FRANK HUCKLE.

Fulwood Place, Barham, Kent.

BOB TRIPLES AT LEISTON

Dear Sir,—May I point out that there is no record of a peal of Bob Triples at Leiston, Suffolk, in the belfry. The tablet that Mr. R. W. Stannard refers to records a peal of 10,304 Bob Major, composed by H. Knights and conducted by J. Motts, on 21st April, 1888, with three other peals—5,376 Bob Major, composed and conducted by G. Lindoff, on December 27th, 1887: 5,040 Grandsire Triples, Holt's Original, conducted by G. Lindoff, on January 5th, 1889: 5,024 Oxford Treble Bob Major, composed by J. Cox and conducted by G. Lindoff, on January 24th, 1889.

Mr. R. W. Stannard took part in all the above peals, and he leaves me with no doubt that Bob Triples had been previously rung at Leiston by the peals that he mentioned in his letter.—Yours faithfully,

A. R. BRIDGES.

Theberton, Suffolk.

DANGERS OF CLOCKING

Dear Sir, — Many readers were no doubt astonished to read in the report of an outing in your issue of July 15th that the visiting ringers, finding the five bells at a church unringable, 'clocked' the fourth bell in order to chime. Surely they should know of the danger of cracking a bell by this dangerous practice, and should read the stern warning against clocking given on page 2 of the Central Council's handbook on the preservation of bells.—Yours, etc.

CLEM GLENN.

Nottingham.

LAVENHAM TENOR

Dear Sir,—Why the grinding of the axe re Lavenham tenor? Cecil W. Pipe did not say where a better tenor could be heard.

I have heard Lavenham in the tower, below the tower and at various distances up to three miles away, and for the weight and note I have still to hear a better bell. I, like Mr. Pipe, have travelled the country a bit and rung on and listened to many rings of bells. Give credit where it is due.—Yours, etc.,

FREDERICK A. SALTER.

Nottingham.

PEAL RINGING IN MIDDLESEX

Dear Sir,—On going through 'The Ringing World' of April 22nd, I see that mention is made of the bells of St. Dionis', then in Fenchurch Street, and it is stated that there have been no peals rung there during the period. I have records of five peals rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths, namely:—

1729.—5,184 Grandsire Caters, time not given.

1752.—5,085 Grandsire Caters, 3 hours 15 minutes.

1760.—5,040 Double Ten In, 3 hours 45 minutes.

1785.—5,040 Treble Bob Royal, 3 hours 30 minutes.

1852.—5,079 Stedman Caters, 3 hours 15 minutes.

As the article says, peals have been heard for over 200 years, so it could not be expected all peals would be in the records kept now.—Yours sincerely,

A. R. BOTTING.

Ashfield, N.S.W., Australia.

PEAL RINGING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

AFTER a series of counties having a large numbers of rings or large numbers of peals to talk about (Kent to Northants, alphabetically), we come to Nottinghamshire, which has neither. There are about 90 rings of bells and only one has had more than 100 peals rung on them. Although in olden days (before the period we are considering commenced) the Sherwood Youths were quite famous (they rang 10,260 Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Nottingham, in 1778), I don't think ringing in the county has ever attained such prominence since, although a preliminary glance at the tower figures seems to suggest that more peals have been rung in the last 10 years than in any comparable period since 1881, which is most encouraging.

The centenarian is St. Peter's, Nottingham (10), which has scored 137 since 1881. Thirty were rung when it was an eight-bell tower up to 1919, but after augmentation it was the most popular peal ringing tower in the county, for 69 came from 1922 to 1939. Since the war, too, it has done well, 38 peals having been rung there, which total is only beaten by one tower—one with six bells—Warsop, all of whose 44 peals have come since 1947. This total of 137 is almost double that of any other tower. The second on the list is Greasley (8), with 75. The first peal here wasn't rung until 1926, so it has done consistently well since then. Thirty-seven came from 1926 to 1939 and 38 from 1943 to 1955—pretty well the same average per year. Stanford-on-Soar's best time was prior to 1914. At this eight-bell tower 57 of its 69 peals were rung from 1896 to 1914—the most in any tower in the county over that period. There were 11 more from 1921 to 1932 and only one since then (last year). So the glories of this ring are found 50 years ago. The same is true of Beeston (8), which has the next most of the eight-bell towers. Thirty-three of the 45 peals came between 1882 and 1914, nine from 1919 to 1927, and odd ones in 1932, 1934 and 1937, and none since. 7,200 of Double Norwich Major was rung here in 1882, which was then the longest peal in the method (the record was surpassed three years later).

FOUR TEN-BELL TOWERS

Before mentioning other eight-bell towers, a few words about those with higher numbers. There are no 12's in the county. Of the four 10's, Nottingham, St. Peter's, has already been mentioned. The other ten-bell tower in that city, St. Mary's, has many old peal records apart from the long length above. In the past 75 years, 58 peals have been rung there, 27 in the last 10 years, so it is going strong now. There were eight prior to 1914 and 23 between the wars. East Retford had a lean time 25 years ago, for only three peals were rung in the 1920's and 1930's. Its heyday was early in our period and 30 peals came from 1891 to 1913. Things have looked up a little since the war and there have been seven peals since 1948. The total is thus 40. The last ten-bell tower, Newark, must be amongst those with the fewest peals in the country, for only two seem to have been rung since 1881—in 1897 and 1913. I expect many ringers would like to have the opportunity of breaking the long silence here.

Turning to eight-bell towers again, one is still virgin territory—Thrumpton. Three have already been mentioned, and following them comes firstly Sutton-on-Trent, where 44 peals have been rung. This was a six-bell tower until 1932 and nine peals had been rung there by that date. Nineteen followed in the next seven years and there have been 16 since 1946, so it is keeping up a steady average. Of Lenton's 37 peals, 25 came from 1902 to 1914, and there has only been one since 1929—in 1949. I believe the 'go' of these bells leaves a lot to be desired. Twenty of Mansfield's 30 likewise came before 1914, with seven from 1920 to 1933 and three from 1949 to 1953. The same story is repeated at Eastwood (25 peals)—19 from 1905 to 1912, four from 1919 to 1929, and two in 1949. The only two other towers with more than 25 are Daybrook and East Markham, each with 26. Exactly half have been rung since the last war at the first of these, so it is doing better now (first peal in 1903). The latter was a six-bell tower at first, and three peals were rung there between 1899 and 1906. Eighteen came after augmentation between 1925 and 1940, and the remaining five since 1946 (none for five years now). The last peal at Nottingham, All Saints', was in 1905.

SIX-BELL TOWERS FLOURISHING

It seems to be the six-bell towers which have been the most flourishing in recent times. Warsop's 44 since 1947 has been noted above as the highest number of peals at any tower in the county since the war. One six-bell tower has a bigger number of peals than this—actually the fourth of all the rings in the county. It is Gamston, with a total of 61. Twenty-nine were rung from 1927 to 1938 and there have been 32 since 1944, so the good work is continuing. In the 30's are Barnby-in-the-Willows and North Muskham, both with 33, and Cotgrave with 31. At the first, all have been rung since 1935, with 10 since 1945 (there were nine in 1937); at the second, 23 have come since 1946, the first peal here being in 1928, when there were five bells; at the last, we find the peals spread out evenly over the years since the first in 1900. In the 20's are Cuckney (21) and Elston (20). Two towers where a peal has been rung have not been heard this century. Clifton's one and only was in 1898, and Shireoak's in 1896. There are four unconquered towers—Bunney, Laxton, Ossington and North Wheatley.

The best that the five-bell towers can muster is six at Kirkby-in-Ashfield. All were rung between 1928 and 1937. Teversall had three in 1929 and 1930, whilst Cropwell Bishop, Farnsfield, Shelford, Staunton-in-the-Vale, Sutton Bonington and Thrumpton have two each. Eleven of the 23 such towers have not had peals yet.

Peal totals include all published up to April 29th.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Aldeburgh (by the sea) is an ideal place for a summer meeting where one can bring one's family and ring, while the family (if non-ringers) can enjoy the breezy beach, but at the meeting of the Saxmundham District on July 2nd at Aldeburgh, the attendance was low, despite the day being warm and sunny.

Ringing commenced at 3 p.m. with many methods being rung until 8.30 p.m. An adjournment for tea on the sea front at 5 p.m., where the conversation turned from ringing to local fishing, to the absence of one of the lifeboats, to the sea defences and back again to ringing. A short service at 7.30 p.m. was taken by the Vicar.

At the business meeting, after reading the minutes of the previous meeting, a vote of thanks was given for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Pilgrim for arranging the tea. The next meeting will be at Swefling and Saxmundham in October, the actual date to be announced later A. R. B.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

First Visit to Ingrave Since the War

On July 17th the South-Western Division held their summer quarterly meeting at Ingrave. This is the first time since that war that the Association has visited Ingrave, and for many this was their first pull on this rather noisy five. Thirty-two members and friends sat down to an excellent tea provided by Mrs. Don Crouchman and her able helpers.

The new Rector of Ingrave (the Rev. Mr. Porter) conducted the service and also presided at the business meeting which followed tea. Silent tribute was paid to the memory of Jimmy Adams, a ringing member of Walthamstow, who had died since the last quarterly meeting. Eight new members were elected, including the Rector of Ingrave.

Mr. Chalk put forward the suggestion that the date of the Essex Association's annual general meeting should be changed in order that the Central Council's representatives should not have to miss their own annual general meeting, and it was agreed that this subject should be deferred for further discussion. Mr. Crampion, who had been at Bristol this year, gave the meeting a brief outline of the Central Council's proceedings there.

Mr. Chalk also suggested to the Rector that a scheme should be put in hand for adding a treble bell to the existing five at Ingrave. The Rector replied that present parish commitments, including the building and furnishing of a church on the new estate, made this impossible—at least for the present.

The date of the next divisional meeting was given as August 13th; this is a joint meeting with the Middlesex Association, and both Bethnal Green and Stepney towers will be open. It was agreed that a letter of thanks from the Division be sent to Messrs. A. H. Everett and E. Roast (Master and secretary respectively of the South-Eastern Division) for the excellent lunch and tea which they and members of the Danbury band provided at Chelmsford this year.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector and organist and the ladies of the parish for making the meeting at Ingrave possible. After tea, ringing continued both here and at Brentwood. The collection for the Bell Restoration Fund amounted to 18s. 9d. J. E. H.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The July quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at the six-bell tower of Tickenham, the church having the unusual dedication of St. Quiricus and Julietta.

Ringing preceded the Association service, which was conducted by the Rector of Tickenham, the Rev. W. R. Ford, and afterwards a move was made to Clevedon for tea and the business meeting.

One new member from Nailsea was elected, and it was decided that, subject to permission being granted, the next quarterly meeting should be held at Yatton in October, with practice meetings at Clapton-in-Gordano (August) and Butcombe (September). The half-yearly Corporate Communion will be held at Yatton on August 28th.

It was mentioned that a misunderstanding had been caused at one tower in the Branch due to visitors asking the incumbent for the use of the bells at short notice, and after discussion a recommendation was made that intending visitors wishing to use the bells should apply early, at least a week before the date of the proposed visit.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and the organist concluded the business, and the tower was again visited, ringing being under the direction of the Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

M. J. H.

Various Notations used in setting down Touches and Peals

By D. BEACHAM

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The various notations used will now be dealt with.

DOUBLES

Extents of Doubles (excluding principles such as Stedman) are always set down by the lead heads as shown in the examples of Bob Doubles. Doubles methods, however, fall into two groups; one, in which the bob is made at the treble's backstroke lead as in Plain Bob; the other, in which the bob is made at the treble's handstroke lead, as in Grandsire. Note that in the Grandsire group the bob is called when the treble is in 3rds.

MINOR

For Minor methods, whether Plain Treble Bob or Surprise, two methods are in general use:—

(1) By the lead heads.

Example: 360 Plain Bob.

The transpositions are:—

Plain lead	Bob lead	Single lead
23456	23456	23456
35264	23564	32564

Note that a single lead is the same as a bob lead except that the bells in 2nds and 3rds are reversed.

23456
—23564
36245
64352
45623
—45236
—45362
56423
62534
23645
34256

twice repeated

In this touch the tenor is said to be called 'W., R. and W.' twice repeated. When the calling is repeated, the touch or peal is said to be a two-part, three-part, etc. (this one is a three-part), and the last row in each part is called the PART END.

(2) By the bob leads.

For irregular (i.e., not in parts) touches and 720's, the above method is too long and we generally only need to know the bob leads anyway. Set out in bob leads, the above touch would be shown:—

23456	
23564	1
45236	4
45362	1
P.L.34256	4
twice repeated	

The figures to the right indicate the number of leads between the calls. Here the first bob is at the first lead, and the second is at the fourth lead after that, and so on. Note that the bob marks are not used. If the call is a Single, however, S is written on the left hand side of the row.

N.B.: P.L.—Plain lead.

TRIPLES

GRANDSIRE: Written either by the lead heads or by the bob leads only as already described for Minor.

Example: 167

234567	or by the bob leads:	234567	
253746		672453	2
—672453		346572	1
—346572		723654	2
354267		467523	1
—723654		S764523	4
—467523		357264	1
456372		P.L. (325476)	1
435267	The last row is shown		
423756	bracketed because rounds oc-		
S764523	cur at handstroke.		
—357264			
(325476)			

OTHER TRIPLES METHODS (excluding principles such as Stedman and Erin) use the same methods.

STEDMAN.—See letter.

MAJOR

For all methods on and above eight bells, the COURSE END notation is used. The calls are made so as not to affect the work of the observation bell (the tenor), except in special cases. These calls also keep the tenors together, i.e., 7th always coursing after the 8th in Major, the reason being musical, and these bells therefore ring plain courses all the time except in the special cases which will be dealt with.

Examples of Bob Major.

	1.264			
23456	W	B	M	H
23564		1		—
52364				—
35264				—
42356	—		—	—
34256				—
32456				S
53264	—	1		—
25364				—
43256	—		—	—
24356				—
23456				S

The rows written down are the course ends, and since each ends in 78, we do not bother to write these two down; again as with the treble, their presence is understood. To the right of each row are the calls which produced it. The dashes indicate bobs, and the S a single. The symbol is written in the column headed by the calling position at which it is called. Since up to four consecutive bobs Before can be called in one course without the leads repeating, the number of bobs B. is indicated by a figure. Each bob B. introduces an extra lead into the course.

Thus the first course in the example is produced by calling one bob B. and a bob H.

The first course in the second block is produced by calling bobs at W., M. and H. The lines between the blocks are merely to indicate special features, e.g., different bells being moved into 56 as in the example.

	160			
23456	W	5 4	M	H
56423		— —		—
23456		— —		—

The '5ths and 4ths' position is shown in this example. Sometimes the two dashes are replaced by an X. Bobs at '5ths and 4ths' part the tenors for the lead between them, and shorten the course by two leads.

DOUBLE NORWICH

In this method the three bells concerned in the bob making are those in 678. In order, therefore, that the tenor should not be affected by the bobs, they are called when the tenor is below 6ths. The leads in which the tenor is in the position required are the 1st, 4th and 6th. A short course (5 leads) is produced if a bob is called in the 5th lead, at which 7 and 8 dodge together behind. The compositions are thus set out as in the following example:—

	304		
23456	1	4	6
63524	—	—	S
52436	S	5	
23456	—		

A bob at 5 is shown by the figure 5 to the right of the course end as shown.

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MISS DAPHNE WEBB, OF TEMPLECOMBE, MARRIED

An interesting presentation took place in the belfry of St. Mary's, Templecombe, Somerset, on July 13th, of a barometer to Miss Daphne Webb on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. D. Howcutt, also of Templecombe, which took place three days later at St. Mary's Church.

Miss Webb is a member of the Bath and Wells Association and of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and is well known to many in the Branches. Nearly eight years ago she assisted in the formation of a practice party to confine their efforts to advanced and Surprise methods. She was then a learner in these methods, being only in her middle teens.

Miss Webb rapidly became a valuable instructress and conductor of these methods. The party, drawn from six parishes, numbers ten regulars, of whom four are ladies, with occasional visitors. The practices are held on alternate Wednesdays throughout the year in various towers in turn situated in about 12 miles of Sherborne, Dorset.

The presentation was made by Mrs. M. M. Godley, of Yetminster, one of the party. In handing the gift to Miss Webb she expressed good wishes for her future happiness adding that at the moment one of the hands of the barometer was pointing to 'Change,' which indicated her change of name, and the other to 'Set Fair,' which was a happy omen for her future.

Miss Webb, in reply, thanked the donors for the generous gift and for their good wishes. She would still reside in Templecombe after her marriage.

The marriage was solemnised at St. Mary's, Templecombe, on Saturday, July 16th, in perfect summer weather.

The service was fully choral and was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Vernon in the absence of the Rector, who was on holiday.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by two small bridesmaids. The choir met the bride at the west door and preceded her up the aisle with the singing of 'Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us.' Two other hymns chosen by the bride were sung during the service. The choir concluded the service by singing Psalm 23 set to Crimond.

Wedding bells were ringing merrily before and after the service. Touches during the hour before the service included some of Cambridge Surprise, and after the ceremony a quarter peal in this method was rung. The local ringers were reinforced by several ringers from near and far towers where the bride is well known.

The reception was held in the Church Hall, when among the many telegrams received was one from the local Branch secretary of the Bath and Wells Association and another from the secretary of the Salisbury Branch of Salisbury Guild.

The quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor mentioned above (1,440 changes), was rung by: J. F. Hatchley 1, H. P. Sparks 2, Miss Judy M. Denton 3, T. Marks 4, F. Priddle (conductor) 5, D. V. Gare 6.

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TREBLE BOB

The calling positions used are the same as for Plain Bob except that they come in a different order, i.e., H., M., B., W. Also, all these bobs except the bob B. lengthen the course by one lead for each bob called. Compositions are set down as for Plain Bob.

SURPRISE

Again, compositions are set out in the same way as Plain Bob except that the calling positions occur in a different order depending on the method group. One difference, however, is that a bob B. may produce a short course having less than seven leads. The actual number will depend on the method.

(To be continued)

OBITUARY

MR. JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR

We regret to record the passing on July 6th of Mr. John William Taylor—'Old Jack,' as he was affectionately known amongst his friends in the Coventry Diocesan Guild. He was 66 and during the past two years had suffered a painful affliction and had several spells in hospital. A relapse after an operation a few weeks ago brought the end. The sympathy of a wide circle of friends is extended to his widow and family.

Jack was a loyal supporter of the church for many years as a bellringer, and his employment as head gardener at the Paybody Hospital Coventry, kept him within earshot of the bells of All Saints', Allesley, where he rang. He learned to ring about 1911 under Mr. Harry Kettle, who was Rector's gardener and Ringing Master of the band until his death in the first war. After the war Jack became Ringing Master and the band grew strong under his leadership.

Apart from a few years at the end of the 1920's and early 1930's Jack retained the office until 1949, his total period as Master being about 25 years. He was also at various times tower secretary and towerkeeper. During his 44 years as a ringer he took part in 112 peals, exactly half of which were rung at All Saints', many on the six bells before they were augmented to eight. All but one of his peals were rung for the Coventry Diocesan Guild, of which he was elected a member in 1912, and of which he was for many years a committee member.

Among his more notable peal achievements were the first Guild peal of London Minor, which was his first Surprise peal, and the first Guild peal in seven Surprise Minor methods, both at All Saints', Allesley, with a Sunday service band. He preferred to leave the calling to others and only called one peal himself, a peal of Plain Bob Minor, in which his eldest son, John, rang his first peal 'inside.'

The funeral took place at All Saints', Allesley, on July 9th. A touch of Stedman, half-muffled, preceded the service, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung 'in hand' over the grave. A memorial peal was rung on Thursday, July 14th, conducted by J. W. T. Taylor, 'Old Jack's' eldest son.

HIS PEALS

Doubles.—Grandsire 3.

Minor.—Plain Bob 20 (cond. 1), Kent 1, Treble Bob two methods 1, three methods 1, Minor four methods 3, five methods 1, seven methods 6.

Surprise Minor.—Cambridge 23, London 5, Wells 1, seven methods 1.

Triples.—Grandsire 3, Stedman 3.

Major.—Plain Bob 14, Kent 1, Kent and Oxford 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 3.

Surprise Major.—Cambridge 4, New Cambridge 1, Superlative 3, Yorkshire 1.

'In hand.'—Doubles: Grandsire 2. Caters: Stedman 10.

Total.—112.

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OPERATION FELMERSHAM

In view of the forthcoming restoration and augmentation of the five bells of Felmersham, Beds, it was decided by two notorious members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild to prove or disprove once and for all the ancient legend of the Monks of Odell and the theft of the sixth bell from Felmersham Church. Perhaps a brief outline of the legend is necessary here:—

Way back in the dim and distant days before the Reformation, the wicked monks of Odell one dark night rowed down to Felmersham, and while the village slept, proceeded to convey the aforementioned bell back to their monastery. Their dastardly plan was not to be accomplished, however, for before they had passed the bounds of the parish a great storm arose, their frail craft sank, and they and the bell with it. It is said by some that the bell can be heard on any such dark night to this day, being tolled by the spirits of the drowned monks!

Arriving at the village at midnight, great difficulty was experienced in finding a suitable site from which to commence operations. A dog suffering from insomnia caused our departure from the first base, and galloping horses hastened our retreat from the second. The pitch blackness and the presence of bogs deterred us from trying a third spot, and besides, the more portly member of the expedition was near exhaustion.

It being decided that practice at swimming would be necessary, when a certain famous park in Northamptonshire was reached at 1.45 a.m., advantage was taken of the swimming pool therein. This must have had a cooling effect on the pair of adventurers, for by 2.15 a.m. a decision was reached to abandon operations for the night.

Had you been in the vicinity of Felmersham on the afternoon of the following day, you might have seen further antiquarian aquatics on the site of the legendary disaster, and it is understood that most valuable experience was gained there. It is hoped that it will be possible to report favourably in the very near future.

(Since this was written, information has been received that P. Amos has actually seen this bell. He says that it is a 30 cwt. bell, striking a waterlogged D natural, and was cast by the same firm that cast Passenham tenor.)

B. S. C.

Queensland Surprise Major

—34—14—58—16—34—58, 16—16, 38.

8th lead end, 6th bob, f.c.e.'s 32546 & 46253.

5,120 by R. F. B. SPEED

23456	F	O	I	H
34625		2		x
23645			2	
36524		2		x
23564			2	
35264		—		
42356	2			x
52364		—	—	4
62345		—	—	4
25463		—	—	3
35426	—	—		x
23456			2	

Rung at Willesden, July 14th, 1955.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Visit to Winterton

The Eastern Branch visited Winterton on July 16th, where, as usual, the welcome from the Rector and the local ringers was very warm, as warm, in fact, as the bright sunshine which prevailed throughout the afternoon.

This isolated coastal village boasts a very tall tower visible over the flat countryside and out to sea for several miles, and the many links existing between church and the seafaring way of life are further strengthened by the fact that certain of the local ringers also belong to the Rocket Life-saving Company, who on wild wintry nights, in concert with local lifeboats, have snatched many a life from a watery grave on these bleak coasts.

The six bells were soon being rung to suit all talents, despite the fact that the stiff climb to the belfry had found many hitherto unknown muscles for some of the members!

The diocesan order of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Harwood) and the 'pressed volunteer' organist was the new Vicar of Great Yarmouth, and lately general secretary of the Association, the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow.

After the short business meeting, presided over by the Branch chairman (Mr. E. R. Goate) and supported by the Association Ringing Master (Mr. H. W. Barrett) and members of the committee, the belfry election of Mr. William H. Holdom, of Cromer, was ratified.

Subject to the necessary permission being obtained, Gorleston was voted as the venue for the next meeting on October 1st. On the proposition of Mrs. G. W. Fletcher the sympathy of the Association was to be conveyed to Mrs. Poole in her recent tragic loss.

The meeting ended with votes of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, the organist and Mr. R. Woodhouse, of the local ringers, for the well-organised tea arrangements.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Favoured with perfect summer weather, the Canterbury District held its quarterly meeting at the Church of St. John, Margate, on July 16th. An attendance of 85 members and friends was recorded, some of them making a day of it, having arranged a coach. The members came from 21 towers in the District, with visiting ringers from Ashford, Sevenoaks and Kempston, Beds.

Ringing was slightly delayed during the afternoon by a wedding, the happy couple having the benefit of a wedding peal without fee. The service in the church was conducted by the curate (the Rev. I. N. Skepper), who, in a short address, welcomed the members to Margate. Through the generosity of the Church Council we were entertained to an excellent tea, even appetites sharpened by the sea failing to clear the tables.

For a short business meeting, Mr. J. A. Russell was in the chair. One new member was elected. Bekesbourne gained the vote as the place of the next by-meeting. Pleasure was expressed at the presence of Mr. Frank Pack after his recent successful eye operation. Mrs. Dadds, mother of the local secretary, had made and iced a cake as a prize for the raffle, this being won by Mrs. Bridges, of Broadstairs, the result being a nice little sum added to the funds for the social.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar of Margate, to the curate, the Church Council, the helpers at the tea and the two churchwardens who had given up their time to be present for the afternoon and evening. Further ringing was held until a late hour, though the ranks were rather thinned by those who had brought their bathing slips, and those who complained that 'ringing is thirsty work in this 'ere 'eat.' And so to the close of another happy time at Margate.

B. J. L.

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BIRTHS

PANTER.—On July 19th, 1955, at Camelot, Pinhoe, Exeter, to Phyllis Irene (née Willmington), wife of Wilfred, a daughter (Linda Mary). 6686

THRELFALL.—On July 21st, 1955, at Kingston Hospital, to Frances (née Edgar), wife of Brian D. Threlfall, a daughter. 6692

SILVER WEDDING

HOODLESS—FORVAGUE.—On Aug. 2nd, 1930, Arthur Ernest to Lilian Edna at Fleet, Lincs. Congratulations and best wishes. — Arthur, Joan and Allan. 6700

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. Albert G. Harrison is now: 20, Chapel Street, Diss, Norfolk. 6703

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Mrs. Poole, Peter and Jill would like all ringers and friends to know how greatly they have appreciated all the kind messages, inquiries and loving thoughts they have received during their recent sad bereavement.—The Wayside, 150, Narborough Road South, Leicester. 6695

MISCELLANEOUS

YORKSHIRE TOUR.—August 13th–20th. A few spare seats available. Details obtainable from A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham, Chelmsford. 6682

RINGER'S NOTEBOOK AND DIARY, 1956.—We wish to thank Association Secretaries for the excellent response to our request for additional information to be included in next year's edition of the Diary. Dates of Guild Annual Meetings, Dinners, etc., will be gladly inserted into the Diary section if details could be forwarded to the address given below before August 15th.—W. Viggers, M. Hodgson, 37, Highfield Gardens, Aldershot. 6710

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS.—There will be no practices during August. 6702

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ship, Talbot Court, July 30th, 6 p.m. Ringing at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, July 30th, 3.30. Preliminary notice: annual dinner, Bridge House, Saturday, November 12th.—A. B. Peck. 6679

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Chertsey (8), Saturday, July 30th. Bells 3 p.m . Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Collins. 6606

HEREFORD GUILD.—Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Eaton Bishop, July 30th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names, please, by Tuesday, July 26th, to A. T. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 6683

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Giles', Camberwell, on July 30th. Bells (10) at 4 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Tea at local Lyons. All members and friends welcome. 6648

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Andover and Winchester Districts.—Combined meeting at Barton Stacey, Saturday, July 30th. Bells available (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 in Village Hall. Longparish (6) available after tea.—G. K. Dodd and J. A. C King, Hon. Secs. 6693

GUILDFORD GUILD (Leatherhead District) and SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District). — Annual joint meeting, Leatherhead, Monday, Aug. 1st. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. in St. Nicholas' Hall. 6653

CHESTER GUILD.—Northwich Branch — Meeting, Weaverham, Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Aug. 3rd, to W. Hornby, 33, Forster Avenue, Weaverham.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 6704

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Meeting at Sherborne, Saturday, Aug 6th, at 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 6701

DEVON GUILD.—North-West Branch. — Meeting at Holsworthy, Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (8) at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 6698

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Cottenham on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden. 6696

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Grayshott (8), Saturday, Aug. 6th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Thursday, to Mr. G. Yarborough, Headley Road, Grayshott, Hants.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6684

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Meeting at Langleybury (6), Aug. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names, please, to K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec., 8, Bridge Road, Hunton Bridge, King's Langley. 6694

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Cheriton (8), Aug. 6th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mr. W. C. Chandler, 2, Alma Road, Cheriton, Folkestone, by Tuesday, Aug. 2nd.—W. P. G. 6629

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Horsmonden on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. 6690

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Holy Trinity, Burnley, Aug. 6th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 6682

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—An open ringing day will be held at St. James', East Crompton, on Aug. 6th. The bells, recently recast and augmented to eight by Mears and Stainbank, will be available from 3 p.m. Cups of tea will be provided.—F. Pritchard. 6691

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District. — Meeting, Barrow-on-Humber (8), Aug. 6th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to Mr. A. W. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber. 6677

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Harrow-on-the-Hill, Saturday, Aug. 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Early notifications for tea, please, as number limited.—T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Hatfield, Herts. 6689

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Beachampton, Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (5) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 6697

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at West Haddon, Aug. 6th Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 6699

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Great Cheverell (6), Aug. 6th. Usual arrangements.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6708

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern.—Practice meeting, Balcombe (8), Saturday, Aug. 6th. Names for tea, by Aug. 3rd, to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 6706

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD. — Monthly meeting on Saturday, Aug. 6th, St. Austell (8), 6-7 p.m.; St. Stephen-in-Brannel (8) 7.30 - 9 p.m.—D. Burnett. 6685

BARNSLEY and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting, Bolsterstone, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. J. R. Brearley, Frank Hillock Field, Deepcar, near Sheffield, not later than Aug. 10th.—D. Smith and J. Seager, Hon. Secs. 6705

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, St. Margaret's, Tanfield, Saturday, Aug. 13th, 2.30 p.m. Names to Mr. K. W. Cheeseman, Church House, Tantobie, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 6707

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Welton, Saturday, Aug. 13th. Names for tea to me not later than Saturday, Aug. 6th.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 6687

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by byusiness meeting. Ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by the 10th, please.—B. Percy, Esperance, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 6688

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner. The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s., from the undersigned. Early application is advised, as numbers are limited.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 6680

Lavenham, Suffolk, Outing

For their 28th 'annual' the Lavenham ringers with their wives and friends spent an enjoyable day in Essex on July 16th.

During the morning, ringing took place at Rayleigh (8) and Thorpe Bay (8). After lunch at the Peverill Restaurant, Southend, ringing took place at Prittlewell (10) and Fobbing (8), followed by tea at Stanford-le-Hope, after which more ringing took place. The last call, Maplestead, was for 'refreshments' and handbell ringing.

Thanks are accorded to the various incumbents, tower captains and those who met the party, also our worthy secretary, Mr. M. T. Symonds. S. H. S.

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It was a warm, sunny afternoon when the Northern District met at St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, on July 9th, and ringing was under the guidance of Mr. F. E. Collins, District Ringing Master. A short service was conducted by the curate, the Rev. E. P. Neap, and afterwards 23 sat down to a bountiful tea provided by the lady ringers.

At the meeting members stood in silence in remembrance of Mr. Matthews, of Putney, and Mr. W. H. Passmore, of Tooting. One new member was elected. The warmest congratulations of the meeting were extended to Mr. Gorge Cook, who had now paid his 50th annual subscription to the Surrey Association.

Ringing continued for a short period at Walton, and then for one hour at St. James', Weybridge, a new tower to some of the company, where ringing facilities are difficult to obtain, and finally at St. Mary's, Oatlands Park.

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THE WORST BELL CHAMBER IN ENGLAND

DISGUSTING sights greet anyone who visits the bell chambers of Pertenhall, Beds; Odell, Beds; Chellington, Beds; Galby, Leics; Showell, Leics; Braybrooke, Northants; Cottesbrooke, Northants; Claycoton, Northants; Chesterton, Hunts; Brooke, Rutland; Ryhall, Rutland; and Orton Waterville, Hunts.

But one worse than any of these (if not the worst to be found anywhere in England) is surely Swineshead, Beds! Here, a recent historic survey revealed conditions worse than to be found in many a pigsty or a marine store. Entry up a staircase had to be made over piles of twigs on every step by feeling—not one could be seen. In the bell chamber masses of twigs surrounded every bell—the fourth and tenor, in fact, could not be seen, and only the cannons and headstock of the tenor were visible.

Twigs were piled within 3 inches of the top of the old broken wheel to the fourth—something like three sacksful had to be forcibly moved aside from this bell alone to get down to its inscription, which, when found, showed it to be an old bell by John Dier, circa 1585. Dier of Itinerant (meaning a wanderer or person of no fixed place) cast all his bells on the spot by means of temporary furnaces, between the years 1580 and 1597. At nearby Bolnhurst are some of his, dated 1587. Others can be found at Maulden and several Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire towers.

Another mass of twigs, decomposed birds and rubbish of all description had to be moved to get at the date of the tenor, which showed it to be a bell by James Keene, of Woodstock, 1629. Its chiming hammer (like the poor old clock) hasn't moved for years! And the bells? It must be a lifetime since they were last rung. Every wheel was broken and wormeaten, pieces of rims and half wheels resting across the bells and the frame propping up piles more of twigs and rubbish. Every particle of the old double-tier frame is rotten—at the joists one can powder it away with a touch of the finger.

The third bell is cracked, and only the very light treble is able to be moved at all—and that has about a third of a wheel. The five bells are hung treble, second and third above the fourth and tenor. Why in such a steeple it is difficult to imagine for such light bells. The tenor cannot be more than 4¾ to 5 cwt. There is easily room enough to hang six bells (tenor 7 cwt.) all on one level. All the three trebles are little more than school bells. Like the tenor they are all three by Keene, dated 1629.

Dier's bells are getting rarer and rarer, a reason why care should be taken to see that what few remain to history should be preserved. But the Rector of Swineshead, who is also Rector of Pertenhall, 'couldn't care less'! To the question put to him, 'Do you know of and seriously appreciate the state of things in Swineshead steeple?' he merely replied, 'Well, the bells won't hurt anyone if they do crash.' A villager, commenting upon it, remarked, 'The Bishops think "any old thing" suitable for these country livings!'

One is left wondering what sort of a churchwardens' report upon the fabric and furnishings is given to the Archdeacon every year at the visitations. The word 'sacrilege' seems to me to be the only suitable description of these the most disgusting of all conditions the writer has ever seen in nearly 1,000 towers.

It is to be hoped that a fire never occurs at Swineshead steeple from a spark of some nearby fire entering its bell chamber. If it did, some very embarrassing questions might arise from any insurance claim.

And those interested in the work of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, too, would not feel very well impressed. In fact, such a sight might well harm its funds and impede its work. The conditions in Swineshead steeple are not just recent; they are the result of a long period of years of neglect (a lifetime) and are, therefore, inexcusable.

P. A.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	7
MURIEL REAY	2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	JOHN PINFOLD	9
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	HENRY H. FEARN	10
ANTHONY AGER	5	FRANK E. HAYNES	11
RALPH G. EDWARDS	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Rung as a token of respect to the memory of Harold Joseph Poole.

TEN BELL PEAL

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E flat.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. HOUSDEN	6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW	2	WILFRID WILLIAMS	7
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	8
ROYDON DAVIS	4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	9
EDWARD G. TALBOT	5	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. HELEN AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	*Treble*	‡BRIAN PRATT	5
JOHN G. GIPSON	2	†HAROLD S. PEACOCK	6
†JOHN R. G. SPICER	3	CHRISTOPHER M. JOHNSON	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal on eight bells. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal of Major 'inside.'

BIGGLESWADE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

STANLEY H. WALLIS	*Treble*	JOHN W. SINFIELD	5
WILLIAM J. ROBINSON	2	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	6
ALAN S. SMITH	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	CYRIL J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN F. SIMS.
Rung to commemorate the restoration of the church, which was re-dedicated on May 13th, 1955, after the disastrous fire of November 15th, 1953.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., July 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F. sharp.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	NORMAN V. HARDING	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL MARTIN	*Treble*	E. ALAN JACQUES	5
JOHN A. ACRES	2	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6
BRIAN MARTIN	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH	7
SHIRLEY BURTON	4	FRANK CRANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Harold J. Poole, a former chorister and bell-ringer at this church.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

HORACE O. OVER	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
WILLIAM WOODWARD	2	DEREK P. JONES	6
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JOHN W. RAWSON	4	ROLAND BENISTON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ROLAND BENISTON.
Specially rung half-muffled in respect of Harold J. Poole, late president of this Guild.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Fri., July 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

NANCY E. MARKLEW	*Treble*	C. ROGER HAYWARD	5
JOHN A. SMITH	2	MICHAEL E. BROWN	6
CECIL E. CARR	3	ALFRED BALLARD	7
GEORGE A. NEWTON	4	JOHN VERNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Harold J. Poole from the members of the Hinckley District. It was on these bells that he rang his first peal (Stedman).

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS BEAUMONT	*Treble*	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	5
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	2	RONALD E. NORRIS	6
WILLIAM R. MANSER	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
LUTHER J. HONESS	4	FRANK THWAITES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

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GODALMING, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

MONICA E. COLLINS	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT	5
ANN M. COX	2	ROY COLLINS	6
EILEEN M. TURNER	3	JAMES F. DODSON	7
DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	4	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
First peal on the bells since rehanging.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in E.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	GORDON BENFIELD	5
THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	2	ALAN N. BROWN	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
ALEXANDER E. MARSH	4	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
Rung as a compliment to the president of the Association (Archdeacon C. O. Ellison, B.Sc.) on the occasion of his induction as Vicar of St. John-the-Evangelist, New Briggate, Leeds.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23. 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5016 SPLICED MAJOR
In two methods, consisting of 4,224 Plain Bob and 792 Gainsborough Little Bob, with 132 changes of method. Each course rung P.P.G.P.P.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	*G. HARRY BRAY	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	*ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE	6
*ERNEST J. JELLEY	3	*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	*JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of spliced. The seventh ringer has 'circled the tower.'
In memoriam Harold J. Poole, president of the Guild, who taught the conductor and his wife to ring. All are members of the Sunday service band except the ringer of the fourth.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*ALICE E. LESTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. DUNCAN	5
MAX P. PAGE	2	ROBERT E. LESTER	6
GEORGE E. CATTON	3	RONALD W. STEWARD	7
HORACE J. MANSFIELD	4	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.
* First peal of Major.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*D. MARY WARD	*Treble*	A. ST. JOHN N. BOYACK	5
JOHN L. MORRIS	2	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
IAN H. ORAM	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
RALPH BIRD	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to the Ven. R. G. H. McCahearty, M.A., who was inducted to the benefice of this church on Thursday, July 7th.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 27, 1955 *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

ALBERT W. BOND	*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL	5
RAYMOND OVERY	2	JOHN W. EUSTON	6
JOHN DEARLOVE	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells. The 300th tenor A. P. Cannon has 'turned in.'

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ROPLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and two extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

HARRY POYNER	*Treble*	ADRIAN J. TUMBER	4
SYLVIA SHERWOOD	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
PETER SHERWOOD	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
First peal in six methods as conductor.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., July 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 13 lb. in A.

†*COLIN GALL	*Treble*	MICHAEL W. FAIREY	4
‡†JOHN DINENAGE	2	P. GEORGE GOLDER	5
‡†MARY WALLACE	3	DAVID W. BARR	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BARR.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells by a local band.

HOLLINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Comprising one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain and Double Bob, Hereward Bob, Double Oxford Bob and St. Clement's, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	4
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEPNEY BOB MINOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	PETER J. CAME	4
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	2	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	5
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
Believed to be the first peal in the method.
A birthday compliment of E. E. S. Johnson.

MARKSBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN H. SMITH	*Treble*	ALAN A. HILLIAR	4
AUDREY TIBBOTTS	2	ROGER O. FRY	5
RONALD E. G. SMITH	3	WILLIAM A. V. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
Rung on the occasion of the induction and institution of the Rector (the Rev. L. R. Brown) to the living of Marksbury with Stanton Prior.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN HALE	*Treble*	HENRY GREEN	4
THOMAS E. HIDDINS ..	2	MALGWYN H. WILLIAMS	5
*WILLIAM T. PETTY	3	†DAVID L. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.
* 25th peal. † First peal of Doubles.

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents in 35 methods: (1) Dover, Chepstow, Balmoral, Skipton and Fotheringay Delight; (2) Ely, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Knutsford and Bogedone Delight; (3) Abbeyville, Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werburgh Delight; (4) Marple, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV. and Willesden Delight; (5) Braintree, Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight; (6) Morning Star, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury Treble Bob; (7) Oxford, Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob; 53 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	4
BASIL JONES	2	JOHN WORTH	5
JAMES FERNLEY	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

STOCKBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., July 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 six-scores each of Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury and Plain Bob Doubles. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN CLARK	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON ..	3
GEORGE A. NAYLOR	2	ALBERT J. DUNK	4
GEORGE KENWARD	*Tenor*		

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HANDBELL PEAL

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On Fri., July 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
IN JESUS COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
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MISS G. A. SMITH (Newn.)	1–2	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	5–6
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	3–4	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') ..	7–8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath's). Conducted by W. T. COOK.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Threlfall.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Gwyneth Brown (first quarter) 1, Mary W. Turnbull 2, Valerie Mepham 3, B. K. Turnbull 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, A. A. Fitch 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Beryl Reynolds to James Sexton and Hazel Stevenson to Arthur Craven, both brides being members of the local band, and both married on the same day.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. F. Elkington (cond.) 1, Miss J. K. E. Harris 2, Miss J. M. Simpson 3, Miss M. Disney (first quarter of Stedman) 4, B. Martin 5, G. H. Arguile 6, W. A. Lacey 7, A. Disney 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. H. J. Poole.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Fox 1, Miss F. Smith 2, A. Simpson (cond.) 3, J. Livock 4, C. Turner 5, B. Pike 6. First quarter for 1, 5 and 6. Rung for Evensong.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): E. Littlewood 1, J. H. Cook (cond.) 2, R. H. Cook (first quarter 'inside') 3, G. A. Bowcutt 4, R. Looker 5, T. Clayton (aged 14, first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect from the Melton District to Mr. H. J. Poole.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.—On July 20th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: R. C. Boggis 1, E. R. Goate (cond.) 2, M. Stokes 3, Miss K. Lewis 4, J. W. Forder 5, F. Gunton 6, Miss D. Constance 7, G. G. Walpole 8, R. Bickers 9, E. Newson 10. Half-muffled in memoriam W. S. Clark, Town Clerk of Beccles, formerly a member of the Beccles ringers.

BICKER, LINCS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Bennett 1, R. Howard 2, J. P. Morris 3, A. H. Bennett 4, W. E. Clark 5, W. B. Dawson (cond.) 6, J. Petch 7, C. Stubley 8. First quarter for the ringer of the second. Rung for St. Swithin's festival at St. Swithin's Church.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On July 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jane Langton (first quarter) 1, Audrey M. Trott 2, D. Mitchell 3, H. F. Wood 4, T. Newman 5, S. A. Paice 6, L. Stilwell (cond.) 7, P. Langton 8. Rung for the 15th birthday of Jane Langton. The ringers of treble and tenor are daughter and son of the Vicar of Billingshurst.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. C. Taylor 1, Phyllis Wincott 2, Gillian Hardwick (first 'inside') 3, C. Underwood 4, D. G. Thrush (cond.) 5, D. R. Taylor 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Burnell, a former ringer.

BRAYWOOD, BERKS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Twine 1, Miss M. C. Howe 2, J. Schofield 3, R. E. Waters 4, C. E. Slade (cond.) 5.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On July 24th, at St. Peter's Church, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. W. Bond 1, G. North (first quarter 'inside') 2, F. P. Mead 3, W. F. J. Cope 4, A. W. Gravett 5, H. W. Woolven 6, J. V. Lonsbrough (cond.) 7, W. H. Hargreaves 8. Ringers of 3 and 4 hail from St. Luke's Chelsea, and Bath Abbey respectively.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Andrew's Church, on July 21st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. M. Boissard 1, Miss G. A. Smith 2, R. Beaumont 3, R. Charge 4, E. G. Hibbins 5, D. E. Latchford 6, W. T. Cook (cond.) 7, W. J. Ridgman 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

EALING, MIDDLX.—At the Church of Christ-the-Saviour, on July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Stephanie Bedborough 1, W. G. Wilson 2, W. E. Eveleigh 3, Jean Scrutton 4, F. R. Ranson 5, J. E. Lewis Cockey (cond.) 6, P. A. Carter 7, T. F. Victor Neil 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lewis Cockey and Robin Bruce Lyndon prior to their departure for Winnipeg, Canada, on August 10th.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.—On July 3rd, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Pankhurst 1, P. Brooks 2, Mrs. B. Percy 3, O. Wood 4, H. G. F. Reynolds 5, J. Rollison 6, F. H. Dallaway (cond.) 7, J. Hayes 8. An 83rd birthday compliment to Richard Cowling, a ringer at this church.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Small 1, E. B. Crowder 2, E. J. Coode 3, F. Richardson 4, J. Hurrell 5, F. Hurrell 6, G. Daynes (cond.) 7, P. Rablah 8. Rung for the Vicar's last Evensong before leaving for St. Mary's, Stafford. Also after Evensong 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): P. Rablah 1, E. J. Coode 2, C. Philpott 3, F. Richardson (cond.) 4, Miss B. Slark (first 'inside') 5, F. Hurrell 6, G. Hurrell 7, P. Down 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On July 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Green 1, G. Green 2, T. Faulkner 3, L. Ainger 4, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 5, E. E. S. Johnson 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, F. Payne 8. Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Linn, respected parishioners of Great Baddow.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On July 24th, 1,280 Bob Major: E. Elliott (first quarter) 1, Miss A. Bailey 2, V. Tipton 3, L. Whitby 4, W. Wheeler 5, S. Clark 6, R. Young 7, E. Rochester (cond.) 8.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On July 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss A. Lowings (first of Treble Bob) 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, R. W. Stannard 4, D. W. Beard (cond.) 5, D. M. Salisbury 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant 8.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Sharpe 1, L. Pierce 2, A. Ballam 3, M. King 4, K. G. Brown 5, E. Bishop (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to the tenor ringer on the birth of a daughter.

KILBURN, N.W.—At St. Augustine's Church, on July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Herbert (first quarter) 1, Dorothy Watts 2, Audrey Barker 3, Jean Abercrombie (first quarter 'inside') 4, J. Maxwell (first quarter 'inside') 5, D. C. Birkinshaw (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the engagement of the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

LONDON, S.E.—On July 24th, at St. George's Church, Borough, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, C. W. Ottley 4, C. M. Smith 5, L. W. Bullock 6, W. D. Grainger 7, F. W. Wicks 8. Rung for Evensong, and a birthday compliment to T. H. Taffender.

QUARTER PEALS

LONDON, E.C.—At St. Olave's, Hart Street, on July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Thirst 1, Miss M. Floyer (first of Grandsire 'inside') 2, Miss A. M. Cox 3, Miss M. Hawksley (first of Grandsire 'inside') 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5, M. W. Harbott 6, E. J. Wells 7, H. S. T. Willson 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On July 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, G. S. Morris (cond.) 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, H. G. Keeley 4. Canon C. C. Cox 5, A. J. Scott 6, C. W. Powell 7, J. Rattenbury 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harold J. Poole.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On July 12th, 1,260 Doubles (one extent each of Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, April Day and Reverse St. Bartholomew and 4½ extents of Grandsire): A. Gammon 1, Christine Woodward 2, V. Green 3, M. Journeaux 4, R. Trebilcock (cond.) 5, David Woodward 6. Rung half-muffled on the day of the funeral of the Rev. G. E. Day, Vicar of Old Headington.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Mansfield 1, J. Booth 2, P. Foster 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, K. Sheldon 5, J. Foster 6. Rung for the diamond wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. Edwards.

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCS.—On June 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss O. W. Barrett (cond.) 1, Miss D. M. Barrett 2, T. Nevin (first quarter) 3, B. Atkinson 4, P. S. Barrett 5, J. Nevin 6.

REDDITCH, WORCS. — At the Church of St. Stephen, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Shrimpton 1, J. White 2, F. W. James 3, V. A. Hemming (cond.) 4, W. R. Jackson 5, T. Freeman 6. First quarter for 2 and 6.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On July 17th, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Collins 1, Miss S. Revell 2, J. W. Wightman 3, L. Paice 4, C. Fennell 5, W. J. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung for evening service.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On June 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: E. D. Acott 1, G. T. Acott 2, G. A. Godfrey 3, A. Wenban (cond.) 4, S. S. King 5, F. Acott 6. A 70th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Acott, mother of 1 and 2 and wife of the tenor ringer. Also birthday compliments for S. S. King and H. E. Woolley.

STEPNEY, E.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (ten callings): F. Furneaux (first quarter) 1, H. G. Weedon 2, T. G. Fox 3, L. J. Fox (cond.) 4, A. F. Lewry 5, J. M. Crowley (first quarter) 6. Rung as a welcome to Paul Michael, son and heir of Mr. and Mrs. H. Knauss, who arrived this day. H. Knauss is a ringer at this tower.

STRETHAM, CAMBS.—On July 16th, 1,344 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. Yarrow 1, H. Sharp 2, G. Walker 3, D. Knights 4, W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 5, S. Shipp 6. First quarter in the method for 3, 4 and 5. An 81st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

SUCKLEY, WORCS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Lloyd (first quarter) 1. J. Ranford 2, W. Huband (first quarter) 3, F. Merrick (first as cond.) 4, W. Cale (first quarter) 5, J. Cale (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Dr. William Wilson Cash, Bishop of Worcester, who was interred that day.

THORNFORD, DORSET.—On July 27th, 1,440 London Surprise Minor: Miss M. Baker 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Miss J. Denton 3, D. V. Gare 4, F. Priddle (cond.) 5, T. J. Setter 6. First in the method for all. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. G. Kerslake, who came this week from Pulham St. Mary, Diss, Norfolk, to be the new Rector of Thornford.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On July 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. W. Mills 1, Marian Mills 2. F. Harvey 3, A. Brown (first quarter) 4, M. Mills 5, E. E. Davey (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, G. A. Parsons 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. A. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. K. Brady 8. Rung to congratulate ringing friends from Wimbledon, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sinden, on the birth of a son (Alan Jeremy).

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On June 26th, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: M. Cubitt 1, D. Banks 2, Miss M. Bryce 3, P. Woodward 4, W. Moreton (cond.) 5, D. Cubitt 6, L. Boumphrey 7, J. H. Kirby 8, J. E. Kirby 9, H. Naylor (first quarter) 10.

WANLIP, LEICS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Yates 1, D. Baker 2, R. Bowles 3, G. Wakefield 4, P. Johnson 5, O. Northwood (cond.) 6. Rung muffled in memory of Mr. Ernest Shuttlewood, churchwarden for 20 years, who died on July 16th.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On July 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Rollings 1, Miss G. Ashby 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, G. F. Roome 4, P. Amos (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. David Rockall to Miss Barbara Huck, both of Weston Favell.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On June 26th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): M. Truran 1, S. W. Brown (cond. of Plain Bob) 2, H. W. Brown 3, Jean Pike (first in two methods) 4, Agnes F. Millam (cond. of Grandsire) 5, Edna Everest 6. Rung for the patronal festival and for the christening of Patricia Kaye Hammond, daughter of a local ringer. Conducted by two of the godparents. Also on July 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Fagg 1, B. Harfield 2, S. W. Brown 3, Ann Harfield (first 'inside') 4. H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, Dilys Smith (first quarter) 6. Rung for the christening of Brian Thomas Harfield, brother of the ringers of the second and fourth. The ringers of the treble and fourth were two of the godparents.



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ONE of the oldest crafts known to man is the art of bellfounding. Few others have survived so many centuries with so little change, and though to-day the bell foundries are equipped with modern handling devices, lathes and lifting tackle of which the ancient masters of the craft knew nothing, fundamentally little has changed for literally hundreds of years.

Bell founding must surely be the oldest craft with which Jenolite products have been associated; its origins stretch back through the years to 4000 B.C. when, in China, large bells were being used in religious worship. In Great Britain, two or three great bellfounding firms survive, and the subject of this study, John Taylor and Co. of Loughborough, Leics., trace their descent directly from a business established in Leicester as long ago as 1360.

History and legend combine to give us the first (and necessarily incomplete) picture of the origin of bells. The Father of Percussion Instruments, Jubal, is supposed to have had the first conception of bells from listening to the ring of his brother's hammer on an anvil; and it is known that the earliest bells of which there is any trace to-day were Assyrian, discovered in the Palace of Nimrod.

The introduction of bells to Europe was brought about in the fourth century by Paulinus, Bishop of Nola, in Campania (by derivation, 'a flat land'—related to the Latin 'campus'), whence one has 'campana' (late Latin for 'bell'), and from it, in modern English usage, 'campanology'—the science and art of bellfounding and ringing.

It would be impossible to hazard a guess concerning the development of ecclesiastical architecture throughout the world had not bells inspired the creation of church steeples and buildings like the impressive and magnificent Campanile in the Piazza San Marco in Venice—the most noteworthy of the few remaining separate belfries that at one time were a feature of all Venetian churches. The increasing popularity of the carillon, particularly in the United States, is reviving the Campanile (or separate bell tower) and examples are to be found at Niagara Falls and at many Universities throughout America.

The earliest bells in this country were almost certainly imported; it was not until the tenth century that a bell was made in England at the instigation of St. Dunstan. In 1091 a Boston coppersmith made bells for Croyland Abbey. As the craft grew and flourished, so came into being the practice of adding inscriptions, either commemorating the donor, or perhaps echoing the thoughts of the craftsman who cast them. Consider for yourselves the thought behind this one:

'I Often Have Been Beat And Banged,
My Friends Rejoice To See Me Hanged.
And When My Friends Do Chance To Die,
Then I For Them Aloud Will Cry.'

In passing, it is interesting to record that many bells were cast for monasteries, and the inscriptions, often in Latin hexameters, spread amongst simple folk to the belief in the power of bells over evil.

BACK TO 1360

The history of the Taylor Bellfoundry goes back to mediaeval times when Johannes de Stafford (twice Mayor of Leicester) built a foundry in Leicester in 1360. For four hundred years this famous foundry carried on bellfounding under different ownerships until, in 1780, Robert Taylor, an apprentice of the previous owner, Edward Arnold, succeeded to the business. From that time to the present day, the art of bellfounding has been handed down through successive generations of the Taylor family.

To-day, members of the firm will tell you that the actual bell shape, as such, has not changed, but proportions, curves and thicknesses have altered considerably with the advent of tuning. Most pre-Reformation bells are long compared with the diameter, then came a period when the bell was shortened and the mouth flared.

The late John Taylor, when he introduced the tuning of bells just before the turn of the century, spent a great deal of time in studying the relation of bell shapes to the harmonics of bells, and found they were so closely interrelated that it was possible to generate the necessary curves very accurately. This brought about the modern shape, which is characteristic of the tuned bell of to-day.

Modern bellfounding begins on the drawing board, and the specifications laid down here are followed in the foundry. An inner 'core,' rather resembling a giant thimble, is built of bricks, and a thick casing of loam applied by hand and shaped with a 'strickle board'—a sort of 'blunt, swinging scimitar,' carefully designed from a huge selection of templates kept in stock. The mould of the outside of the bell is built up in a similar fashion with a strickle board on the inside surface of a cast-iron case, or 'cope,' each layer of sand being stoved before the application of the next one. The cope is perforated for the expulsion of gases, and its coating of loam is skilfully embossed with whatever inscription, verse or donor's name is required.

The core is then lowered on a base-plate deep into the greensand floor of the foundry, and the cope carefully fitted over it in such a way that the two rims meet and a space is left between the moulds for the metal to fill.

BELL METAL

Bell metal, which has changed little in composition throughout the ages, is composed of pure copper and tin in the approximate proportions of 13 to 4. It is a hard, crystalline and very durable metal, subject only to an initial surface corrosion, or verdigris, which forms a protective coating against further oxidation. The idea, which is sometimes aired, that a silver bell would have a purer tone is merely poetic fantasy! Sterling silver bells would be tolerable—a golden bell would be as resonant as one made of lead! When the pyrometer registers a temperature of between 900 and 1,200° C, according to the size of the bell, the furnace can be tapped. This calls for team-work of the highest order, and is usually performed by a gang that has worked together for years under the foundry foreman. The glowing molten metal runs into iron funnels mounted on top of the moulds, and in a few minutes the bell is cast. A smallish bell can be taken out of the mould on the following day, but larger bells must be left up to three weeks before they are sufficiently cool and naturally annealed. The metal must cool evenly otherwise there is a danger of the bell cracking, or of being too porous.

TUNING A BELL

The tuning is an operation of such perfection that it would astonish the layman, who might popularly suppose it to be done with a hammer! Upturned bells stand in large clusters all over the floor, waiting to be humped on to a revolving baseplate, where the cutting tool of a vertical boring machine pares off shavings of metal from the inner surface as the bell is rotated. Throughout this operation the bell is constantly tested for accuracy, and further cuts are made until the bell is perfectly tuned. If a mistake is made in the tuning operation it is almost impossible to rectify it. Taylor's claim their system of 'true-harmonic' tuning is the most scientifically accurate yet evolved.

FIVE NOTES

So far from having one note, as many people imagine, a bell has five: the Strike note, the Nominal (an octave higher), the Hum (an octave lower), the Tierce (a minor third), and the Quint (a perfect fifth). In every bell these five notes must harmonise, and additionally, all five notes must be in accurate time with the five notes of every other bell in the ring or peal concerned. A 'carillon' is a group of bells comprising at least two chromatic octaves (25 bells) and 'ringing bells' form a scale of 5, 6, 8, 10 or 12 bells rung in full swing by means of wheels and ropes. The number of bells in a chime may be increased from time to time until the chime attains the dignity of a carillon. The Taylor Company supplied a chime of ten bells to an American college in 1899, which in 1929 was augmented by a further 26 bells, the installation now forming a carillon of 36 bells.

The final operation in the manufacturing process takes place at the hands of a sand-blaster, who applies a charge of small shot at a very great pressure. This gives the bell metal its exclusive and exquisite pale gold sheen.

John Taylor and Co. have, for very many years, been fighting a dangerous and powerful enemy, rust. Bells generally are exposed to wind and damp, and are often hung in industrial areas where there is a great deal of acid in the air. Timber, which was used for many years to build the bell frames, suffered severely from the death watch beetle and dry rot. Steel, on the other hand, is naturally prone to rust, and this it is liable to do very swiftly under the difficult atmospheres to which it is exposed.

Great satisfaction has been obtained by the use of Jenolite RRN and Chemical Sealer, which are now used on all steelwork on bell frames and fittings, followed by the application of bitumen paint.

Not all old bells are recast, and no pre-Reformation bells are subjected to this operation. These bells are kept as originally cast for their archæological value, and great care must be taken when they are being handled. During a recent visit to Loughborough one bell dating from 1600 was in to be rehung—the oldest bell Taylors have rehung dates back to 1300.

Most of the bells they recast were originally cast between 1700 and 1890. Generally speaking, bells cast in the 1800's were not particularly good specimens of the bellfounders' art musically. The advent of scientific tuning and foundry technique have altered this state of affairs, and now many peals of mediocre bells are being recast into really tuneful rings.

PITCH OF PERFECTION

Bells are often rehung, as for instance when a clapper has deeply indented the metal on the inside of the bell, and perhaps it needs retuning. Exact moulding are taken of the beautiful inscriptions on the original bell when it comes in for recasting, and these are reproduced with amazing accuracy in detail. In recent years the use of mechanical handling, simplified moulding, and the true harmonic system for producing overtones has brought bellfounding to a pitch of perfection which it is doubtful can ever be bettered.

Bells to-day are an investment—here at Loughborough was cast the largest bell in the British Empire—Great Paul—weighing over 16 tons and now hanging in the South Tower of St. Paul's Cathedral. From this foundry came such diverse items as the ships' bells for the Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mary—the only ships' bells in the world to be tuned—and the famous carillon of 71 bells at the Singing Tower Bird Sanctuary, Mountain Lake, Florida.

THREE LEICESTER TRIBUTES TO THE MEMORY OF HAROLD J. POOLE

The Bishop of Leicester
(The Right Rev. Ronald R. Williams)

The recent death of Inspector Poole in tragic circumstances is felt as a grievous blow to bell ringing in the Leicester diocese.

Ex-Inspector Poole was the founder in 1946 of the Leicester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers and was still president at his death. He was also founder and later president of the Police Guild of Ringers. He was a member of the Central Council of Church Bell ringers and was busy in making arrangements for the meeting of the Council to be held in Leicester next Whitsun. In recognition of his activities for bell ringing he was made a Lay Canon of Leicester Cathedral.

As I have been Bishop of Leicester for only some two years my knowledge of Inspector Poole's life and work was naturally limited, but during this time I had come to trust his wise counsel and advice on all bell ringing matters. He was an indefatigable worker in the cause, and his keenness and commonsense were such that it was always a pleasure to work with him in this matter.

Our sympathy goes out to his wife and family and we must not fail to be grateful to God for all that Inspector Poole was able to do for the cause. The funeral service was held in Leicester Cathedral on July 18th. It was conducted by the Bishop, the Provost and other clergy and was attended by a very large and representative congregation, mainly composed of bell ringers.

The Provost of Leicester
(The Very Rev. Mervyn Armstrong)

One of the first men I met when I came to Leicester some 17 months ago was Harold Poole. Within the first minute it was clear that Harold Poole had one overriding concern—bell ringing in general and the Cathedral bells in particular. But it also quickly became apparent that he had a real appreciation of spiritual values which stemmed a firm belief and trust in our Lord and a deep love of his Church.

Leicester Cathedral owes a very great deal to Harold Poole—not only for the standard of perfection he strove for in the belfry but for the many contributions he made to the life of the city and the Cathedral. His services to the Diocese were recognised in 1944, when he became a Lay Canon of the Cathedral; and over the years the indebtedness of Diocese and Cathedral to him increased steadily.

I shall miss Harold Poole as a friend and as a man. His advice was always worth listening to, for he gave it without reservation and without fear or favour. His kindliness, his understanding and his Christian charity were qualities which made him so valuable a member of the community, and we are all the poorer by his passing. Our sympathy goes to Mrs. Poole and to her daughter, Jill, and her husband.

The Chief Constable of Leicester
(Mr. O. J. B. Cole)

When I became Chief Constable of Leicester in 1929, a young man who quickly took my eye was Harold Poole. He was then a constable with three years' service, and he had already come to notice as a conscientious and energetic police officer. He had been commended for smart work in arresting criminals.

The next few years proved his administrative ability; later, with the advent of war, his organising ability was used in Civil Defence to great effect and, finally, in the last twelve years before his retirement he earned unanimous praise for the way in which he carried out the onerous and responsible duties of police prosecuting officer at the Magistrates' Court. One felt sorry when he left, but, at the same time, glad of the services of such a loyal and efficient officer over so many years.

His hobby was responsible for the foundation. soon after the war, of the Leicester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers and he became its first president. Later, he founded and presided over the Police Guild of Ringers, and his undoubted ability caused him for many years to be a member of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. Perhaps his greatest joy was to be the Master of the Leicester Cathedral Company of Ringers, and he was proud to have been made a Lay Canon of the Cathedral some years ago.

His untimely end will not dim the minds of his friends when they picture him as one who wholeheartedly devoted himself to any job which he took in hand and one who, in his time, gave of his best to so many.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A peal of Little Bob Major was rung at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on July 27th, as a farewell to Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, who leaves England on August 10th to make his home in Canada. After the peal, ringing friends from Ealing and Isleworth, with the Vicar, two churchwardens, two former churchwardens and others, met in the ringing chamber to bid him Godspeed and to thank him for his work for ringing in Ealing for more than twenty years. The appearance of the ringing chamber and the condition of the bells and belfry bear witness to his efforts, and after many tributes had been paid to him he was presented with a travelling clock and Mrs. Cockey with a bouquet as a sign of their affection and esteem, and with best wishes for a safe journey and for their future happiness in Winnipeg.

Mr. S. Weeks, of Brislington, Bristol, sailed for Perth, Australia, last week. We wish him 'bon voyage.'

Aldrington, Sussex, had two brides from the local company on the same day — Beryl Reynolds and Hazel Stevenson. The complimentary quarter was duly rung.

Does the hanging of a ring of bells beneath a spire improve their tonal qualities when heard outside the church? Reader David Beacham asks for opinions on this subject.

The farewell quarter rung at West Retford to Mr. Alan Simpson, a master at King Edward VI. School, Retford, was rung by a band, with the exception of Mr. Harold Denman, who are members of the school.

Thirteen peal attempts are on the programme of Mr. A. P. Cannon's North Oxfordshire and Cotswolds ringing tour which starts to-morrow. The headquarters of the party are at Chipping Norton. One day is being devoted to a scenic tour and ringing at nine towers.

An attempt was made at Wrotham, Kent, on July 23rd, to ring a peal of Superlative Surprise Major to the memory of Mr. H. J. Poole. Unfortunately, after 1 hour and 50 minutes' good ringing, the tenor rope broke. The band consisted of T. E. Sone (cond.) 1, C. Tester 2, P. Carter 3, R. E. Lambert 4, R. Collins 5, Miss D. Colgate 6, R. T. Lambert 7, T. Cullingworth 8. Miss Colgate and Messrs. Sone and Cullingworth are members of the Central Council.

With reference to the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Isleworth on June 18th (see page 418), the name of the treble ringer was Thomas E. Davies and the fifth Wilfrid G. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, who are among the oldest friends of the late Mr. Harold J. Poole and Mrs. Poole, were among those who attended the funeral service reported in our last issue.

The peal at Little Houghton on May 30th, reported on page 404, was rung for the Peterborough Diocesan Guild (Northampton Branch). With apologies to all concerned from the conductor.

The bells of Aldrington (by the medium of a recording) welcomed the Archbishop of Canterbury at the church in Mbale, Uganda, on his recent visit to the diocese of the Upper Nile. Mr. Kenneth Sharpe, a former ringer at Aldrington, writes to say that in this land of drums the bells were much appreciated.

Miss June M. Clements, who has been studying in London for the past two years, desires to say a very sincere 'Thank you' to those ringers who have made her so welcome at towers and meetings (especially those of the Surrey Association).

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OUT AND ABOUT IN NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE

By EWART H. EDGE

STAFFORDSHIRE is not a county that finds its way into travellers' guides or those books that commend the beauties, either natural or man-made, of Britain; it is associated from lessons at school with the Black Country and the Potteries, and the geography book photographs that normally accompany such references do less than justice to the modern Potteries at all events; they portray it as a county to be passed through as rapidly as possible en route for somewhere else. It is quite true that although it is eighteenth in geographical area, it supports a population listed in the first ten in the same statistics. The manufacturing districts are by no means inviting; the industrial revolution developed too quickly to permit æsthetic planning, and the five towns that grew into the city of Stoke-on-Trent that straggles for ten miles down a valley, yet barely exceeds three miles at its greatest width, were no exception.

These conurbations (as we now choose to call them), however, in which are concentrated over a million of its 1,500,000 inhabitants, cover only a very small proportion of the county, those in the south being by far the larger. The far greater remainder of the county offers a variety of delightful countryside that is rarely found within the borders of a single shire. Staffordshire is divided by a broad belt of undulating pasture land which extends from the Shropshire Plain in the west to Derbyshire. North of this line lies a countryside quite different from that in the south, where a dialect is spoken quite unrelated to that in the southern part and, if it has any affinities, these are with Derbyshire to the east and Cheshire to the north.

From the central lowland, devoted to dairy farming, the land climbs up the pleasant wooded valleys of the Trent, Blythe, Hamps, Churnet, Manifold and Dove, to the hills and moors that become part of the Peak and the Pennines in the east and north and cease abruptly as a rampart overlooking the Cheshire Plain further west. These hills, channelled by the valleys which run north to south, drop gently down westwards through the potteries in wooded ridges to the Shropshire Plain beyond which can be seen the mountains of Wales.

ST. EDWARD'S, LEEK

The moorlands are bleak; hedges give way to dry stone walls, the cliffs of the Roches stand out against the sky and the low stone cottages and churches of this part are defensive against the harsh elements of nature. The countryside is sparsely inhabited. Surrounded by its ranges of protective hills, and built on a lesser hill within the bowl, lies Leek, the centre of this region, a market and textile town. It is dominated by the majestic pinnacled 14th century tower of the Church of St. Edward. In its masonry and within its precincts are relics of earlier worship on the site. In its churchyard are graves of French naval personnel taken prisoner in the Napoleonic wars and a part of the town is still known as Petty France. The tower contains a fine ring of ten bells with a tenor of 18¼ cwt. in E flat. Prince Charles, who is said to have stayed at the vicarage on his retreat from Derby in 1745, may well have heard the old six by Rudhall, installed in 1721. They were augmented to eight by John Warner and Sons in 1863, and the inscription on their treble bell is particularly appropriate to their ringing:—

'Our voices shall with joyful sound,
Make hill and valley echo round.'

According to the old Accounts of the church, there was a ring of bells in this tower in 1663, but of these there is no trace. Eleven peals have been rung on the bells since the formation of the North Staffs Association, two of Grandsire Triples before the augmentation to 10 in the 1920's, and among those rung since then are the first of Cambridge and Yorkshire Royal for the Association. The tower also possesses a chiming apparatus which plays one of 14 tunes four times a day.



ST. EDWARD'S, LEEK

A mile and half to the north-west of Leek lies Rudyard Lake, running for two miles between the hillsides where woods stretch down to the water's edge. The fact that it is a reservoir for local canals in no way detracts from its natural beauty and it was this lake after which the poet Rudyard Kipling was named.

A LEGEND OF HORTON

Close by is the pleasantly inaccessible village of Horton with its 16th century church and a musical ring of six, cast by Rudhall in 1753 (tenor 11 cwt). An enterprising band from Norton-le-Moors in the 1920's quite often visited Horton, and the story goes that the bells were so used to being left during the 'drop' for the ringers to run to catch the last train home, that they could lower themselves in peal.

Two miles along the valley of the Churnet to the south of Leek is Cheddleton, whose church, standing on an escarpment, commands a wonderful view of the pleasant hills through which the river winds, where the swans glide and the fishermen sleep on hot summer afternoons. Part of the church dates from the 14th century, and a mediæval brass eagle is preserved on the lectern. It has some fine stained glass, including windows by Rossetti and Burne-Jones. The tower is 16th century and the belfry is reached by a staircase remarkable for the steepness and decreasing depth of its steps. The six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) blend well despite the fact that the work of four founders, since improved by Taylors, have gone into them. The treble (1864) second and tenor (1862) are by Warners, the third by Edward Arnold, of Leicester, 1796, the fifth 1762 (unknown). The fourth with a diameter of 33 inches bears the mark of Paul Hutton, of Congleton, and the inscription, 'Jesus be our spede 1632' (3 reversed).

High on a hillside a few miles to the south is Kingsley with the rebuilt Church of St. Werburgh retaining the original tower at the west end of the south aisle, its ringing gallery open to the church. Four of the six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) came from the Gloucester foundry in 1725. Here the moorland traditional six-bell ringing is carried on, and methods now uncommon, such as Wragby and Duke of York, are still rung as a matter of course. One of the peals recorded here was a welcome home to the Rector's daughter who had served as a volunteer nurse in the Spanish Civil War.

CHEADLE'S TWO CHURCHES

Not far away is Cheadle with its steep, narrow streets clinging to the edge of the moorland, with a history going back to the Roman occupation. It possesses two churches both dedicated to St. Giles. The parish church is a 19th century building with six bells (tenor 13 cwt.) bearing the usual inscriptions of the Rudhalls, who cast the first five bells in 1722 and the tenor in 1730. The Roman Catholic church with a heavily decorated interior dates from the 19th century and is the work of Pugin. It possesses an extremely slender and graceful spire which, rising to a height of some 200ft., is a landmark clearly visible for many miles to the south. It contains an excellent ring of eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.) by Taylors. Beneath Cheadle are rich coal seams and many of its inhabitants are colliers. It is fitting that here should have been rung a muffled peal to the memory of the men entombed in the Creswell Colliery disaster in 1950.

On the eastern borders of North Staffordshire by the valley of the Dove, which flows southwards parallel with the Churnet, are a series of delightful villages. There is Sheen to the north, overlooking the Dove, with its six bells (7 cwt.) cast in 1851 and inscribed in Latin, Ilam with its ancient heritage, its association with the Congreves who lived at the hall and where William Congreve wrote his comedy, 'The Old Bachelor,' and with Dr. Johnson, who used Ilam as the setting for his only novel. The church was restored in the last century and its most ancient part is the 13th century gabled tower which houses a ring of five bells cast by Taylors in 1856, and the gift of J. Watts-Russell, who renovated the old hall and much of the village.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE—Continued

'EVENING BELLS'

On the banks of the Dove close to Ashbourne lies the village of Mayfield: here for a time lived Thomas Moore the poet, who is said to have found inspiration for his poem, 'Evening Bells,' from the music borne over the river from the Derbyshire town. Mayfield, however, has its own ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.), which includes two old bells, one with an ornamented inscription, 'Huius sci larenti,' and the other inscribed, 'Jesus be our Spede 1624.'

Ellastone, too, has literary connections, for here is the setting of 'Adam Bede.' Rousseau also spent some time in the nearby Wootton Hall. There has been a ring of six at this 16th century church since 1788 when Hedderley, of Nottingham, installed the treble and second. The tenor is by Rudhall, 1740, and the 4th and 5th are of unknown date, but the ornamental inscriptions on them are believed to be those of a Nottingham founder. They read as follows:—

4. ihs SCA MARIA OPN.
5. ihs SCA TRINITAS DEUS M.N.

Alton with its five bells (12 cwt.) is renowned for the great palace of Alton Towers, built in the last century by the 15th Earl of Shrewsbury, its magnificent grounds laid out by Capability Brown. The village lies at the end of the gorge through which the River Churnet flows and, with its convent built on the cliff top originally occupied by a Norman castle, is often likened to the Rhineland.

ROCESTER BELLS

Rocester on meadow lands, where the valley of the Dove broadens as it leaves the dale for which it is so famous, is a quiet village which, as its name implies, has a history which goes back to Roman times when it lay on the Ryknield Way which ran from Chester to Derby. It once possessed an abbey, but this has long since vanished. The church, marked by its graceful spire, has a ring of eight bells (tenor 13¼ cwt. in F sharp), which are a delight to ring. Three of the bells are dated 1774, others 1796, 1830, 1871, the two remaining being of more recent date. Unfortunately a local band no longer exists to ring them.

The south-eastern extremity of this region is reached at Uttoxeter, for centuries renowned for its market and the centre of a rich agricultural area. The church is a fine edifice with an ancient tower and later spire, containing a majestic ring of bells (20 cwt. in E), six of which were cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1729, bearing his mark and familiar inscriptions: the treble and tenor by John Warner and Sons in 1874. Twenty-six peals have been rung on these bells for the North Staffs Association since its foundation in 1884, including the first on the bells and the firsts of Staffordshire and New Cambridge Surprise Major for the Association by resident bands.

On the border of Derbyshire a few miles from Uttoxeter, the village of Marchington stands on the Dove, near the verge of the Needwood Forest. The church is in classical style and the tower is strangely domed. Three of the six bells (10 cwt. in G) date from 1626 and another from 1765.

Returning north-west along the main road to the Potteries are three ringing towers—the first, Leigh with six bells in an ancient tower, the two older bells being by Rudhall and dated 1710. Thomas Rudhall cast the next in 1762 and John a fourth in 1810. On the Tean lies Checkley; much of its church is of Norman workmanship, including the tower which houses six bells (tenor 12 cwt.) by Rudhall in 1761.

DRAYCOTT-IN-THE-MOORS

Some three miles beyond, squat on a hill top and approached by a grass-grown lane, stands the church of Draycott-in-the-Moors. The most striking feature of the church is the chapel of the Draycotts, where, in clothes of centuries ago, the Draycotts sleep in carved alabaster. This family, whose seat can be seen on lower land a mile away, worshipped here for seven centuries, gaining both fame and notoriety. A low door at the west end of the nave gives access to the ground floor ringing chamber. The bells now number eight (11 cwt.), having been augmented from six in 1939 and earlier from five to six. The oldest bell is dated 1607 and is inscribed, 'I sweetly toling men do call to taste on meats that feede the soole,' bearing the mark of Henry Oldfield, founder, of Nottingham. Two others dated 1636 are by Paul Hutton, of Congleton. The old treble bears a curious crest and the legend:

'ihs Nazarenus Rex Iudeorum Fili Dei Misere
RN WC Wardens 1678
PHIL DRAYCOTT ESQ.'

Twenty-eight peals have been rung on these bells to date and are a popular ring despite the fact that one or two are at present odd-struck.

Not far from Draycott, nestling in a well-wooded valley, lies Dilhorne, unique in that it possesses the only completely octagonal tower in Staffordshire. The bells in this asymmetric tower are a good ring of six (tenor 9 cwt.), aug-

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ST. MARY'S, UTTOXETER

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

President Inducted Vicar of Famous Leeds Church

An event of wide local interest, and in particular to members of the Yorkshire Association, took place on July 21st, when the president, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, B.Sc., was inducted Vicar of the 17th century Church of St. John the Evangelist, New Briggate, Leeds. The Association was well represented among the large congregation.

In the course of his address, the Bishop of Ripon, Dr. G. A. Chase, said that in some ways it was a very strange service. One reason for this was that the Archdeacon, who was being instituted, was usually assisting him at similar services in that part of the diocese; another was the character of the Church of St. John. He was used to performing institutions at huge parishes in Leeds or small parishes in the heart of the country. Here, however, was a parish with a small population situated right in the centre of the city. It nestled in the shadow of great shop and office buildings, with the busy Headrow on one side and a new bus station planned on the other.

'John Harrison, at whose expense the church was built and completed in 1634, would have loved to have been here to-night,' went on the Bishop. 'He would have found the surroundings very different, but he would have loved that because he was an industrialist. He was a man interested in Leeds, in business and in politics, but in it all he was a churchman. To-day the church has to play its part in social life, in business, in industry and in politics. All these things must be brought into the ambit of the church if it is to perform its duty.'

Before the institution, the Archdeacon was presented to the Bishop by the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Alderman Sir James Croysdale), who is one of the five patrons of St. John's. The induction which followed was by the Vicar and Rural Dean of Leeds (Canon C. B. Sampson).

Immediately following the ceremony a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by the following members of the Association: W. O. Talbot 1–2, W. Barton 3–4, P. J. Johnson 5–6, L. W. G. Morris 7–8, J. Ambler 9–10. Members will join in congratulating their president on his new incumbency, and wishing him Godspeed in his new calling.

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mented by Taylors from a five by Edward Arnold, of Leicester (1796). As far as is known, only six peals have been brought round on the delightful ring, silent now for lack of ringers.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LAVENHAM TENOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. Pipe is certainly trailing his coat. Miles Graye's masterpiece embodies perfection of proportion and tonal quality in a maiden bell, and since perfection cannot be improved upon, the claim made for this bell is completely justified.

There is no myth to explode, sir, in connection with Lavenham tenor, but if Mr. Pipe will look up Æsop some time he will find a story about a frog which DID explode, and the reason therefor.—Yours sincerely,

OLIVER G. BARNARD.

Stowmarket.

Dear Sir,—I can see if you do not end the controversy, the Lavenham tenor argument will be as long-winded as the Everton-cum-Tetworth controversy.

Does it really matter if Lavenham tenor is a finer bell than Grundisburgh, or vice versa? Never will it be unanimously agreed that a particular tenor is the finest in the country, nor should it be. Unless two bells are hung side by side, who is in a position to judge? Opinions vary as do bells. Who could compare the bells at St. Peter Mancroft with those of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, both magnificent rings, but different types entirely.

Mr. Ernest Morris only last week claimed Howden (Yorks) his favourite eight. One will not have to go far before Chewton Mendip and Ditcheat enter the conversation. A few months back a well-known Bedfordshire ringer was swearing (not literally) by Ebbw Vale.

Whichever we prefer, it should be remembered that if all bells were as near perfection as possible, ringing would become much more monotonous, and probably no outings would be arranged. It certainly is not worth arguing over and the risk of losing friends taken for the sake of one unimportant opinion.—Yours, etc.,

Burton Latimer. B. S. COPE.

Dear Sir.—The letter in 'The Ringing World' of July 15th regarding the tone of Lavenham tenor is a statement of opinion with which I agree. It is only an opinion, however, and though we are all entitled to our opinions they will vary from person to person as in all things.

In forming our opinions on the tonal qualities of bells, several factors must be considered. Firstly, I think it is only fair to compare the tones of bells in the same weight range, which also means having nearly the same note. Then it must be remembered that some bells are Simpson tuned and others are not and there are some ringers who do not like Simpson tuned bells.

Another factor, which I think is most important, is that many people visit a new tower and state their opinion of the tone without having heard the bells outside. Quite often I find that bells that sound rather poor inside are really worth listening to outside the tower. I have, in fact, rung in several towers where the bells, generally Simpson tuned, absolutely 'howl' at you because they are hung in a steel frame and the ringing chamber is too close to the bells and the false floor is not sufficiently soundproof. Outside the bells are a joy to hear.

Another point which may have some influence on the outside effect of the bells is that I find many of my favourite rings are hung beneath a spire. Whether or not the bells would be so pleasing if taken out and hung in an ordinary tower seems difficult to prove. (Has anyone any experience of this?)

In concluding, then, I feel that one should not say, 'Best bells (or tenor) in the country' (and have they rung on all of them?), but rather the finest toned FOR THEIR WEIGHT that they have rung or heard. Now the claims will be coming in!—Yours faithfully,

DAVID BEACHAM.

Barnstaple, Devon.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD DIFFERENCES BLOWN OVER

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead on his most interesting article on 'Peal Ringing in Northamptonshire'? His articles undoubtedly are the result of a large amount of research work.

I was very sorry to read that Mr. Felstead has been the recipient of a letter from Mr. P. Amos written in a fiery vein. While I am not going to 'stir up muddy water' regarding Mr. Amos' differences with the Peterborough Guild in the past, I agree with Mr. Felstead that any peals rung and not published would be negligible and would not, I think, create a wrong impression regarding peal ringing activities in the county.

I am happy to say that the differences which existed some years ago have now blown over, and I hope that there will be no recurrence from any source whatsoever.

As Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild my principal aim is to encourage Sunday service ringing with an emphasis on good striking. I hope that this may lead to a revival of peal ringing of the standard set up by some of the stalwarts of the old Central Northants Association. This can only be achieved by adopting a 'team spirit' and mutual understanding one with another.—Yours sincerely,

B. P. MORRIS, Master,
Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

A BOLTON RINGER IN AUSTRALIA

Dear Sir,—I received a letter from Ronald Edge, formerly a ringer at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, and Cambridge University. Some months ago his profession took him to Australia. In his letter he describes attending a ringers' meeting and competition near Sydney. We here cannot be surprised at the progress and interest which is developing in that country, when we learn of the enthusiasm there. Mr. Edge informs me that to attend the event he flew over 200 miles and then completed the journey from Sydney to Turramurra with a half-hour train ride. He was not the only one how had travelled far; there were several who had covered over 140 miles and some from Tass.

For the competition he joined the St. Mary's Society of Sydney. They lost in the 'Doubles' contest, but won the 'Minor' with a very narrow margin from the home tower, viz., 30 points against 30.5. They now hold the shield. After the competition there was the annual dinner, followed by speeches and films.

He said the Turramurra bells are a very light ring of six by Taylors. A ringer very kindly put him up for the night, and the following morning he rang at St. Jude's, Randwick, a ring of eight steel bells which were cast by Vickers before they became Vickers-Armstrong. After a ride along the Cooger beach (a beautiful spot) and lunch, they went back to the church and rang a quarter peal.

Mr. Edge experienced a very unpleasant time when the plane he was travelling in began to descend from 7,000 ft. He had a hollow tooth and he suffered what has become known as 'airpressure' toothache, and it is very severe whilst it lasts. He had to seek a dentist's aid immediately upon landing. On account of this he decided to take the long journey home by train.

Some of the West Maitland ringers related their experiences in the floods. One said she still had 6ft. of mud in her house.—Yours, etc.,

PETER CROOK.

Bolton.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Quarterly Meeting at Rugby

The summer quarterly meeting was held on July 16th at Rugby, where the octave in the north-east tower, recently rededicated after overhaul, was the attraction. The bells have been lowered 20ft. and hung on ball bearings and are now much easier to handle.

Ringing in the afternoon was curtailed to one service touch on account of weddings, then at 4.30 a short service was conducted by the Rector, followed by tea in local cafes. Ringing continued after tea until a halt was called for the business meeting to take place in the ringing room.

The Master (Mr. R. J. Edden) presided, and apologies were read from the president (the Rev. W. C. Maggs), vice-presidents (the Rev. R. R. P. Rigby and Mr. F. W. Perrens) and Messrs. F. C. Lyne, H. C. Burt, J. Ford, W. Wyatt, H. Allen and Mrs. Carpenter.

It was announced that the annual dinner arrangements were well in hand and would take the same form as last year. It was decided by a majority vote to engage professional entertainers again. The next quarterly would be held in Coventry prior to the dinner on Oct. 15th.

A discussion arose on how best to cater for diocesan towers in the fringe areas. A letter from a Leamington member was read suggesting that application be made to the County Council for a grant to hold a course of instruction in campanology. Further investigations are to be made by the committee and a report made at the next meeting.

Competition ringing was then brought to the notice of the members, and after a discussion it was decided to ask all members to consider the matter and vote on it at the annual meeting in April.

New members elected were: Miss Pat Houston (Bilton), R. W. Sheriff and T. G. Hill (Southam), P. D. Howitt (Rugby), T. K. Farrow and R. M. Andrews (Harbury). Ratifications: P. and D. Beresford (Lichfield) and E. Malin (Penkridge)

Members stood for a few moments before the meeting closed to the memory of Mr. J. W. Taylor, captain of the Allesley band for many years, who had recently passed on, and also to Mr. H. J. Poole, whose tragic death had been reported the day before.

The church collection of £2 1s. was given direct to the Rugby Bell Fund.

SOUTH HACKNEY BELLS REHUNG

An East End ring that has been silent for many years — St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney—have been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. This ring of eight with tenor approx. 20 cwt. was originally installed by the Whitechapel firm in 1848.

On July 20th, at the invitation of the Rector, the Rev. R. Parsons, members of the London County Association rang for thanksgiving service for the 107th anniversary of the dedication and the restoration of the church after extensive bomb damage.

Members from as far afield as Isleworth, Chelsea and Romford rang Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge before and after the service. For the bells Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have done a fine job; the only objection is that the bells are rather noisy in the ringing room.

On July 22nd the foundation stone of the new school building was laid by Lord Amhurst of Hackney. After the dedication by the Lord Bishop of London, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung by Mrs. E. Merrett 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, J. Merrett 4, W. D. Grainger 5, J. Barrance 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8.

The Rector, thanking the ringers for their services, said Dr. Wand remarked on how well the bells sounded and the great pleasure it gave him to hear them rung. J. A. H.

TOPIC FOR THE MONTH – VII.

Comes the 'Dawn'?

The recently accepted revision of the Central Council's 'Decisions' cannot fail to have some impact on the Exercise at large—not so much by what the Decisions include (we'll come to that in a later article, perhaps), but rather by the spirit of widened outlook and broadened toleration of what may be rung; that is to say, rung with the benign acceptance of official approval.

YET A NEED

But there is still something lacking; something of a degree of importance still generally unrecognised; something which, when it does come, will illumine our ringing path like the light of dawn after the uncertain gloom of night.

Extravagant words? Then consider for how long we have endured the 'ban,' recently lifted. (The writer recalls his first peal as one of Grandsire Minor!) Or again, consider the protracted and mainly futile arguments, over the last 30 years, on the subject of 'extensions.' The root cause of all the trouble is largely the failure to distinguish between conventional 'regulations' on the one hand and 'natural laws' on the other.

But if this sounds like criticism, either of the hard-working sub-committee revising the Decisions or of the Council members who accepted the revision, let it be said at once that none such is intended. Indeed, the changing spirit manifested in these recent happenings may well be the herald of such a 'dawn.' What, then, is needed?

THEORY—BUT HOW MUCH?

Consider the issue from first principles. Most pursuits embrace both a theory and a practice; or, if you like, a science and an art. What of ringing? One of the difficulties here is that its science is not entirely 'natural,' being, in fact, in part artificial or man-made. So that, while its fundamental principles are certainly amenable to mathematical analysis, yet some of its accepted conventions are, to say the least, somewhat arbitrary if not inconsequential, I think it may be agreed. The reason for this is not far to seek. The science of ringing, such as it is, has developed somewhat sporadically, locally and traditionally; and, be it admitted once again, with little regard to the essential distinction between 'laws' and 'regulations.' In ringing, the latter are fairly arbitrary, while the former are mathematical truths—the real theory of ringing.

How much, then, of the theory of what is rung has been set forth in scientific fashion? In fact, how much of this is necessary to be set down? To answer this rightly we must first be clear as to what constitutes 'that which is to be rung? Is it simply the result of what is recognised as the all-important business of composition—the setting out of touches and peal-lengths? Certainly, we couldn't get far in practical ringing without the splendid work of our composers. But even they can't get busy until the method builders have produced something to provide the scope for composition; in other words, until our method designers have produced the methods themselves.

And it is here, right at the root of all ringing, that we find so little of scientific bibliography; most of the science of ringing that has been written up indeed, relates mainly to composition; so that little will be found of its precursor—'method structure.' Let it be clear that books on methods, as we know them, excellent as they are for setting out the individual methods, and necessary as they always will be for learning them, do not fill the gap.

GENERAL THEORY OF METHOD STRUCTURE

It is at this point that many a practical ringer will say that the various publications on methods themselves are good enough for him. So what?

Well, he puts himself in the position of a bandsman who says, 'Theory of music be blowed! I've got, and can read, my band parts and they're good enough for me.' Quite so! But of course, he ignores the simple fact that before a piece of music can be presented to him someone has to study **theory** of music and learn how to write it; and an 'arranger' also, who has studied 'orchestration,' has probably arranged the band parts.

In ringing, the job of the 'composer' (of touches and peals), is analogous to that of the 'arranger' in music. The latter, of course, takes the originally designed piece of music and, unless it be already orchestrated, sets it for small or large orchestra, or maybe even for piano only if the composer of the music has stopped short at the melody. Some music composers, of course, do the whole thing.

To the composer of music his opposite number in ringing is not, of course, the composer of peals and touches; he is, in fact, the method designer. The point here is that just as in music there is a theory of design or composition, scientifically set forth, but open to artistic development according to rule, so also in ringing the building of methods rests upon scientific principles—a science of method structure if you like—artistically to be developed into the individual methods, in their respective groups or classes.

The recognition of this vital fact has been widening rapidly in the past few years; so that the need is becoming more obvious for a comprehensive set of 'Decisions' on method structure, in other words, a standard work on the subject. This, then, is that 'something lacking,' referred to in the opening paragraphs of the article.

Space here is limited, but even one example is better than extended precept. On page 395 of issue No. 2,308 of 'The Ringing World' we find (middle column) phrases introduced to cover the extending range of stages now being rung; i.e., 'Sextuples' and '14-in,' relating, of course, respectively to changes on 13 bells and 14 bells. At the moment such ringing is confined to 'extensions' of methods, on handbells. Yet no definition has hitherto been accepted of what constitutes an 'extension' of a method. Incredibly, the need for such a definition was officially denied, at the time the 'Report on Extension' was being compiled!

SIGNIFICANCE OF 'EXTENSION' IN METHOD STRUCTURE

The true significance of what is generally understood to be an 'extension' is not yet fully appreciated. Detailed discussion on this signal point is here impracticable, but its importance can be put briefly, as viewed by those of us who have been studying it since the first world war, thus:—

A method subsists in one or more stages, according to the nature of its design, in which design such stages are, **ab initio**, inherent absolutely. The lowest of such stages to exhibit all the prime features of the design is the 'basic stage,' those above it being 'extensions.' Any below it, omitting one or more design features but otherwise conforming to the method's specification, are 'contractions.' From the fact of inherency, given any stage not being a contraction, all other applicable stages of the method can be derived from the given stage, by a mathematical process known as 'stage variation.' The process is rigid, and admits of no 'versions,' producing only the inherent form for each stage, or none at all. The inherent family relationship of all **admissible** stages of the method is unique and invariable.

METHOD SPECIFICATION

From the foregoing it follows that any stage not being a contraction, i.e., the basic stage or any of the admissible extension stages, can be the 'parent' stage, i.e., 'parent' in the sense of the particular stage in which the method is **first** devised and/or published. These conclusions were not reached without considerable investigation, in the course of which it became obvious that no new method should be published without its 'specification,' as already mentioned, and as now briefly explained:—

In the early days of method building the design was 'simple,' i.e., contained few or no place-makings and dodgings **within** the 'lead' or division. The designer simply gave it out by figures, as applying in the one stage in which he had conceived it. Ambitious bands, wishing to try the method on higher stages, found it to 'extend' without much trouble to them. The custom of neglecting to publish anything other than the figures (and of the 'parent' stage only) thus became established; and resulted in the 'wonder-if-it-will-go-higher' attitude of mind to methods as they came out. Later, when 'complex' methods were evolved, i.e., those with numerous place-makings and dodgings within the 'lead' or division (thus constantly reversing the mode of hunting), there resulted the tragedy of endless and futile argument as to 'extensions'; while the wonder-if-it-will-go-higher' seekers found their own 'versions.'

Either of two things could have prevented all that: (a) the patiently deduced knowledge that we have to-day of stage variation, as already mentioned; or (b) the publication by the designer of his specification for the design. This latter is simply a scientific statement for the production of the method **in all stages** to which the designer has found his plan to apply. It is positive, unequivocal and generic, and sets out the inherent features in the basic design. The figures of a half-lead (or the 'shorthand' way of setting them out) can never define a method for all its admissible stages. The most they can do is to identify the method for that particular stage. Further data are required for stage variation. But the specification is all-sufficient.

This one aspect is but exemplary of what the theory of method structure has to tell us. To the average practical ringer it may not have great interest, at the moment; but it is of practical interest to, indeed essential for, the modern designer or builder of methods in the wide field of design as yet untouched;—after him, to the composer of touches and peals in those new methods and—after him, to the conductor who selects both the method and its compositions.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

New methods can no longer be conceived as for one stage only, if they are to satisfy towers with varying rings of bells. The number of rings of tower bells in the higher stages has increased considerably, and handbell peals on even higher stages are beginning to enter the records. The more important it is, therefore, that the **science** of ringing, at its foundation, i.e., method structure, be set forth in clear and logical form. The longer the delay the more difficult, protracted and corrective in nature will be the task.

Once again, however, let us take initial satisfaction in the recent acceptance of the revised Central Council Decisions. And let us occasionally recall that without well-founded theory there can scarcely develop universally successful practice.

A. Y-B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Branch Meeting at Kingskerswell

In perfect weather, the Mid-Devon Branch held a quarterly meeting at Kingskerswell on July 23rd, amongst those attending being visitors from Beeston (Notts) and Farnborough.

Ringing took place throughout the afternoon to suit all tastes, this being followed by a service in church, conducted by the Rev. A. C. F. Rowe (Vicar), who extended a very hearty welcome.

After tea at the Whitpot Mill Tea Gardens, the usual business meeting followed with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the secretary reporting on matters arising, and apologies for absence were received from the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, of Dartmouth, and Mr. Paul Field, of Langport.

The election of three non-resident members prior to starting for a peal was confirmed, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Paignton, with Babbacombe, on October 15th, subject to the usual permission being obtained.

The meeting also decided to send a letter of congratulations to the Rev. and Mrs. Coleridge on the birth of a son, and it was also resolved to send to Mrs. H. J. Poole, of Leicester, the sympathy of the branch at the tragic death of her husband.

The usual votes of thanks were proposed by the chairman, who welcomed the visiting ringers, after which a visit was paid to Coffinswell.

TWO BRIDES FROM ONE TOWER

Aldrington, Sussex, ringers had the unusual experience of ringing wedding bells for two of their young lady ringers who were married within a quarter of an hour of each other.

On Saturday, July 9th, at 1.45 p.m., Miss Beryl Reynolds and James Sexton (a ringer from Seaford) were married at St. Leonard's, Aldrington, and the local handbell ringers rang the bride into church.

The ringers then dashed to St. Nicolas' Church, Portslade, and rang handbells for the wedding of Miss Hazel Stevenson and Mr. Arthur Craven, while the remainder of the local band were ringing tower bells at Aldrington for Beryl and Jim.

Both brides were regular members of the Aldrington band and their fellow-ringers presented them with wedding presents to remind them of the many enjoyable times together and to wish each happy couple every happiness in the future.

It is very encouraging to know that Beryl and Jim will soon be ringing in Lancashire, while Hazel and Arthur are to take up the art in Bedfordshire.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX

Good weather, good food, good bells and good timekeeping were the main contributory factors to a very fine day spent in Kent on July 9th.

Missing from the party this year was Dr. C. E. Wright, now on National Service in Hong Kong, and Mr. J. Macdougal, recovering from an operation.

Stops were made at Headcorn, Biddenden, Salehurst, Marden and Eynsford. Ringing was much enjoyed at all these towers. Congratulations on your ringing chamber, Biddenden!

Ringers in general will be pleased to know that in this garden of England the 'crops' are looking fine.

Thank you very much, Kent—you did us proud, and if 'earth hath anything to show more fair' than the view, set in the rays of the setting sun, than that from Wrotham Hill, then we have yet to see it.

STORIES OF THIS YEAR'S OUTINGS

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE

After many weeks of careful planning and eager anticipation, the day of the annual outing of the Bolsover ringers and friends, June 25th, again came and passed all too quickly. The last Saturday in June has now become almost an automatic choice for the date and we were again favoured with really lovely weather. The improvements in road travel conditions and modern coaches make it possible to venture much further afield, and although the journey to Worcester proved to be very tiring all felt it well worth while and the excellent opportunities for ringing were ample repayment for the extra effort required.

A slight hitch delayed the start from Bolsover and the stay at the first tower, Northfield, near Birmingham, had to be curtailed because of arrangements for a wedding. The narrow staircase approach to the ringing chamber caused some amusement, and touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Kent Treble Bob were rung on the easy-going bells.

The second tower, Dodderhill (Droitwich) was considered by most people to be the best of the day. The spacious ringing chamber and first-class ropes made for excellent ringing conditions, and the tone and 'go' of the bells was really grand. Mr. Raxter, of the local company, was obviously very proud of the bells and enjoyed listening to a well-struck course of Superlative Surprise Major.

Despite the great heat all the party did justice to an excellently-prepared luncheon at the Deansway Restaurant, Worcester, and later high tea at the same establishment was fully enjoyed by all.

At All Saints', Worcester, Mr. T. W. Lewis met the party, and the organiser was able to thank him personally for all his help in connection with the arrangements for the outing and suggestions of towers for ringing. The effect of the lunch and intense heat seemed to upset the ringing of the heavy ten and for many of the party it was their first experience of Royal. The striking was much better in courses of Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. Mr. Lewis joined the visitors in an excellent 'fall.'

The short walk across Worcester, past the famous cricket ground, made a welcome breather and ringing was continued on the musical light octave at St. John-the-Baptist's. Several of the younger ringers and the non-ringers made good use of a free period in the programme and spent some time on the river. Most people visited the Cathedral, but it was decided in advance that no arrangements would be made for ringing the Cathedral bells. Being accustomed to light and quick-going bells, it was felt that the party might not do justice to this heavy ring.

The evening ringing was at Stoke Prior, an extremely light but musical eight. The ringing chamber is immediately below the bells and there is no insulation, but the 'go' and tone of the ring far outweighed the discomfort from the excessive noise.

Mr. H. Nicklin met the party and was obviously very pleased to hear his bells so well rung. During the opening touch of Double Norwich the tenor rope became untucked, but the bells went so well that the writer was able to continue ringing one-handed and the touch was considered to be the best of the day. The ringing at this tower was extended somewhat beyond the original programme but all seemed happy to stay.

The long journey back to Bolsover was accomplished without mishap and various people reached home shortly after midnight. Grateful thanks are accorded to all who assisted in any way with the arrangements for the outing, and to our friends from Chesterfield, Warsop and Worksop, who again ensured some excellent ringing of the standard normally expected on such a tour.

A. B. C.

DARTFORD AND DISTRICT

On June 25th Dartford and district ringers toured part of Kent and Sussex for their annual outing. After a good start, Edenbridge's eight were set going to everyone's delight and proved a good omen for the rest of the day. Then on into Sussex and to Uckfield, where again the eight bells were put to good use.

Lunch was followed by two touches on handbells at Ye Maiden's Head Hotel. The journey to Burwash was through a very pleasant countryside and the delightful sights here were enjoyed. Then on to Wadhurst with its recently-augmented bells, and once again full marks were accorded.

Tea was taken at the Queen's Head before leaving for Frant, where, unfortunately, a call change band occupies the tower and the ropes needed adjusting. However, time would not allow of this, so a few touches were brought round on the six bells and the journey continued back into Kent to Tonbridge with its fine eight, and the heaviest of the day's selection. For the last call of the day Seal St. Lawrence, with its six, was visited, and these were kept going until 9 p.m.

The ringing was of a very high standard and touches in standard methods up to Cambridge were brought home, in some cases with local ringers joining in. At all towers a reception committee awaited us, and our thanks are due to clergy and towerkeepers for an exceptionally fine day's ringing on some grand bells.

R. G. R.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS

Bury St. Edmunds ringers selected Kent for their annual outing on July 2nd. Leaving Bury by coach at 7 a.m. the journey to London was via Epping Forest, and the Thames was crossed by the Blackwall Tunnel. Maidstone was reached at 12.10 p.m., about ten minutes late. Here after the long journey the company were disappointed to find the tower door locked and they were unable to ring.

After lunch at Maidstone the company went to St. Nicholas' Church, Leeds (10), a massive tower of short height, and here ringing included Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal. Mr. A. E. Moore, who had been to Leeds during the 1914-18 war, escorted the party to the gravestone of James Barham, who died at the age of 93, and rang in the long peal which lasted 27 hours.

The next tower was Rochester Cathedral (10, tenor 30 cwt.) and before ringing we heard the large choir of 500 singing at the festival service. Ringing was fairly good as our back-enders are used to heavy bells. All were ready for a cup of tea at 6 p.m.

When we arrived at out coach we found that the driver had wheel trouble. This delayed departure by about two hours. A tired but happy party reached Bury St. Edmunds at 12.30 a.m.

A. W.R.

GLORIOUS SUNSHINE MADE THESE OUTINGS MEMORABLE

CHECKENDON, OXON

Members of the Checkendon band, with friends from Shiplake, Mapledurham and Reading, had a most enjoyable outing into Hampshire on July 23rd.

The journey to the first tower, the eight at Liss, took longer than expected, and we arrived nearly half an hour late. Ringing was enjoyed on this musical octave (tenor 12¼ cwt.) but the long draught proved the undoing of some of the less experienced.

Next came the heaviest ring of the day, Havant (8, 18¼ cwt.), with a pleasant belfry full of creaking timbers. Our youngsters redeemed themselves here, and methods up to Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung before the party dispersed for lunch.

Afterwards the coach ran along near the coast to Titchfield, the only six of the day. Nobody complained of the heat, however, until we started ringing at Titchfield. An external stone staircase leads to the small ringing chamber, which soon became stifling; these bells are not renowned for their 'go,' and the sweat poured off everyone.

We found it a little cooler in the ground-floor ringing chamber of the rather disappointing eight at SS. Peter and Paul's, Fareham, after which the party had an excellent and well-earned tea at the Old Vine, just outside the town.

The last tower we visited was Petersfield. This glorious octave (tenor 16¼ cwt.) was voted the best of the day and some good touches were brought round. The end came all too soon with a good fall soon after 8 p.m. Home was reached for most of us at 11 p.m., after a stop at Alton.

We hope that the young lady from Havant, who was in attendance for most of the day, enjoyed herself, and we were all sorry that Ben Wakefield was unable to be with us. The party express their thanks to Mr. George Hearns, the organiser, those who met us at the towers (with apologies to Liss), and others who helped to make the outing a success.

R. K. R.

RICHMOND, YORKS

Accompanied by ringers stationed at Catterick Camp, the Richmond, St. Mary's, ringers left Richmond at 8.30 a.m. on July 9th for a tour in West Yorkshire and North Lancashire. The first call was the mellow eight at Sedburgh, where coffee was taken. Crossing the border into Lancashire, the next stop was the six at Cartmel, where we were greeted by the Rector and Miss Margaret Snowdon. After ringing, the party travelled to Holker Hall, about a mile away for lunch.

Some of the party then visited Flookburgh, with a heavy six (tenor 18 cwt.), whilst the remainder looked round the Hall. We found these bells to be the best of the day. The next stop was the rather cramped light eight at Morecambe, where Grandsire Triples and Kent Major were rung.

After an excellent tea the journey back to Richmond was via Lancaster and Ingleton.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Cambridge Minor, Grandsire Triples and Kent Major.

M. P. H.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET

Durleigh ringers, accompanied by friends, including three ringers from Wembdon, held their third annual outing, in glorious weather, on July 16th.

Leaving Durleigh at 9.30 a.m. the party proceeded via Bridgwater and Somerton to Bruton (6, 26cwt.), where an enjoyable 40 minutes was spent. The next tower on the list was Nunney (6, 12cwt.) and from here the party went on to Frome for lunch.

St. Mary's, Devizes (6, 17cwt.), in Wiltshire, was the next objective and was reached after a pleasant run through delightful country. Tea was also taken here and afterwards the party re-entered Somerset, to Chilcompton (6, 20 cwt.), the last tower of the day. Ringing here had to be cut short due to the party having lost the way and arriving late. A good 'lower,' however, ended a very pleasant day.

Ringing included rounds, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor. Thanks are due to the organisers and to those who met the ringers at the towers. G. M.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE

Six churches in the counties of Cheshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Lancashire were visited by the Grappenhall Branch of Ringers on their annual outing on July 16th.

An early start was necessary and the Runcorn party met their colleagues from the rural areas at Hathersage. It was in this very old country church that the day's ringing started, and while this was in process the visitors found the grave of Little John, of Robin Hood fame.

The journey to St. George's, Doncaster, led through Sheffield and Rotherham. In climbing the 137 steps to the ringing chamber the older ringers kept up with the younger members of the party. Ringing included touches of Cambridge Surprise. Stedman and Plain Bob Major. Doncaster Parish Church has also, according to the head verger, the largest organ in any church in the country. After these exertions the party was ready for lunch.

The Church of All Saints', Pontefract, a very beautiful building inside, was the next objective. Later St. Giles', in the centre of the town with its ring of ten bells, was visited. This was another long climb to the ringing chamber; nevertheless, the message of the bells was sent out to the hundreds of people in the shopping centre. Tea was, indeed, welcome. Pontefract was left at 6 p.m. for Ossett, the route being via Wakefield, where the Cathedral could be seen in the distance. Perhaps the villagers wondered why their bells were ringing, never dreaming that these strangers had travelled so many miles.

To reach Marsden, the industrial town of Huddersfield was passed. In this ancient church some of the local band were waiting to join in the ringing. It was 9.15 when the bells were dropped and then came the long journey home.

The outing, the tenth since the war, will go down as one of the best. Thanks are due to Mr. Cecil Raddon, the organiser, for the tremendous amount of work he put in and also to the clergy and belfry masters of the churches visited.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, PLYMOUTH

The ringers of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, with their wives and families, set off at 7.30 a.m. sharp on July 16th for their annual outing. The weather was ideal and the early morning run took us to Torpoint Ferry through Liskeard and to Lostwithiel, where we enjoyed coffee and cakes, some even having 'Cornish pasties'—greatly appreciated, as most of the party had had their breakfast at 6.30 a.m.

The first real business was at Lanlivery, a village just two miles from Lostwithiel, where there is a ring of eight which has recently been renovated. The next church was St. Sampson-by-Fowey, standing on the slopes of the River Fowey and affording an excellent view of the river. The visit here created a precedent, as in the 130 churches visited by the Society since the war this is the first five-bell tower (tenor 4¼ cwt.). There was, however, a special reason, as one of our company, Mr. Owen Thomas, was born in the parish (as also was his wife), and christened and married in the grand old church. Mr. Thomas started his ringing there some 40 years ago.

Then on to Fowey, where the ring of eight must rank high amongst the eight-bell towers in Cornwall, and where we had some excellent ringing before seeking lunch. Fowey is a lovely spot, the home for many years of the late Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, and across the river at Bodinnick Miss Daphne Du Maurier spent her childhood. We later passed near to Miss Du Maurier's home, where she now resides with her husband, General Browning, and family. Later we saw Jamaica Inn, from whence her book 'Jamaica Inn' took its name, and afterwards to Altarnun, where the niece in that story went to the Vicar for advice and help.

Leaving Fowey we wended our way amongst to Clay Pits to St. Denys, where the Rector awaited us, then on to the Goss Moor, through Bodmin and over the Bodmin Moor for an excellent high tea at the King's Head Hotel, Altarnun. At Altarnun the Vicar (the Rev. Mr Kneebone) not only gave us a welcome, but we rang some call changes for him to join in.

Stoke Climsland has a lovely ring of eight and although our ringing (Grandsire and Stedman Triples—Doubles at St. Sampson's without a tenor— and rounds for the less experienced) had been very good indeed during the day, we really excelled ourselves here, so much so that one of the local ringers said, 'Our chaps cannot ring them like it.'

After a short break at Tavistock we arrived back in Plymouth at 10.15, having spent a most enjoyable day. At tea Mr. J. P. Sims, our captain, thanked the 'chara' driver, the hotel proprietors and Mr. H. H. Thomas (hon. secretary) for arranging this circular trip of S.E. Cornwall, and had a special word of thanks for Mr. 'Bill' Collier for his work in the belfry, his latest act being the preparation of a peal board, which has now been lettered and is ready for dedication. H. H. T.

Mr. Frank K. Measures, the Hinckley District secretary, was unfortunately unable to take part in the district's in memoriam peal to Harold J. Poole at Stoney Stanton. All the other district officers rang.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

TOMLINSON—ARRANDALE.—On August 10th, 1905, at the Church of St. John, Blackburn, Arthur Tomlinson to Ellen H. Arrandale. Present address: 370, Whalley New Road, Blackburn, Lancs. 6727

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YORKSHIRE TOUR.—August 13th–20th. A few spare seats available. Details obtainable from A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham, Chelmsford. 6682

ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS.—There will be no practices during August. 6702

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—There will be no ringing at St. Michael's, Cornhill, during August.—A. B. Peck. 6736

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, TOTTENHAM.—No ringing from Aug. 8th to Sept. 3rd owing to holidays. Ringing will recommence Sunday, Sept. 4th. Visitors welcome.—A. Robson, Sec., Dongola House, Dongola Road, N.17. 6740

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Bridlington Priory Church, Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells available 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Schoolroom 5.15 (price 4s.). Names for tea, by Thursday, to Mr. J. A. Parker, Higher Waterworks, Mill Lane, Bridlington 6735

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.—Meeting at Cottenham on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden. 6696

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District. — Evening meeting, Holywell (6) Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells available at 6 p.m. —H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6729

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Grayshott (8), Saturday, Aug. 6th, from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6684

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Brislington (6). Aug. 6th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Vicarage meeting follows. Please come and help.—A. Bennett. 6720

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting at Cheriton (8), Aug. 6th. Bells 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. —W. P. G. 6629

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting at Horsmonden on Saturday, Aug. 6th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please bring own tea. 6690

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Harrow-on-the-Hill, Saturday, Aug. 6th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—T. J. Lock. 6725

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Godshill, Aug. 6th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mrs. A. M. Guy, Hon. Sec. 6731

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, Aug. 10th, 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6728

BARNSLEY and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETIES.—Joint meeting, Bolsterstone, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify Mr. J. R. Brearley, Frank Hillock Field, Deepcar, near Sheffield, not later than Aug. 10th.—D. Smith and J. Seager, Hon. Secs. 6705

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting at Brancepeth, Aug. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided; please bring own food.—E. P. Rock. 6715

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Hartfield (6), Aug. 13th. Tea at the Anchor Hotel. Please notify the proprietor by p.c. or on arrival at Hartfield. Method for practice: Woodbine T.B..—C. A. Bassett. 6730

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Watton, Aug. 13th, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Datchworth after tea. Names for tea, by 11th, to W. J. Milton, 12, Station Road, Watton-at-Stone, Hertford, Herts.—T. W. Southam. 6709

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Practice meeting, Moreton-Valence (6), Saturday, Aug. 13th, 6 p.m.—A. Lynall, Branch Sec. 6726

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Highworth (8), Aug. 13th. Tea. — Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3926. 6712

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Horsmonden, Saturday, Aug 13th, 2.30 p.m. (not Aug. 20th). Names for tea, by Aug. 10th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 6717

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m., followed by byusiness meeting. Ladies, please support. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea by the 10th, please.—B. Percy, Esperance, Oldfield Road, Willingdon, Eastbourne. 6688

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Penwortham, Saturday, Aug. 13th. Light refreshments provided.—L. Walmsley. 6664

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with ESSEX ASSOCIATION at St. Dunstan's, Stepney (near Stepney Green Station), Saturday, Aug. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service and tea.—T. J. Lock. 6724

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Monthly practice, Aug. 13th, at Bradfield, 4.30 and 6.30: at Englefield and Theale from 6 p.m. — R. G. Burton. 6718

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting, Kirkby-in-Furness, on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 4 p.m. Names for tea to F. Moorhouse, Suncrest, Kirkby-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6738

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 6733

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting, Tettenhall, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Picnic tea in Vicarage garden 5.15. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. Names not required.—F. C. A. Bennett. 6723

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Gamston (6), Saturday, Aug. 13th. Please bring own food; cups of tea provided.—H. Denman. 6714

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Quarterly meeting, Goring, Aug. 13th, 3. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 6719

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District meeting at Bamburgh on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Private bus hired, leaving Newcastle Central Station at 1.30 p.m. Picnic tea (bring own). Names for bus, by Monday, Aug. 15th, to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne 3. 6711

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Ecclesfield, Aug. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Gatty Hall. Names, by 18th, to Mr. L. E. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 6734

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Willingham on Saturday, Aug. 28th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—George L. C. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 6741

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner. The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets, price 13s., from the undersigned. Early application is advised, as numbers are limited.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec., Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Tonbridge, Kent. 6680

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WHERE ARE THE PEAL RINGERS?

SOME TIME ago a prominent member of the Central Council said to the editor, 'There are far too many peals rung to-day.' That was at a time when 'The Ringing World' was handling between 50 and 60 peals a week. This year has seen a dramatic change; in many weeks there have been under 30 peals received, and the question does arise as to whether the art of peal ringing on tower bells is to go the same way as those 'in hand.'

Handbell ringing to the ability to ring a peal on eight, ten or twelve bells is becoming a lost art. There are hundreds of ringers who dabble with handbells and enjoy a touch, but sustained ringing, like that in the good old days told somewhat graphically a fortnight ago, is not a part of the ringer's programme. Perhaps it is that life is far fuller; the attractions of the outer world, such as wireless, television and the cinema, have too great a call on many individuals' time to permit of ringing to be an almost exclusive hobby. Handbells as such have not lost favour; the demand for second-hand sets is still heavy. Efficiency, as in tower bell ringing, however, will only be accomplished by regular practice. To quote an example: we heard of a case of four experienced ringers 'in hand,' with a number of peals to their credit, who have met on four occasions in an attempt to score a peal without success.

As to the drop in tower bell peals, not all are due to lack of interest. To-day there is a desire for variety among experienced ringers and, generally speaking, a wish not to tolerate for record purposes anything that does not strictly conform to good ringing. From what we gather, the code of ethics among most companies will not tolerate a long sorting out. Only a minor trip is corrected. This is as it should be. Peals worthy of counting should be good peals. Have we the lynx-eyed conductors as of old who nursed the weak members of the band with such consummate skill? While the art of conducting to-day is good, it is now far more widespread. The opportunity to conduct comes to most young ringers, but it should be noted this does not always produce peals. We do not in any sense condemn these greater opportunities.

Is sufficient attention given to ropes to-day? Peal attempts that come to an abrupt termination through ropes breaking seem to be more numerous, and they are invariably a 'special occasion' peal, when there is a desire to perpetuate either the memory of an individual or a big event. It is easy to say that the ropes should be thoroughly inspected before an attempt is made, but this is not always possible. Judging by the reports we receive from outings and tours, the standard of maintenance of ropes has deteriorated.

We do not believe the precautionary methods advocated in the Central Council's handbook on the 'Preservation and Care of Bells, etc.,' are practised or observed. Ropes are expensive. A wise company will not only do its utmost to preserve the life of its bell ropes, but endeavour to build up a fund to supplement any grants made from the Parochial Church Council, and it should be remembered that in these days the maintenance of the bells is not the first consideration on a Council's funds. Best results are invariably obtained where the ringers are co-operative and in happy relations with other church workers.

The fact that the number of peals rung has diminished has resulted in more pages being available in 'The Ringing World' for general reading matter. The editor would appreciate articles of general interest to ringers, particularly on any new subject. Many an old ringer has a good story to tell, and if it can be improved by a journalistic touch, well the editor is there for that purpose! The essential thing is that the advantage of the extra page or two should be for the benefit of the general reader. Already we have received appreciative messages from correspondents regarding additional general news space. The success of 'The Ringing World' in its appeal depends on the individual contributor more than the editor. Bricks cannot be made without straw, and the straw is to be found in the towers and belfries of these islands and beyond the seas.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5067 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

A. ST. JOHN BOYACK	*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
MRS. R. F. DEAL	2	RICHARD F. DEAL	7
JOHN H. CRAMPTON	3	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	8
*ROBERT J. CHAPMAN	4	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	9
HARRY TURNER	5	FREDERICK C. TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal and first attempt.
A 16th birthday compliment to Robert J. Chapman.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 34 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*MRS. A. SIMPSON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEIRN	6
†STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	*GEORGE W. MOODY	7
JACK BRAY	3	BERT SUTTON	8
CLEMENT GLENN	4	CHARLES BARKER	9
*ALLAN SIMPSON	5	LEONARD RODMELL	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* 25th peal together. † First peal of Gandsire Caters.
Rung with the best wishes of the band to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Hoodless, parents of Mrs. A. Simpson, on the occasion of their silver wedding.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5021 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

G. ALEC DIMMOCK	*Treble*	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	E. ROGER MARTIN	7
DOREEN DUTTON	3	RONALD KENRICK	8
THOMAS BARKER	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	9
ERNEST J. GOWER	5	JOHN JOLLEYS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
First peal in the method for all the band and for the Lancashire Association.
Rung to mark the centenary of the rebuilding of the church.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

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On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

MARGARET SOFTLEY	*Treble*	KENNETH LAWSON	5
CHARLES MCGUINESS	2	DENIS A. BAYLES	6
JOHN WALDEN	3	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	7
CHARLES N. LEA	4	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
Rung to mark the ordination as deacon on Trinity Sunday of the Rev. J. G. Edgar.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	†PETER SHIPTON	5
*STEPHEN J. IVIN	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	JOHN W. SINFIELD	7
DENNIS KNOX	4	R. JOHN SCOTT	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal on eight bells. First peal of Plain Bob Triples by all the band.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7½ cwt.

EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Treble*	GEORGE A. BUTTON	5
MARIAN H. MILLS	2	ALLEN K. CANSDALE	6
MICHAEL A. MILLS	3	ROY DUESBURY	7
ANNE V. LEWIS	4	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ROY DUESBURY.

ST. IVES, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., July 25, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

MARIELLA MUNDY	*Treble*	JOHN R. G. SPICER	5
E. JACK PARISH	2	FRANK W. LACK	6
R. FRANK BAKER	3	NORMAN MALLETT	7
HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Wed., July 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt.

*PHILIP A. CARTER	*Treble*	*A. ST. JOHN BOYACK	5
*THOMAS E. DAVIES	2	*SQUIRE CROFT	6
*MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	3	†WILFRID G. WILSON	7
†J. E. LEWIS COCKEY	4	*HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by WILFRID G. WILSON.
* First peal in the method. † 35th peal together. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells and for the Association.
Rung as a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lewis Cockey and to Robin Bruce Lyndon prior to their departure for Winnipeg, Canada, on August 10th.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's (Second Observation). Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*DAVID T. NORTH	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY J. GAMMON	5
ARTHUR H. REED	2	*†WALTER STEVENS	6
*WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	7
STANLEY N. BRISTOW	4	GORDON WALFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. REED.
* First peal of Triples in the method. † 25th peal.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. J. C. Lloyd, M.A., who was instituted and inducted to this parish on June 29th.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

*LEONARD KEITH MOORE	*Treble*	ARTHUR GAUNT	5
*GRAHAM S. FORD	2	ROBERT S. ANDERSON	6
*BRYAN RYLES	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
GEOFFREY C. BEECH	4	G. ARNOLD MOORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.
* First peal. First peal since rehanging.
Rung on the 60th anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

F. H. Dexter's Variation No. 2. Tenor 22 cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE	*Treble*	GEORGE F. BURTON	5
HENRY G. KEELEY	2	ROGER KEELEY	6
*RAYMOND P. SELWAY	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	7
ARTHUR H. REED	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*HAROLD F. WHITE	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
*BERNARD MADELEY	2	*FREDERICK PRICE	6
*F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	CHARLES H. PAGE	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county and for the Association.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
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JOHN THORLEY	*Treble*	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
MILTON C. FOWLER	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	GIBSON JACKSON	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

*DAVID STAPLES	*Treble*	*CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	5
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	2	GEOFFREY PEARSON	6
REGINALD BEALE	3	HILDRED S. WICKENS	7
HARRY BAKER	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. E. S. POWELL. Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.
* First peal on eight bells.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Bruerton's Twelve-part, transposed by E. Mottis.
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	*Treble*	†ARTHUR D. SAYER	5
MRS. A. D. SAYER	2	F. KEVON THOMPSON	6
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	3	ROYSTON WILMORE	7
ERNEST MORRIS	4	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal on eight. † First 'inside' to Grandsire Triples.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JAMES G. NEWMAN	*Treble*	JOHN W. SINFIELD	5
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	2	PHILIP MEHEW	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	BRYAN F. SIMS	7
DENNIS KNOX	4	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

S. ARTHUR READ	*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
A. GEORGE CLARE	2	ERIC NAYLOR	6
GEORGE W. MASSEY	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
MRS. JOHN THOMAS	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

*ROGER A. BREWIN	*Treble*	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	4
ARTHUR D. SAYER	2	ERNEST F. PAYNE	5
GEOFFREY M. BREWIN	3	ROYSTON WILMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.
* First peal of Minor.
Rung to welcome the new Vicar of Rothley (the Rev. J. G. Hunting).

SILK-WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Seven 720's: (1) Beverley; (2) York; (3) Norfolk; (4) Primrose; (5) Cambridge; (6) Ipswich; (7) Beverley, Berwick, Durham, York, Hexham and Surfleet. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

RUTH MORGAN	*Treble*	†LEONARD C. BLANCHARD	4
ALBERT E. SCOTT	2	JAMES W. HAW	5
*CECIL WADE	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL WADE.
* 50th peal of Surprise. † 25th peal. The ringer of the 5th has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter (Beverley June) to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Musson.

ASHWICK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., July 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's of Single Court, two 720's of Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

EDWARD J. CHIVERS	*Treble*	†ROBERT E. BECK	4
*ADRIAN P. BECK	2	†ERNEST E. BRAY	5
DAVID HOARE	3	RONALD G. BECK	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD G. BECK.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in three methods of Minor.

WOODEATON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., July 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 33 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

42 extents. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B.

*DAVID G. WOODWARD	*Treble*	*MALCOLM JOURNEAUX	3
VERNON GREEN	2	ROBIN TREBILCOCK	4
ALEC GAMMON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles for all. Believed to be the first peal of Grandsire on the bells.

FELKIRK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 36 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents (five callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

DANIEL SMITH	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY INGHAM	4
HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	2	PHILIP H. SPECK	5
*DONALD R. MARSHALL	3	J. MARTIN THORLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MARTIN THORLEY.

* First peal of Surprise Minor.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., July 28, 1955, in 2 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

JOHN R. G. SPICER	*Treble*	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	4
*HAROLD S. PEACOCK	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
*GORDON D. WHITEHEAD	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.

* First peal of London.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILFRED G. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	DAVID VOKES	4
JOHN S. BARNES	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
DR. PAUL H. A. JONASON	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Miss T. Hook, married that day in Norwich Cathedral.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 30 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 16 methods: (1) Single Court and Double Court; (2) Amersham Alliance and Little Bob; (3) Fulbeck, Reverse Canterbury, Double Bob and Plain Bob; (4) Cambridge Surprise; (5) St. Clement's and Childwall; (6) Double Oxford and Thelwall; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. 49 changes of method.

Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

*†ERNEST J. JELLEY	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	2	*JOHN M. JELLEY	5
*MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in 16 methods. † 100th peal.

A birthday compliment to Ernest Morris.

DUXFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	4
T. REGINALD DENNIS	2	RALPH BEAUMONT	5
BRIAN PRATT	3	*WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* 25th peal together.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

*ANTHONY TRICKETT	*Treble*	BRIAN SCHOFIELD	4
MARGARET HALL	2	ALBERT CRAWLEY	5
IVOR JENKINS	3	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.

* First peal. First peal of Bob Minor as conductor.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. G. Hickman, a lay reader, who is retiring owing to ill health.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 20 extents (10 callings) and 11 240's (three callings).
Tenor 16 cwt.

KENNETH G. BROWN	*Treble*	ARTHUR F. BALLAM	4
*LESLIE PIERCE	2	*ERNEST BISHOP	5
*HARRY KING	3	LEONARD S. SHARPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH G. BROWN.

* First peal in the method.

WOODHOUSE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 41 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-IN-THE-ELMS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in G.

*MAURICE BISHOP	*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	4
ERNEST MORRIS	2	FREDERICK T. BINDLEY	5
ROYSTON WILMORE	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

* First peal of Minor.

QUARTER PEALS

THAME, OXON.—On July 24th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): W. Fulker 1, H. Badger 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absalom (cond.) 5, R. Arnott 6. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Dorchester, who consecrated an extension of the churchyard on this day.

TOTNES, DEVON.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. E. B. Wood 1, J. E. Lilley 2, A. L. Bennett 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, Rev. J. G. M. Scott 5, G. A. Uglow 6, E. J. Taylor 7, D. Cross (first quarter) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. George A. Harvey and Miss Nita Bickford, of Totnes, who were married at Totnes Parish Church earlier in the day.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On July 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Morris 1, T. Randall (first quarter) 2, R. Hobbs (first quarter) 3, H. Denman 4, D. Hinitt 5, D. McNeil (cond., first quarter) 6. Before morning service. Also as a farewell to Alan Simpson.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTS.—On July 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. D. Clarke (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, J. D. Clarke 3, T. G. Goodwin 4, A. Simpson (cond.) 5, T. O. Greasley 6.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. C. Castle 1, Miss M. Cole 2, W. Hunt 3, W. J. Brooks 4, W. Pearce 5, W. J. Paice (cond.) 6, S. G. Day 7, J. Woodason 8. First quarter of Stedman for 2, 5 and 8. Rung as a token of good wishes to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, Vicar of Great Yarmouth, who was married that day to Miss Hook, daughter of the Dean of Norwich. Mr. Thurlow was at one time assistant priest at Wokingham. The quarter was rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

QUARTER PEALS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On July 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. R. E. Lester 1, Marion Mills 2, P. W. Mills 3, Michael Mills 4, U. W. Wildney 5, R. E. Lester (cond.) 6.

BRAMPTON, CUMBERLAND.—On July 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. Hodgson (first of Minor) 1, J. Butterfield 2, A. Hodgson 3, J. Ling 4, J. B. V. Porter 5, A. Forsyth (cond.) 6. A farewell by the Carlisle Cathedral band to A. Hodgson on his joining the Army. First of Minor on the bells.

CHARLTON-ON-OTMOOR, OXON.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. Miller 1, D. Woodward (first 'inside') 2, V. Green 3, M. Journeaux 4, R. H. Jones (cond.) 5.

CHERITON, KENT.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shirley A. Martin (14) (first quarter) 1, B. Heppenstall (first quarter 'inside') 2, W. C. Chandler 3, J. F. Soles 4, M. J. Martin 5, J. Thorne (first quarter) 6. Conducted jointly by 3 and 5.

CLIFTON, BEDS.—On July 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Mays 1, Miss J. Mayes (first quarter 'inside') 2, A. S. Smith 3, A. W. Dilley 4, J. Church 5, B. F. Sims 6, L. H. Bywaters (cond.) 7, S. H. Wallis 8.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET. — On July 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): W. H. Poole (cond.) 1, G. Gaylard 2, Dr. L. E. Wear (first quarter) 3, J. S. Hacking (first quarter 'inside') 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, K. E. Pinney 6, S. Wills 7, H. Pike 8.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET. — On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Bird 1, G. Marchant (first as cond.) 2, D. Miller 3, M. Stone 4, C. Clarke 5, C. Dymant 6. A farewell to the curate, Rev. Lincoln Jones, who is leaving the district.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On July 31st, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss B. Slark 1, E. J. Coode 2, G. Daynes 3, J. Chilcot 4, F. Richardson 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, F. Hurrell 8. Rung for Evensong and Eve of Lammas. Also a welcome to the Rev. John Llewellyn, a former curate and now chaplain to King's College, Wimbledon.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. V. Beldom 1, G. Galley 2, W. A. R. Chamberlain 3, R. Chapman 4, F. W. Lack (cond.) 5, C. Clarke 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On July 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, F. L. Nicholls 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, G. Perkins 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS. — On July 10th, 1,440 Ipswich Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, E. J. Parish 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, W. Ransome 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Pierce 1, L. Sharpe 2, H. King 3, E. Bishop 4, K. G. Brown (cond.) 5. Rung to celebrate the birth of a garnddaughter, Maureen June Tipple, to the ringer of the treble.

POWERSTOCK, DORSET.—On July 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. H. Poole (cond.) 1, W. T. Godfrey (first on five bells) 2, R. Gaylard (first on five bells) 3, H. J. Gaylard 4, A. J. Scott 5. First quarter ever rung on the bells. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the second, who is leaving Powerstock to live at Milford-on-Sea, Hants.

PUCKLECHURCH, BRISTOL.—On August 1st, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: C. B. Penfold (first quarter) 1, B. W. S. Angell (cond.) 2, L. Hammond 3, P. S. Overbury 4, D. B. I. Pennal 5, N. J. Smart 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd and Mrs. Pennal, a member of the band.

RAINHAM, KENT.—On July 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: N. Humphries 1, Mrs. J. Carey 2, Miss E. B. P. Walker 3, G. A. Naylor 4, J. Hale 5, F. J. Cheal 6, T. A. Cross (cond.) 7, R. A. Admans 8. All local service ringers at this church. Rung for the patronal Evensong festival on St. Margaret's Day.

RAMSBURY, WILTS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dr. G. Roworth (first quarter) 1, Mrs. P. Wilton 2, C. V. Gardiner 3, F. G. Wilton 4, E. Sutton (cond.) 5, W. W. T. Daniell 6.

REIGATE, SURREY.—On July 30th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Hanning 1, F. T. Hoad 2, Miss B. Saggers 3, G. F. Hoad (cond.) 4, C. S. Hoad 5, W. H. Inwood 6, A. T. Shelton 7, H. Coomber 8. A birthday compliment (for August 1st) to the ringer of the 7th. Rung after a wedding.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On July 27th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 360 April Day, 540 Grandsire): R. A. Brewin 1, R. Wilmore (cond.) 2, A. D. Sayer 3, G. M. Brewin 4, B. S. Payne 5, P. Plowright 6. Rung before the service of induction to welcome the Lord Bishop of Leicester.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On June 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Jean E. Race 1, Daphne A. Lodge 2, H. G. Goddard 3, B. W. Parke 4, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 5, D. V. Crouchman 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. D. S. Crouchman.

STOKE PRIOR, WORCS.—On July 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): F. Barnett 1, T. Sparkes (first in method) 2, A. O. Lewis 3, W. H. Raxter 4, D. J. Potter (first quarter as cond.) 5, V. Neal 6, F. Pugh 7, J. Nash 8. A wedding anniversary compliment for A. O. Lewis.



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FROM SUSSEX TO SOMERSET TOUR

NEARLY 1,100 MILES TRAVELLED DURING A HAPPY WEEK—32 TOWERS VISITED

THANKS to the splendid organisation by Miss Wyman, of Lingfield, a very happy week was spent by all who took part in the week's tour of nearly 1,100 miles with headquarters at Wells. Ringing reached a very high standard throughout the week, ranging from Grandsire Triples to six-spliced Surprise Major and Cambridge Royal. 1,532 steps were climbed to ring a total of 18,364 changes in 121 touches in 32 towers.

The party travelled on Sunday, July 3rd, from Horsham by coach through Hungerford, Marlborough, Devizes to Frome, where we met Mr. Massey and were given a welcome by the Vicar previous to ringing on the fine eight at St. John's for evening service.

On arrival at Wells we were accommodated at the Ancient Gate House Hotel. The Gate House itself is 700 years old, a Norman building once in the hands of feudal barons and now scheduled as an Ancient Building. A few members of the party were soon ready to believe this when they found themselves going up to their rooms via belfry-like stone stairs and being confronted with four-poster beds.

Monday, the 4th, started off on a sad note as Mr. Apps, a member of the party, was taken ill, eventually having an operation in Bristol Hospital, and consequently his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Snelling, missed a good deal of the tour while visiting him.

Chewton Mendip was the first call; a lovely church and glorious tower containing a very melodious and easy-going eight (tenor 24 cwt.). Loath to leave them we went on to Chew Magna to find another fine eight. After lunch at beauty spot Barrington Combe, Wrington was reached, the first ten of the tour, where we were welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Knight, and excellent use was made of these very fine bells. Some of the party visited the grave of the late John H. B. Hesse.

Yatton, with its fine tower and quaint spire, has an eight of beautiful tone and 'go.' Yorkshire, Stedman and six-spliced were well struck. Some thought this the best ring so far.

Blagdon, another fine eight, took a bit more handling than the bells at Yatton. A dog sang (or protested) as the bells were got up. It is recorded that in 1512 William Tavener gave 6s. 8d. for a new bell.

On Tuesday the first call was Ditcheat, a beautiful church in a lovely setting. Various methods were well rung, including a course of London on this easy-going eight.

'THE LANTERN OF THE WEST'

Next came Yeovil, its lovely 15th century church widely known as 'The Lantern of the West,' and a massive tower with one of the most harmonious rings of ten one could wish for.

At East Coker we found a very nice handy eight, the belfry entered through a door near the altar rails.

All were eager to climb the 90 steps to the belfry of Sherborne Abbey, and after the fifth rope was repaired below the sally the bells were soon going to Stedman and Cambridge. Mrs. Godley, of Yetminster, met us here.

We made a passing call at Queen Camel and heard the chimes strike six, so we were able to say that we had rung on the heaviest ten and eight and heard the heaviest six.

After dinner at Wells we were glad to go to St. Cuthbert's, a church founded by King Alfred after his victory over the Danes about 890 A.D. Good use was made of the Taylor eight (tenor 27 cwt.) and the ringing included a good course of Bristol.

On Wednesday we arrived at Curry Rivel very late so we were deprived of the full enjoyment of the good ring of eight. In the church there is a 17th century Jennings Brothers Memorial—two troopers dressed in jackboots and jerkins.

North Curry, with its central octagonal tower, has a nice eight which needed time to get used to. In the vestry is a marble slab inscribed with an interesting account of the Reeve's Feast.

Taunton St. James' has fine-toned bells but on ball bearings by Mears in 1954. Stedman and Double Norwich went well and also three leads of Bristol. The perpendicular tower is one of the finest in the county. In the ringing room there are 14 handbells acquired in memory of a ringer, James Hunt, and in the church a children's window showing children of 18 nations—a thankoffering of the donors for the safe return of 11 nephews from the 1939-45 war.

Wellington has an excellent Taylor eight, recast 1949, and included in the ringing was a course of Wellington Little Court. In the church there is a rare pre-Reformation 'Lily Crucifix' in the centre mullion of the east window in the side chapel.

A diversion was made to climb the Brendon Hills to Chipstable, where one of the party (Mr. Young) spent his boyhood.

Then on to Old Cleeve with sweet-toned Mears bells (tenor 18¼ cwt.), rather long draught and a bit springy, with fine views across the sea to Dunster, Minehead and the Welsh coast. A very good Somerset tea was enjoyed here, and a fine ride with glimpses of the sea to Bridgwater, 170 feet tower, ground-floor ringing, with long draught but not too difficult to handle.

EVERCREECH'S EXAMPLE

On Thursday we set off for Evercreech, with the fine ten so often broadcast. Everybody felt constrained to do their best and Stedman, Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Royal were rung. Group photographs were taken to form mementoes of the occasion.

The Vicar and Mr. Kynaston met us at Shepton Mallet, the oldest and finest tower in Somerset. The church has a Saxon font, a wagon-type roof with 350 panels all of different designs, and a pulpit chiselled from a single piece of stone. The bells (tenor 25 cwt.) were much enjoyed.

Lunch of chicken, strawberries and cream was taken at the Miners Arms, Priddy, associated since Roman times with lead mining, then on to Cheddar via the famous Gorge of breath-taking beauty causing everybody to wish the coach had no roof. There has been a church at Cheddar since the time of King Alfred. There is no east window, but an oil painting of the Last Supper at Emmaus by a 17th century Dutch artist. The ringers enjoyed the ringing more than the coach driver did, as when he went to the top of the tower to scan the scenery he quickly came down when he saw cracks in the masonry opening and closing with the swing of the bells!

After tea we travelled to Mark, where the north door is guarded by two red-painted stone lions. Unfortunately they have not prevented the church being completely infested with bats and woodworm. The two trebles were added as a war memorial, and an excellent course of Yorkshire was rung on the very pleasant and easy-going ring. A course of Somerset came to grief at the fifth lead end. The Vicar met us and was pleased to see three Welsh compatriots in the company.

Our last tower of the day was Wedmore, a cruciform church with central tower, scene of the peace of Wedmore between King Alfred and the Danes. We found a very good ring but four, five and six ropes go through wooden shutes causing the sixth to be quite silent to the ringer of it.

AT LYME REGIS

On Friday we changed direction into Dorset, and after being held up by a convoy of Army 'L' drivers, we arrived at Lyme Regis, where we met Dr. L. Taylor and Mr. George H. Cross. The eight bells were recast and rehung by Taylors in 1953, and the tone and 'go' are perfect. The tower is in such close proximity to the sea that protective measures have continually to be taken.

A packed lunch was enjoyed on the beach at Seaton, then along the coast road to Sidmouth (Devon), a fine massive tower, bells rehung and recast by Mears in 1922, a handy light eight.

A long run took us back into Somerset to Ilminster, with a tower further round than it is high, and the church containing a most beautiful modern reredos delicately carved—a sermon in stone. On the grand eight here a course of Somerset was accomplished.

From time to time we had noted Glastonbury Tor, and now we paid a visit to the church, which existed before 1144, and the tower built 1475. We were met by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thomas, and the ringing was thoroughly enjoyed on the notably fine ring.

On Saturday we were reminded by one of the party that we were leaving Wells to go to Mells to ring the bells. We were met by Mr. Nash. The lovely bells were got up in peal and a course of Ashtead rung as well as Cambridge, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire. Mells is associated with Little John Horner, and in the north-east chapel there is an equestrian statue in memory of Lt. Edward W. Horner, who fell in France in 1917.

Midsomer Norton was the next call, wrere a bridal couple were leaving the church as Stedman Triples were rung. We were pleased to meet Mr. J. T. Dyke, who rang the tenor to a good course of Superlative. Yorkshire was also rung. We also met Mr. G. Peters, who was on a cycling tour from Leatherhead.

Additional to the programme was Corston, with a musical Taylor eight (tenor 9¼ cwt.) with very short draught. A course of Ashtead and six-spliced Surprise was rung on this truly delightful ring. Noticed in the belfry was a framed exhortation to visiting ringers on Sunday to stay to service.

MEN'S BELLS AT BATH ABBEY

Bath Abbey was next on the list with 121 steps to climb. There is here a very good ten (tenor 35 cwt.), but they are 'men's' bells, reverse way round, the eighth being a handful as

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Sussex to Somerset Tour—Cont.

the rope runs over double pulleys. Grandsire and Stedman Caters were good, but Cambridge Royal soon had to be given up.

On Sunday morning about 20 of the party attended 8 a.m. Communion in Wells Cathedral, impressively conducted by the Bishop of Bath and Wells. The Taylor ten (tenor 56 cwt.) is a delight to listen to. The ringing was good and enjoyable both inside the tower and outside the Cathedral.

Before leaving Wells all members of the party heartily thanked Miss Wyman for all the hard work and worry involved in bringing such a venture to success, and as a small mark of appreciation she was presented by Mr. Trevor Roderick with a striking clock.

The outstanding recollections of the tour are the varied and beautiful countryside, including the wonderful Cheddar Gorge, the treasures to be seen in the churches, the magnificent towers and the fine bells, the friendly company and the blessing of a week's perfect summer weather.

After farewells were made the journey home was taken with a call at Swindon for lunch and a much appreciated pull before Sunday School on the Taylor ten with perfect tone and 'go.' Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey and Mr. Kynaston met us in the tower.

The final call was for tea at The Catherine Wheel at Henley, where conversation turned on recollections of this and prospects of another tour.

Our thanks are due specially to Mr. J. Dyke for all his help, Mr. R. O. Fry for making arrangements at Bath, and to the incumbents and all local ringers for their help and kindness in making us so welcome. S. H. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Albans District

St. Mary's, Essendon, whose chancel was rebuilt after Zeppelin bombing in the first world war and whose bells have been rehung very recently, was chosen for the District meeting on July 16th. The bells are a rather plaintive ring of six, the old Chandler minor five having been augmented by a treble instead of a tenor.

With no District officers able to be present, the 15 or so at tea held no business meeting and soon returned to the tower, where from rounds to Cambridge were rung.

There will be no meeting in August; the next meeting is hoped to be at St. Michael's, St. Albans, in September. G. D.

Maidstone Grammar Schools' Change Ringing Society

We were made very welcome by the local ringers when we held our fourth meeting at Yalding on July 23rd. Ringing started at 3 p.m. and a service was held at 4 p.m., which was attended by some of the villagers as well as ringers. An excellent tea was prepared by Miss Ann Howlden and Miss Jean Langley, who are members of the Society. This was particularly enjoyed by some junior male members.

The business meeting followed with the Rev. W. L. Howlden in the chair. One new member was elected. One name was withdrawn from the membership list because the ringer concerned is no longer able to ring. More ringing followed and the meeting closed at 8 p.m. Method ringing was not very successful as there were not enough who could ring any one method. There were some Plain Bob ringers and some Grandsire ringers, but not enough of either. P. J. B.

ENGLISH BELL WANTED FOR SINHALESE CATHEDRAL

Plans are being prepared to build a Cathedral in the comparatively new diocese of Kurunagala in Ceylon. The Bishop of Kurunagala (the Right Rev. H. L. J. De Mel) is anxious for the building to contain some visible link with England, and has asked if any church or cathedral in this country can provide a bell.

The diocese of Kurunagala was created in 1950 and is the second diocese of the Church of Ceylon. Bishop De Mel, who trained for the ministry at at Keble College, Oxford, and Cuddesdon Theological College, and served his first curacy in Kennington, is the first Sinhalese Anglican Bishop.

Suggestions would be welcomed by the Secretary, Church Information Boad, Church House, Westminster, S.W.1.

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BY GEORGE J. HAWKINS (BATH)

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BELFRY GOSSIP

While ringing for the Queen Mother's birthday on Thursday, Mr. H. Langdon was responsible for one of those gracious little actions so typical of him. The second touch, one of two courses of Stedman Caters, was rung at his request, as a compliment and farewell to Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, those present wishing the latter happiness for his future in Winnipeg. This action was very much appreciated by Mr. Cockey. Those taking part were: J. E. Lewis Cockey 1, H. Langdon (conductor) 2, H. Belcher 3, T. H. Taffender 4, J. Philips 5, A. B. Peck 5, G. E. Cecil 7, W. J. Rawlings 8, R. Deal 9, J. H. Crampion 10, Mr. W. Langdon kindly giving over his bell for the touch.

Mr. F. Skidmore has retired from the secretaryship of St. Ambrose Guild, Bristol, a position he has held for 28 years.

The peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus at Sheffield Cathedral on August 1st was J. Martin Thorley's 100th peal for the Yorkshire Association, and 100th peal of Surprise.

A new organisation is introduced to readers this week in 'Friends of the Exercise.' Their correspondent is C. Savage, c/o Edenhurst, Tutshill, Chepstow, Mon.

By ringing in a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Beverley, on August 1st, Mr. Stanley E. Bennett completed the Grandsire range from Doubles to Cinques.

As a memorial to Mr. Charles Mead, who for many years called the villagers to worship, the Parochial Church Council of Great Parndon have decided to have the bells of the Parish Church put into good ringing order at a cost of about £250. Those who wish to share in this memorial can send their gift to the Rev. Alban Rabson, Rector of Great Parndon, Essex.

It is many years since the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow was a young curate at Wokingham. The occasion of his marriage on Saturday, July 30th, was, however, remembered by the local ringers, who attempted a peal in honour of the event. Unfortunately, this was unsuccessful. It was followed by a complimentary quarter.

A very fine peal of Yorkshire Surprise Maximus was rung at Sheffield Cathedral on August 1st, conducted from the 40 cwt. tenor by Mr. Wilfred Williams.

Mr. David A. Carpenter, of Coventry, rang his first peal of Cinques at Evesham on July 23rd, an in memoriam peal to Dr. Cash, late Bishop of Worcester.

Bedfordshire Young Ringers are on tour this week in Somerset. Their programme includes visits to 29 towers. This is the Young Ringers' sixth tour. They have no officers and no constitution—an ideal democracy.

Three ringers from Teignmouth joined three local ringers at Townstal to ring the quarter peal reported on page 454. Much satisfaction is felt at this step on the ladder to establish change ringing in this part of Devon.

Mr. Alfred J. Wallater, after 43 years' residence in San Francisco, is on a visit to his old tower, St. Giles', Walsall. A complimentary peal of Stedman Caters was conducted in honour of the event on July 30th by Miss Stella Hughes.

Those on holiday in Cornwall should note that combined practices are being held during the summer in central eight-bell towers organised by the Ringing Master, Mr. D. Burnett. The secretary of the Guild is the Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, Penheola, Crantock, Newquay, Cornwall.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE

By EWART H. EDGE

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THE six towns that federated to form the city of Stoke-on-Trent stretch almost in line north, north-west, and each possesses its ring of bells. The most southerly is Longton, affectionately known locally as the Neck-end, the centre of the china manufacturing industry. In the shadow of the railway bridge which crosses the square in front of the Town Hall lies the brick Church of St. John the Baptist, Lane End (Longton), its tower now floated separately from the church on a concrete raft to minimise the effect of mining subsidence, which was gradually destroying it. The bells are eight in number (15 cwt.), augmented by Taylors from a ring of seven installed by T. Mears in 1815. A curious feature is that one bell, when rung on its own, sounds in the belfry dead and quite unmusical, but appears to gain in quality as it is rung and blends well when the eight are turning.

Fenton, the sixth town, omitted in Arnold Bennett's novels, possesses another brick church with a tower of fine proportions. The first peal on this modern ring of eight (14 cwt.) was in 1901. The Rev. E. V. Cox, a welcome resident in the district, was curate here from 1905 to 1907, and took part in many peals for the North Staffordshire Association.

ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA

The city is famous the world over for its pottery, and in the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, Stoke-on-Trent, are remembered the men who raised this primitive craft to a high art—the Spodes, Wedgwoods, Adams and Mintons. The church is modern, built in the last century on the site of an earlier edifice. Two arcades in the churchyard, now pleasantly laid out in flower gardens and lawns, are the remains of the earlier church. The tower possesses a sonorous ring of eight bells (20 cwt. in E flat), cast and installed in the reign of William IV. by William and John Taylor. Fourteen of the 36 peals rung here for the Association have taken place since 1944, and of these only one has been of Triples (Stedman, 1950), seven have been of Surprise Major, including one of Pudsey fully muffled for the passing of King George VI., three of Double Norwich and the other three of Treble Bob.

COINS IN HANLEY BELLS

A mile and a half from Stoke is Hanley, the shopping centre of the city and birthplace of Arnold Bennett. The Parish Church of St. John the Evangelist, on a hill-top overlooking the old Port Vale football ground, was erected in the middle years of the 18th century. The ten bells (tenor 18 cwt. in E) cause a noticeable sway to the tower which, like the body of the church, is built of red brick. Eight of the bells date from 1790, being the work of Edward Arnold of Leicester; several of them, in addition to the founder's marks, bear coins from the reign of George III. The ascent to the ringing chamber used to be quite a difficult and, on dark winter evenings, dangerous experience, entailing the descent of an unguarded flight of steps to the boiler room beneath the tower followed by a tortuous ascent to the ringing room. More direct access has since been made.

Burslem church is undistinguished—a classical body retaining its 15th century tower in which is a ring of six bells (11¼ cwt. in F sharp) by William Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk (1828).

The slender spire of Christ Church, Tunstall—the most northerly of the pottery towns—contains eight bells (tenor 10¼ cwt.), six originally by C. and G. Mears, augmented by Taylors at the turn of the century. The ringing room is open to the gallery at the west end of the church. It was here that J. W. Washbrook and his sons rang from 1910 to the early 1920's.

BUCKNALL'S SQUAT TOWER

Down the bank, east of Hanley, lies Bucknall with a squat, short-spired tower abutting the north aisle of the church. The present ring is a six by Taylors (1880), with a tenor 11 cwt. in A. There is said to have been an earlier bell in the tower dated 1609, but this is reputed to have disappeared some time in the 19th century. This tower has a remarkable record of peal ringing in the closed hand-stroke fashion traditional among the six-bell towers of the district. Forty-four peals have been rung on the bells and all the first 36 between 1891 and 1934 were in seven methods, including the first 'band conducted' peal in North Staffordshire (1896) and the first 'silent' peal of Surprise in the county (1897). Only one peal of Doubles has ever been rung on these bells (1947). Here in 1950 was rung the first peal of Woodcock's Victory Treble Bob Minor.



ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA, STOKE-ON-TRENT

North of Bucknall, high on a wind-swept ridge commanding magnificent views on either side, is the Church of St. Bartholomew, Norton-le-Moors. The original six were by William Dobson in 1826, who inscribed his treble with the, one would have thought, superfluous legend, 'Give no offence to the church.' These were recast by Taylors in 1930 and augmented by them to eight (12¼ cwt. in F sharp) in 1949. The six-bell ringing was, as at Bucknall and as witnessed by the peal boards, in a great variety of methods, many long since forgotten or disallowed! Surprise Major is now regularly rung at this tower by the Sunday service band.

BROWN EDGE

Winding through a cleft in a moorland ridge, a stone's throw from Norton, is the mining village of Brown Edge with its church dedicated to St. Anne standing on an outcrop of rock. The tower with its stumpy spire, built in 1854, ten years after the body of the church, carries six bells (10 cwt. in G), the gift of one Hugh Henshall Williamson in 1855 and cast by C. and G. Mears. The bells were rehung by Taylors in 1946. The louvres in the tower are bricked up and the sound escapes through the spire lights, four on each of its four faces.

Further north is Biddulph Moor. Here are strange legends of Vikings, Saxon warriors and Crusaders, the tragedy of Francis Biddulph who carried the plague over the moor and who lived at the now ruined hall. It takes its name from the village of Biddulph with its ancient church dedicated to St. Lawrence. The six bells (10 cwt. in F sharp), cast by Mears and Stainbank in 1873, were the gift of Robert Heath, of Biddulph Grange. All are inscribed, but the third is somewhat unusual:—

'Prosperity attend old England's shore,
Let Biddulph flourish now and evermore.'

Numerous peals have been rung on these bells, including one of Biddulph Double Surprise Minor.

The border between Staffordshire and Cheshire is marked by a ridge which rises suddenly and steeply from the Plain and marks the limit of hills and moorland of Biddulph and beyond. Its highest point is marked by Mow Cop castle, a 19th century artificial ruin whose tower walls, on at least one occasion, have echoed to Grandsire Triples on handbells. At the foot of this escarpment and just in Staffordshire is the modern township of Kidsgrove, its brick-built church nestling in a wooded clough alongside the railway and canal as they emerge from the mile-long Harecastle tunnel. The tower possesses a light musical ring of six bells (11 cwt.) by Thomas Mears, 1836.

AUDLEY'S LOCAL BAND

On the Newcastle to Nantwich road lies Audley, a mining township built in the first instance on the Roman road that runs across the county to Uttoxeter. Its church with a squat embattled tower is on the lee-side of the hill-top. The body of the church has been rebuilt, but still contains many interesting features. A brass to Sir Thomas Audley recalls his father, the bravest knight of Poitiers, who fought with the Black Prince. Three of the eight bells date from 1697 and further bells were added by Abraham Rudhall in 1730 and 1756 and a sixth by William Dobson in 1828. The bells were rehung and augmented to eight (tenor 15 cwt. in F sharp) after the last war. The first peal was rung on these bells in 1924 and was in seven Minor methods, and the tower records include the first of London Surprise Major for the North Staffs Association by an entirely resident band.

A landmark for many miles around is the tower and fine spire of the Church of St. Margaret, Wolstanton, a village with Saxon origins and considerable importance judging by its mention in the Domesday Book. The church suffered considerable rebuilding in the 19th century when, among other alterations, the roof was restored to its original pitch. The tower with its Saxon base (attached to the north aisle) has, however, remained almost unchanged over the centuries, the only additions being a turret and pinnacles to the parapet. It houses a fine ring of eight tenor 14 cwt. in F), rehung on ball bearings by Taylors in 1948.

Six of the bells, bought from Trentham at 9d. per lb. in exchange for one large bell on the same terms, bear the date 1714, five of them being new bells by Rudhall, the other being recast by him from the metal of an older

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bell (1623), the gift of a blacksmith whose mark, hammer and tongs are still on the bell. All bear the mark of Rudhall. Two other bells were added in 1884, half the cost being raised by the local ringers. More peals have been rung for the North Staffs Association on these bells than at any other tower in the district, 46 in number, 41 being rung before 1913. The first peal for the Association, the first of Triples and Treble Bob Major for the Association were rung on these bells.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME

A tree-lined road across Wolstanton Marsh leads to Newcastle-under-Lyme, an ancient borough which arose round the castle built by John of Gaunt. The spacious and imposing Parish Church of St. Giles in neo-Gothic architecture was designed by Sir Gilbert Scott and replaces an older building in classical style. The massive 13th century tower alone remains of the original church on this site, and in it hangs a ring of ten bells (tenor 16 cwt. in E).

The original eight were by Abraham Rudhall in 1732, being augmented by Gilletts in 1935. The two new trebles were hung over the old oak frame. The tower ultimately cracked, possibly due, in part, to the considerable and alarming movement of the old frame. When repairs were commenced on the tower in 1954 the bells were rehung 17ft. lower in the tower, but as the ringing chamber was dropped by an equal amount, there is still a considerable draught of rope to control. Pits were added for two further bells. Thirty-four peals have been rung on the bells, including one for the Ancient Society of College Youths.

A mile from Newcastle and some mile and a half from Wolstanton lies the mining village of Silverdale, a straggling and dilapidated township, broken by the ravages of mining subsidence which is preventing any new building in or near its centre. Overshadowed by pithead shafts, the pleasant but unpretentious modern church stands in its wooded churchyard. The tower at the east end of the south aisle carries a short spire and contains an eight (tenor 9 cwt. in A flat) by John Warner and Sons, 1908, since rehung. Some 30 peals have been rung here, including one of Stedman Triples in 1910, in which J. W. Washbrook, the conductor, rang both 3rd and 4th, and the first peal of Burslem Surprise Major (1951). In order to be up in time to ring for the first service on a recent church festival, two members of the local band spent the night in the belfry!

KEELE SPIRE A LANDMARK

High on a wooded ridge above Silverdale and, as it seems, in a country village quite remote from industry, the tall spire of Keele stands out as a landmark. The church was rebuilt in the 19th century, the old church possessing only a small squat tower. The oldest bell, the 5th, bears the inscription:—

'Ora Pro Nobis Sancte Iohannes Baptista,'

and a patera with a king's head embossed on it. The 3rd and tenor (1638 and 1647) appear to be by Paul Hutton, of Congleton. The trebles were added by William Dobson in 1829. Several peals have been rung on these bells, including one on Coronation Day, 1953. The bells have not gone well for some years and are temporarily silent. The old Elizabethan hall, for centuries the home of the Sneyd family and more recently of the Grand Duke Michael of Russia, is now the centre of the new University of North Staffordshire.

Travelling westwards from Keele the road forks, the left-hand road leading to the village of Madeley, now fast increasing in size with estates of prefabricated and Council houses round its fringe. The centre of the old part, however, remains unchanged and much as Izaak Walton knew it. The half timbered Tudor hall with its inscription, 'Walk knave: What Lookest At,' overlooks the mere, the haunt of swans and wild fowl. Beyond stands the church on a knoll, approached through an avenue of yew trees. Part of the church is 13th century, although the tower with its projecting staircase, unusual in this part of the country, is somewhat later.

The ringing chamber, a gallery over the west door, is open to the church, a natural hazard when peal ringing as the writer had occasion to notice particularly one winter's evening when severe competition was encountered from the organist and choir participating in a rehearsal of a Nativity play. (This had been arranged after permission for the peal had been granted.) After one unheard bob and subsequent restart, the peal won. Another hazard is the west window, which reaches from floor to ceiling and is without blinds. The exceedingly musical six bells (tenor 11 cwt.) are by Rudhalls, four dating from 1711, one from 1753 and the tenor 1808, when all were recast at the same foundry. They have since been rehung by Taylors. There is no local band to ring these delightful bells.



ST. JOHN'S, HANLEY

The Rudhalls also cast five of the bells (8¼ cwt.) at Betley on the northerly road from Keele. Four date from 1711 (God Save Queen Anne) and the other, 1784, by Charles and John Rudhall. Only three peals are known to have been rung on these bells, the tenors responding only to considerable physical effort. The church itself has a half-timbered clerestory and is remarkable for its interior woodwork. Not only does it possess a fine pulpit and screens, but the arches also are of wood and the octagonal columns of the arcade are hewn out of single trunks of English chestnut. These, alas, are now in need of considerable attention.

On the Shropshire border is the village of Mucklestone with a 14th century church. Four of the five bells (tenor 11 cwt.) are by Abraham Rudhall (1742) and the fifth by T. Mears (1839); unfortunately these are no longer ringable. It was from this tower that Queen Mar-

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OUTINGS

LYME REGIS

Favoured with a lovely, very warm day, Lyme Regis ringers and some friends made Southampton their objective on July 23rd. Calling at Blandford for coffee about 9 a.m., the picturesque village of Wimborne St. Giles—the seat of the Earl of Shaftesbury — was first visited. The nice going eight (tenor 17 cwt.) provided an hour's good ringing.

A very pleasant run to Fordingbridge and then over open country into the New Forest brought the party to Romsey. Here the fine eight (tenor 24 cwt.) were much enjoyed, but a funeral service necessitated a break of twenty minutes in the ringing and threw the time-table a little out of shape. However, it enabled some members to view the bells in the wooden octagon and see the town from the roof. The Vicar, Canon W. E. Norris, most kindly invited the party into his shady garden for their picnic lunch. Then on to Southampton, some half an hour late, where the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead welcomed all to St. Michael's and joined in some creditable touches on the ten good going lightish bells.

Notwithstanding the spate of traffic through the Forest, Lyndhurst was reached dead on time, and after a substantial tea a move was made to the tower, where the eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.), especially the trebles, called for considerable mastery. Some good striking, however, resulted, including a course of London Major.

Veteran Mr. George Preston was awaiting the ringers at Christchurch Priory, and it was a disappointment that he could not venture as far as the belfry to join in the ringing. Rounds on the 12 bells (tenor 27 cwt.) were enjoyed as well as touches of Caters and Royal, the highlight conclusion of the day's ringing being a finely struck course of Bristol Major on the back eight.

Methods rung at the various towers were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Royal, Cambridge, Yorkshire, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

Allowing some time for a supper halt at Wimborne Minster, home was reached soon after 11 p.m. leaving memories of another highly pleasurable trip. C. C. C.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK

One June 25th the Stowmarket company, augmented by friends and ringers of the district, made a tour of their 'home' country on the occasion of their annual outing.

Ringing took place at St. Mary's, Bungay, Beccles, St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, Pakefield, Southwold, Halesworth and Stradbroke, with lunch at Lowestoft and tea at Southwold.

Ringing ranged from rounds and call-changes for the learners to Cambridge Major and Grandsire Caters, and regret was expressed on all sides at the absence of Mr. H. D. Lister, who is still indisposed but progressing favourably. A feature of the day was the excellent progress shown by the younger generation.

To all incumbents, local ringers, in particular Eddie Goate, John Blythe and the two young ladies who had raised the bells at Lowestoft, and finally Mr. O. G. Barnard for so ably arranging everything, a very hearty thank you from us all. R. E. L.

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garet watched the defeat of a Lancastrian force under Lord Audley at Blore Heath in the Wars of the Roses and, preserved in the churchyard, is the anvil used by the blacksmith who reversed the shoes of her horse to cover the tracks of her escape to Eccleshall.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN SEVEN METHODS

Dear Sir,—Since reading the comment in page 409 of 'The Ringing World' regarding Mr. Eric Critchley conducting my three compositions of Spliced Surprise Major from 'inside' bells, and inquiring about the possibilities of compositions in seven or eight methods, I have gone into the question ot adding further methods to the six methods, and up to the present I have managed to include Dorchester Surprise Major, so making seven with the full work of each method for all bells by some rearrangement of the methods. I send enclosed a copy of the composition as arranged. I must sincerely congratulate Mr. Critchley and other conductors on having called my difficult compositions and wish them further success.—Yours faithfully,

Port Talbot. A. J. PITMAN.

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35264			2	1	WPBL
63254			1	(3)	LPDDDBB
45236	1		1	1	DDDPL
24536			3	1	LDSLLBCSP
32546			1		LDL
24365	2		2		LBCBL
53462	1			1	LDL
45362	3			1	PSCBLLSDL
64352			1	3	LCWBB
34562			2	1	LSBW
65243	1		1		SPPDW
25463			2	1	WCBL
42563				1	PDCCL
32465		X	1		SDBBBW
56423	1		1	1	CSCCW
45623				1	SCLSS
64523				1	SSLCS
25346	1		1		WCCSC
54326	1	X			WBBBDS
54263	2		2	1	LBWWWWWBL
62345	1		1	(3)	WCWBB
43526	1		1		WCW
63425	2				LBCW
52436	1		1	1	WDPPS
62534	2			3	WBSLBB
35426	1		1		WCCDP
42356			1	1	LCL
62453	2				LBPW
34256	1			1	WDPSP
23456				1	WWP

All the work of the seven methods for all bells. Contains 960 London. 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge. 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative. 576 Pudsey. To reduce, omit three Bobs Home (3) and the Bristol leads between at one or both places.

LYME REGIS BROADCAST

Dear Sir.—Through the medium of 'The Ringing World' I should like to thank all who have so kindly expressed, in various ways, their appreciation of the broadcast ringing from Lyme Regis on Sunday, July 17th.

It is most gratifying to all concerned to know that despite many difficulties, their efforts to maintain a high standard of striking, especially for Sunday service ringing, has been so widely noted.

May we hope that this may spur on our many friends, especially in the West Country, to keep the flag of 'Good Striking' flying in their respective towers.—Yours faithfully,

G. S. MORRIS.

Lyme Regis.

FIVE-BELL TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any of your readers can suggest reasons for the small number of five-bell towers in the North of England. There appear to be only nine fives in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Durham, Cumberland, Westmorland, Northumberland and Scotland. Nine out of a possible 362 towers with five or more. Whereas in Northamptonshire there are 93 fives out of a possible 198.—Yours faithfully.

GEORGE L. C. LUNN.

Gainsborough.

TONAL QUALITIES OF BELLS

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. David Beacham's query (page 488), I suggest that the best tonal qualities from a ring of bells is obtained by hanging 6ft. to 12ft. below the louvres with as much head height above as possible. Most rings would be hung below a spire, but the important point would be keeping bells from shouting out of the window.—Yours, etc.,

H. A. PRICE.

Yalton, Somerset.

ST. DIONIS', FENCHURCH STREET

Dear Sir,—If I may, I would like to comment on one or two letters in 'The Ringing World' of July 29th. I fear Mr. Botting, in Australia, has not realised that the 'period' I write about is from 1881 onwards (although I frequently mention it). There were no peals at St. Dionis', Fenchurch Street, in that time, as I said. I had 'collected' the five peals he mentioned and also another one which, I think, must have been the last peal on the bells there—Kent Treble Bob Royal, on December 8th, 1877.

Concerning Bob Triples at Leiston Mr. Stannard is quite right—I have recorded three peals there—on November 6th and November 20th, 1886, and January 3rd, 1887 (he gives another peal instead of this one). There have been none there since in the method. I wonder if the original peal board has been painted out and re-used, as sometimes happens! The first peal on the bells was on December 26th, 1884, and the peal rung in January this year was the 301st I have recorded. I shall say more about this popular tower when I get to 'Peal Ringing in Suffolk.'—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

A PRESIDENT'S THANKS

Dear Sir,—I should be grateful if you will allow me to express my thanks to Mr. L. W. G. Morris and the members of the Yorkshire Association who kindly rang a peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major at Heptonstall on July 23rd in honour of my institution and induction as Vicar of St. John the Evangelist, Leeds, which had taken place two days beforehand. As one who has sometimes been critical when frivolous 'excuses' have been given for peal-ringing, I feel that coals of fire have now been heaped on my head, and must confess before all the (ringing) world that my only sensations on hearing of this graceful compliment were those of modest pleasure.

May I also thank the five senior members of the Association who attended the institution and induction ceremony and rang a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells during the service. This spontaneous and kindly gesture was much appreciated not only by myself, but by the Bishop, and by many others who were apparently hearing change-ringing on handbells for the first time, and have since told me how much they enjoyed it.—Yours sincerely,

C. O. ELLISON,
President, Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers.

PEAL RINGING IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I contend that the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead is trying to bite off more than he can chew in his record of peals rung since 1881. Others in the past have tried to do this, including the late Thomas North, with the result that what they have handed on to posterity contains a number of inaccuracies and omissions. Several such instances have been noted by myself and others in North's works on Bedfordshire, Dean being a typical case, where he accounts for only three bells, whereas there have been four since 1677.

Now a few words about these alleged 'virgin or unconquered towers.' My own tower, Weston Favell, for example, has had five bells since 1707. How can Mr. Felstead, or any other living person, say with accuracy what number of peals have been rung there? The first might have been in 1707, who can say it was not? No one living then is here to tell us otherwise and there is no record of any peal prior to 1908, in which year the bells were last rehung. In the belfry there is recorded 'The first peal on the bells,' which I contend should read 'May be the first peal on the bells.'

There must be hundreds of similar towers up and down the country where five or more of the bells date back beyond living memory, or beyond the time when territorial Guilds or ringing newspapers came into being, and therefore in the absence of a peals register the only known peals prior to that time are those recorded on old peal boards, and even some of these may have disappeared years ago. I remember giving a framed card of my first peal (in 1924) rung at Hardingstone, conducted by Harry Clarke, who is to-day still living at 88 years to tell of his experiences. A few years later this card disappeared—nobody knows where! The year 1924 is comparatively recent, and there may be others similar of a century or more ago in many towers. How, therefore, can Mr. Felstead, or anyone else truthfully state 'to hand on to posterity' which are virgin towers?

I know at least two such towers where he is definitely wrong about them being unconquered And where does he get his 96 five-bell towers in Northants from? I make the number 92, and that includes Barnack, which he claims is a ring of six, which it never has been! Barnack has a minor five, hung in a frame for five only. The sixth bell is a clock bell, hung dead on its own, and never has rung.

He might just as well claim St. Matthew's, Northampton, as an unconquered ring of 12, Great Houghton as an unconquered ring of six, and Duddington as an unconquered ring of six! This brings down the true total of six-bell towers to 72, not 73.

As to where he gets his 96 fives from, I am still at a loss to know. I do know that Adstone, with only one bell in a cote, is wrongly given in 'Dove' as a church with five bells—but there isn't even a tower! So much so, that still leaves four 'imaginary rings of five,' not counting Barnack.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

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PEAL RINGING IN OXFORDSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

PEAL ringing in Oxfordshire 70 years ago was very largely influenced by the activities of the Rev. F. E. Robinson and his cronies, for, living on the borders of the county, many of his peals were rung there. This is shown in the fact that many towers recorded more peals in his day than they have done since (he died just before the first world war). Thus the tower with most peals—Caversham (8)—had 135 of its total of 154 rung between 1885 and 1915. These included many in the most advanced methods then practised (the now 'standard' Surprise methods). There was a brief activity after this war, for 11 peals came from the years 1919 to 1922, but then the number dwindled to seven in the 14 years from 1924 to 1937. This year has heard the only peal rung there since then. Thus the glory of this tower is certainly in the past.

Its pre-1914 total is almost as many as the score of the second tower on the list—Kidlington (8). The average per year before 1914 is the best in this church also, although recently (with 29 peals from 1944 to 1954, but volume now diminishing) it has picked up again. From 1890 to 1915, 82 peals were rung, and after a couple more in 1918 and 1919, a burst of activity which produced 28 from 1922 to 1932. There was only one more before the last war, in 1936. Grand total 142, then.

ST. EBBE'S POPULARITY

The only other centenarian in the county since 1881 is Oxford, St. Ebbe's (8). This has been easily the most popular tower of recent years, for 74 of its 109 peals have been rung since 1944. The first peal recorded there was when it had six bells, in 1919, and it had only registered seven when the trebles were added, in 1925. Then came 28 peals in the next 14 years until the war put an end to activities.

Witney (8) will soon be celebrating the 100 mark. The peak periods here have also been early on and in recent years with few between the wars. Sixty of the 97 peals were rung from 1887 to 1915 and there have been 26 since 1943.

Dorchester's (8) peals are more evenly spread over the years. Out of 89 rung, 33 were prior to 1914, 25 between the wars and 31 in the past ten years, which is the most in any tower since the war except for St. Ebbe's. The only 12-bell tower in the county, Oxford Cathedral, is sixth on the list with 81 peals. Only ten peals were rung from 1900 to 1930, but there had been 47 in the last 20 years of the 19th century, and there have been 24 since 1930 (14 since the war).

BANBURY'S ATTRACTION

It is obvious that the 8-bell towers have been most popular in the county. Five of the above six are in that category, and we find that the first 10-bell tower is 13th on the list in number of peals rung. This is Banbury, with 33. It was an 8-bell tower until 25 years ago, and only five peals had then been rung there (in 1897, 1901, 1906, 1909 and 1927). After augmentation, 15 peals were rung in the 1930's and there have been 14 since 1945. Thus it seems that adding the trebles was well worth while from the ringer's point of view. Perhaps this is because the other two 10-bell towers are in Oxford colleges and so are not available to the same extent as most church rings. Thus New College has had 15 peals since 1885—the last in 1950, and Magdalene College only ten—the first in 1919 and five since the war.

To return to the 8-bell towers in order of popularity, we find Shipton-under-Wychwood coming next with 60 peals (although not heard of much these days), 53 of these were rung from 1893 to 1912, so only seven have come in the past 40 years (four since 1945). This completes the towers with more than 50 peals, for Bicester, next on the list, has 48—nine from 1883 to 1914, 13 from 1922 to 1939, and 26 since 1946. Woodstock's 41 are spread evenly over the years from 1885. Ten of Goring-on-Thames' 40 came when it was a 6-bell tower between 1896 and 1924. The first peal on the eight was in 1930 so 30 peals have come in 20 ringing years since then.

Towers with peal totals in the 30's are Burford (38), Southleigh (36—only four since 1925), Kirtlington (31) and Chipping Norton and Shiplake (30). All the 8-bell towers have had peals rung at them, Bloxham's one and only being in 1908. Oxford, St. Peter's, has the longest silence. The 26 peals rung there were all between 1891 and 1897! Merton College very nearly beat this for the peal rung there in 1945 is the only one since 1896. Apart from the one just mentioned Great Milton is the only tower which has not appeared in the peal lists since the war. The last of its seven peals was in 1931.

SIX-BELL RINGING

Only three six-bell towers have reached double figures—all of them through welcome post-war activity. Cassington and St. Thomas' Oxford, both have 14 peals. In the case of the former, 11 since 1946, and at the latter, 13 since 1945 (only previous peal in 1889). Cowley is the third tower with double figures—10. All have been rung since 1949. Chastleton and Launton each have eight peals. In both cases the last one was rung nearly 25 years ago. Thus 6-bell ringing has never been very popular here. Actually 22 of the 70 6-bell towers have had just a single peal (17 of them since the war) and eight towers remain to be conquered—Ascott-under-Wychwood; Cuddesdon; Horspath; Northleigh; Oxford, St. Aldate's; Oxford, Carfax (a peal rung in 1945 was, apparently, false); Wardington; Wolvercote.

Of the 5-bell towers, 17 out of 27 have not had a peal yet. Eight of the ten which have, have only had one peal. Of the other two, Bodicote has had two since the war, but Marston has been doing very well. It is one of the very few 5-bell towers which have reached double figures. All its ten peals have come since the war and have included record peals of Doubles in 21, 22, 25, 30 and 42 methods. May it long carry on this good work.

One final point about this county. I think I expected to find more peals rung than has actually been the case. I suppose this was because it is a large county and diocese and so near London. I find I was, to some extent, mistaken. Peal totals include all published to July 22nd, 1955.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Golden wedding congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reeves, of 2, Green Street, Totterdown, Bristol. The happy anniversary took place on August 5th, when they received the best wishes of a wide circle of ringing friends. Their marriage took place near Newbury, Berks, and they have a son and daughter, five grandchilden and two great-grandchildren. 'Alfie,' who is now 76, has been ringing since the age of 16. He is still regarded as one of Bristol's steadiest ringers, and many would be pleased with half his abilities. For 52 years he was employed on the Great Western Railway, and retired in 1947.

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD

First Meeting at Swepstone

Under present-day transport conditions ringers frequently find that a meeting at an isolated tower is a doubtful venture, but thanks to a shuttle service of cars the Guild was able to 'invade' for the first time the pleasant Leicestershire village of Swepstone.

The recently-installed ring of six bells was rung to a variety of methods before the Vicar (the Rev. G. Malcombe) conducted shortened Evensong and extended a welcome to the ringers before delivering an inspiring address.

Following tea in the Church Room, the secretary (Mr. J. W. Cotton) referred to the loss the Leicester Diocesan Guild had sustained by the death of their president (Mr. H. J. Poole). In paying tribute to his memory Mr. Cotton spoke of his greatness as a ringer and conductor and gave a few instances when his brilliance excelled. The members stood in silence as a tribute to his respected memory.

The next meeting, a joint one with the Derbyshire Association, will be at Melbourne on August 27th. Thanks were accorded to the local ringers' wives who had prepared tea.

Towers represented were Burton, St. Modwen and St. Paul's, Repton, Winshill, Netherseale, Overseale, Measham, Packington, Ibstock and Lullington.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The annual meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society was held at St. Peter's Church, Hutton Cranswick, on Saturday, July 9th, at the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Storer. The occasion was also the fifth anniversary of the dedication by the Archbishop of York of the restored bells at this church.

Forty members attended the meeting from York, Patrington, Sutton-on-Hull, Market Weighton, Hessle, Hull, Bridlington, Beverley, Eastrington, Rise, Driffield and Barrow-on-Humber. The bells were rung to various methods and a service was conducted by the Rev. G. S. Storer.

Tea provided by the Vicar and ladies of the church was served in the Schoolroom.

At the business meeting which followed, the president (Mr. A. E. Sellers, of Beverley) presided, and the secretary (Mr. H. Parker, of Bridlington) reported on the 12 successful meetings held during the year.

Officers elected were:—President, Mr. A. E. Sellers; vice-president, Mr. G. Braithwaite; secretary, Mr. H. Parker; assistant secretary, Miss A. Davie; Ringing Master, Mr. L. Rodmell; Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. C. Barker; committee, Messrs. A. Taylor (Beverley), W. Tyson (Bridlington), F. Wilkinson (Pocklington) and R. Ducker (Sutton).

Further ringing concluded the meeting

NORTH SHIELDS

Ringers from Christ Church, North Shields, accompanied by friends, held their annual outing on June 26th. Travelling by coach, the first halt was at Wooler, where an excellent lunch was served at the Ryecroft Hotel.

During the afternoon the route was via Ford and Etal to Bamburgh. A stop was made at Ford for the party to visit the Schoolroom to see the paintings by the late Marchioness of Waterford.

On arrival at Bamburgh tea was enjoyed at the Mizen Head Hotel and the ringers then went to the Church of St. Aidan to ring for Evensong. The bells were a pleasure to ring, and the younger members are to be congratulated upon their handling of the bells.

The homeward journey was via Seahouses, Warkworth (a short halt) and Amble and was a delightful run down the coast on a summer's evening.

New Experiences on some of this Summer's Tours

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL

This year the outing for the St. Albans Abbey ringers and friends, on July 9th, was enlivened by a high proportion of young beginners, all of whom have started to ring since last summer. This section, naturally, occupied the rear of the coach.

With a 7 a.m. start, the first call was at Guildford, where the fine octave at the pro-Cathedral of Holy Trinity was rung. It was a pleasure to be met by the editor of 'The Ringing World' and his son, Mark. Next was Godalming with a central tower and spire. The belfry was found to be very close and warm, the only ventilation being two small 'holes' in the walls.

After passing the lovely 'Devil's Punchbowl,' Portsmouth was reached for lunch. It is very inspiring to see the splendid new Cathedral of St. Thomas of Canterbury rising here in a bold, new design, incorporating the old Parish Church and west tower as a choir and central tower. The ringers here are well justified in taking pride in their bells. It was certainly a pleasure to ring here. The fine late-Victorian church of Portsea was next visited, with its tall tower (143 feet against St. Albans' 144 feet) and fine bells. Several made the long journey to the roof, where the fine view was admired.

After tea, the journey home, and a visit to Haslemere, with its light ring of ten. Quite a good course of Cambridge Royal was achieved along with touches of Stedman Caters and rounds. At the final call it was surprising the number of '18th birthdays' there were amongst the younger lads. Home was reached all too soon after such an enjoyable day.

G. D.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY

Accompanied by visiting ringers from Cobham, Clandon, Dorking, Ditton and Banstead, Leatherhead's annual outing on June 25th was to East Kent and Romney Marsh.

By starting at 6.30 a.m., Maidstone was reached for coffee just after 8 a.m. and then to the first bells of the day, Leeds (10), immortalised by the feat of James Barham in 1761, when the bells were rung to the complete number of changes on eight bells. There is an association between Leatherhead and Leeds as it was a prior of Leeds who in the 15th century built the Surrey church.

Ringing followed at Lenham and Wye with its large ringing chamber with plenty of light, and good bells in good going order. The unspoilt village of Chilham with its half-timbered buildings and very good ring of bells was a delight to all the company.

After lunch at Ashford the journey was made across Romney Marsh, which is still famous for its sheep. New Romney Church, despite the term 'new,' is an ancient building with a Norman nave, aisles and tower. The bells were rung here for 25 minutes before leaving for Lydd, with its lofty tower and war-damaged church. A good ring of eight bells and a nice ringing chamber were enjoyed for the full time. The Sussex border was crossed to visit the ancient seaport of Rye, with its narrow, cobbled streets. Rye Church is reputed to be the largest parish church in Sussex, and with several local ringers we spent a happy 45 minutes. Tea followed at the Flushing Inn. In the evening a pleasant hour was spent at Salehurst, and Leatherhead was reached at 10 p.m.

Methods rung during the day included Grandsire Caters and Triples, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Yorkshire, Ashtead, London, Bristol and Spliced Surprise Major and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

ASH, SURREY

Last year it was the pouring rain, this year the blazing sun which accompanied the ringers and friends of St. Peter's, Ash, on their annual ringing tour on July 16th.

By 8.15 the party were on their way westward. During the morning stops were made at St. Mary's, Chilton Foliat, St. Michael's, Aldbourne, and to ring the six bells of St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Marlborough. Lunch was taken at the Georgian Restaurant, Marlborough, before going on to the well cared for belfry of St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Calne. On to St. Nicholas', Bromham, then to that much needed cup of tea, served at the Cheesecake Cafe, Devizes. Another tower visited was that of St. Mary Magdalene's, West Lavington, before the band set out on the wonderful drive back to the eight bells of St. Peter's, Yateley. A grand finish to the day was when some of the party joined in singing hymns with the organist.

The tour had been arranged by Mr. S. Russell and Miss A. Goodchild, and on behalf of the ringers Mr. R. Mills and Mr. F. Cherryman expressed their thanks.

Throughout the day the ringers and their friends much appreciated the welcome they received at each tower and they give their grateful thanks.

M. A. C.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

On July 16th the newly-formed band of St. Michael's, West Retford, held their first annual outing. They were accompanied by friends from St. Swithun's, East Retford, who have been their instructors since the band was formed, just over two years ago.

Leaving Retford at 8 a.m. the first stop was at Taylor's Foundry, Loughborough. The ringers were met by Mr. Paul Taylor, who conducted them round the foundry. There they saw a light ring of six (tenor 4 cwt.) destined for Preston Candover, Hampshire. These bells were mounted on a frame for testing, and at Mr. Taylor's invitation the visitors had a short ring on them. They found difficulty in handling such a light ring, but enjoyed the experience of seeing the bells swinging above their heads while ringing.

An enjoyable and interesting visit to the foundry ended with a ring on the foundry bells. The party then made their way to All Saints', Loughborough, where they enjoyed ringing the magnificent bells of that church.

After lunch in Loughborough the next stop was at Quorn (8), where an unsuccessful attempt was made to ring Major. Much difficulty was experienced owing to several bells being odd-struck and the bells being loud in the belfry.

At 3 p.m. the party left for Waltham-on-the-Wolds, but the bus driver missed a dodge and had to do some plain hunting before the right road was found. As a result Waltham was reached at 4.15 instead of 3.45. A short ring on the delightful bells was enjoyed by all, and some of the best striking of the day was achieved.

Croxton Kerrial, the next tower, was missed as the ringers had heard from two sources that the bells were unsafe. In any case the outing was running behind schedule so the party proceeded to Grantham for tea. After tea the ringers met at St. Wulfram's (10) for a most enjoyable ring, ending in an excellent drop of all ten bells, in which the treble was rung by a member of the local band.

After concluding the day's ringing at Balderton (6) the party arrived home at 10 p.m. tired but happy. During the day several methods

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GAINSBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ADVENTURES IN YORKSHIRE

By eight o'clock on the beautiful morning of July 2nd the first members and friends were aboard the bus for their annual outing.

The first ringing call was at Hutton Cranswick, but ignorance of the local roads literally took us across the fields with six gates to open and shut! Very late, we were made most welcome by the Rev. Storrer and were impressed by a welcome and the details of who we were, etc., on the church notice board. The bells are a fine, heavy six, augmented from three five years ago. The 25 miles to our next tower, Wykeham, near Scarborough, saw the order 'bring your own lunch' well and truly carried out!

This tower is unique in that it has the only five in the North Riding. It is also detached from the church and built as a gateway to the churchyard. Here we found a nice five (tenor 9 cwt.).

From here to our next call, Fylingdales (Robin Hood's Bay), the road follows roughly the coast line and provides magnificent scenery, to say nothing of hair-raising experiences as the coach climbed and descended hills of gradients up to one in three and negotiated every kind of bend. On one occasion it was even suggested that the quickest way to get round would be to lift the back end of the bus over a yard or two!. Nevertheless, belated but safely we arrived, and first put an excellent tea out of the way! Whilst most of the non-ringers descended the 99 steps to the sea, the ringers climbed about half that number to the ringing chamber of St. Stephen's Church. The church is modern with a mid-south tower, and contains a ring of eight (tenor 12 cwt.), which sound much nicer outside than in. Slipping into the realms of fantasy, the writer thought of the tower as a pirate's boat on the sea (it rocks alarmingly!), and the bells as eight snarling men. The touch of Grandsire must have been a more successful trip than the Major which followed. They cursed and fought until the attempt had to be abandoned! Nevertheless they showed that kindly streak which even pirates have, by a good lower in peal.

Next on to Whitby and thence across the moors to Pickering and Malton. More hills and more bends, but superb scenery.

Very late in arriving at St. Leonard's, Malton—we apologise to the local people who were to meet us—we found the belfry locked. Inquiries, and still more inquiries, and the Vicar was found. He was most considerate and is probably a stock car driver, but he certainly gave two of us some of the thrills as he sped through Malton seeking the steeplekeeper, collecting keys and depositing us at the church. These bells are a grand eight and we were sorry to have to cut the amount of ringing very short. Refreshments of various kinds followed, the keys returned, and course set for home. Just for good measure the driver got lost in York and circled the city twice, nearly ran out of petrol, and finally got back about two a.m., having done over 300 miles.

It was a grand outing, all agreed, and if it was hectic and more than a day, well, it only happens once a year!

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had been rung including Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, Single Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire.

Thanks are extended to Mr. Taylor for an enjoyable visit to the bell foundry and to the incumbents and ringers of the various towers visited.

D. M.

Various Notations used in setting down Touches and Peals

By D. BEACHAM

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CATERS

GRANDSIRE: Grandsire Caters is set out by course ends, but the calling positions are described in a manner peculiar to Grandsire Caters and Cinques.

Unlike Major, it is usual to ring Grandsire Caters and Cinques with the big bells in other than the plain course position. The two positions almost always used are the Tittums and Handstroke positions. In the former, the big bells course in the order 7, 8, 9 and strike 978 at the course end. In the latter position they course 7, 9, 8 and strike 879 at the course end. These two positions are usually used in the same touch or peal, the first half being rung in the Tittums and the last half in the Handstroke, which brings the touch round at hand.

The course which moves the bells from the plain course into the required position is called the starting or going off course. The course which moves them into the second position is called the turning course. The bobs which produce these course ends are indicated in the composition by figures indicating the number of the lead from the previous course end.

When the bells are in the required position, calls are made so that the coursing order is not affected except at the actual leads at which the calls are made. These calls are described in a peculiar way: '9 in 3' means that the 9th is called into the hunt, out at the next lead and another bob at the next lead—three bobs in all. '9 in 3S' means that the third call is a single instead of a bob. '9 in 3S, 78' means that after the first three calls—the 9 in 3S part—a bob is called at which 78 dodge behind, i.e., at the course end. From these explanations, the meanings of the callings encountered should be easily seen. One other point is that a course having only one call in it will contain six leads and is known as a long course as opposed to a short course having three or four calls and therefore five or four leads respectively in it.

An example showing the calls is given:

557

23456789 * Starting course

42356978	1, 4 *	
32654	89	† Turning course
63254	9 in 3	
23465	1S, 89	Two final points: the
42365879	1, 3, 4S †	handstroke position
34265	8 in 3	differs from the Tittums

in that 8 and 9 are changed over, so that 8 in 3 in the handstroke is effectively the same calling as 9 in 3 is in the Tittums. Also some composers write '9 in and 2' instead of '9 in 3,' and so on.

STEDMAN: Stedman Caters is usually rung with the big bells in the same positions as in Grandsire. The compositions will thus again contain a starting course, courses with the big bells in the required positions, a turning course, more courses in the second position and a homing course in which the bells are brought round (actually at handstroke).

There are eighteen sixes in a course, and the calls are indicated by the number of the six in which they are made, not by the number of sixes between them. It must be remembered that, though the call is made at the first change of the six, it is called in the previous six. Thus, a bob at 16 is called at the fifth change of the 15th six.

Example:

639

231456789

215463978	1, 4, 6, 7, 10S, 12, 13, 14
213564	16
214365	16
215463879	2, 9S, 16
213564	16
214365	16

Note: Rounds is the fourth row of a quick six, the six-end being 231456789.

In the body of the touch, when it is not required to disturb the fixed bells, calls are only made at the 4th, 5th or 16th six.

ROYAL, CINQUES AND MAXIMUS

Compositions of methods on these numbers are set out similarly to those for Major and Caters. In these cases, of course, the observation bells will be different. Thus in Royal, W, M and H will refer to the tenor when it is an 8ths, 9ths and 10ths place bell respectively.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Bramley was the tower visited by the Leeds and District Society for their July meeting. A very hot afternoon and the fact that July 30th was the Saturday of the Bank Holiday week-end may well have been responsible for the small attendance. However, those present made full use of the bells, keeping them going in a variety of methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge.

Tea was at 5.15 in the Bramley Institute, and very welcome were the cups of tea provided by the local ladies.

At the business meeting which followed, five new members were elected—two from St. Chad's, Far Headingley, and three visiting ringers from Accrington, Gamston and West Tanfield. In replying to the customary votes of thanks Mr. S. Helliwell said how much he wished the bells of St. Peter's rang out week by week as they had done that afternoon.

The business concluded, some members stayed behind for handbell ringing, others made their way back to the tower where ringing continued until shortly before 9 o'clock.

History of the County of Leicester

'The Victoria History of the Counties of England' (edited by R. B. Pugh, M.A., F.S.A., of the University of London Institute of Historical Research) has just issued Vol. III. of 'The History of the County of Leicester.' The price is £4 4s. net. This volume completes the general history of the county. Several articles are devoted to local industries, and others on Leicestershire arts and artists. There are also chapters on primary and advanced education and a section on sport. This ponderous volume contains an article on bellfounding with Appendix I. on Leicester Bellfounders, and II. Leicestershire Bells, written by Ernest Morris, of St. Margaret's, Leicester, and is a condensed version of his 'History of the County Bells,' which is now complete and ready for publication if and when means to do so can be found.

As is well known, Mr. Ernest Morris has written several books on the Art, including the 'History and Art of Change Ringing,' 'Legends o' the Bells,' 'Bells of All Nations' and others, all of which are now out of print and difficult to obtain. His latest book, 'Towers and Bells of Britain,' is selling well and is a beautifully illustrated volume.

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ENGAGEMENT

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RUBY WEDDING

KNIGHTS—DEFFLEY.—On August 14th, 1915, at St. Barnabas' Church, Highfield, Sheffield, by the Rev. St. Leger Blakeney, Arthur Percival to Winifred Margaret. 6749

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MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Aug. 13th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 6755

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Hartfield (6), Aug. 13th. Tea at the Anchor Hotel. Please notify the proprietor by p.c. or on arrival at Hartfield. Method for practice: Woodbine T.B.—C. A. Bassett. 6730

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—Watton, Aug. 13th, 3 p.m. Tea 5. Datchworth after tea.—T. W. Southam. 6709

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Horsmonden, Saturday, Aug 13th, 2.30 p.m. (not Aug. 20th). 6717

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with ESSEX ASSOCIATION at St. Dunstan's, Stepney (near Stepney Green Station), Saturday, Aug. 13th, at 3 p.m. Service and tea.—T. J. Lock. 6724

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Summer meeting, Tettenhall, Aug. 13th. Bells (8) 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Picnic tea in Vicarage garden 5.15. Bring own food; cups of tea provided. Names not required.—F. C. A. Bennett. 6723

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Clapton-in-Gordano, 4 o'clock Aug 20th.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6768

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Marbury, Aug. 20th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Aug. 17th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6751

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northern Branch.—Meeting at Kenilworth, Saturday, Aug. 20th, at 3 p.m. Tea available. — J. L. Garner-Hayward. 6767

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District meeting at Bamburgh on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Private bus hired, leaving Newcastle Central Station at 1.30 p.m. Picnic tea (bring own). Names for bus, by Monday, Aug. 15th, to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne 3. 6711

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting, Aug. 20th, to be held at Crich. Bells 3 p.m. Own tea; cafes near.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6750

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 20th, at Somersham (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A farewell meeting to our president. Good attendance, please.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6763

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch. — Monthly practice meeting at Burton-in-Lonsdale (6 bells), Aug. 20th. Ringing 2.30-7.30. Bring own tea.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 6766

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Michael's, Mottram, 3 p.m., Aug. 20th. Teas provided. All welcome.—R. Benson. 6764

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—Meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Cups of tea at 5. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 6762

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District. — Market Bosworth, Aug. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in cafe 5 o'clock. Names, please, by Aug. 17th, to Mr. R. Proudman, Market Place, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton. 6756

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough and Syston District.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Aug. 20th. Ringing at Quorn 2.15 p.m. to 4 p.m. Service at St. Peter's, Mountsorrel, 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. followed by meeting. Ringing at Mountsorrel after meeting. Please send names for tea, by the 18th at the latest, to Mr. R. Wilmore, 80, Hawcliffe Road, Mountsorrel. All are welcome.—B. Stedman Payne. 6761

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Ashby Folville (8), Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. **Names must be sent,** by the 18th, to Miss Betty Smith, The Hollies, Barsby, Leicester.—J. H. Cook. 6758

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Willingham on Saturday, Aug. 20th. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—George L. C. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. Tel. 2623. 6741

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Cranford (6), Saturday, Aug. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Names for tea, please, by Aug. 17th, to P. J. Woodgyer, 225, Brabazon Road, Heston, Middlesex.—J. D. Rock. 6752

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Bremhill (6), Aug. 20th, 3 p.m. Names for tea essential.—G. Freegard, 30, Bremhill, Calne, Wilts. 6754

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch. —Meeting, Preston, Aug. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow. Names by Aug. 17th, to Mr. H. Corben, South View, Sutton Poyntz, Weymouth.—J. H. Hayne, Sec. 6744

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer, Aug. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea for those who notify by Wednesday, Aug. 17th.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 6737

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Ecclesfield, Aug. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Gatty Hall. Names, by 18th, to Mr. L. E. Smith, 3, Park Crescent, Ecclesfield, near Sheffield.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 6734

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Gestingthorpe (6), Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 24th.—H. A. Pratt, 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 6753

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8), Saturday, Aug. 27th. Names for tea, by the 23rd, to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, Berkhamstead, Herts.—R. L. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 6760

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Aug. 27th at 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea at Patricia's Pantry 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Aug. 24th, to Mr. T. Beaumont, 7, Prospect Avenue, Frindsbury, Rochester, Kent. All ladies welcome. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden, Hon. Sec. 6757

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells 2.30. Ex-eighth. Tea 5 p.m. free. Business 6. No names, no tea.—J. Leatherbarrow, 43, Wigshaw Lane, Culchett, near Warrington. — J. Thornley. 6745

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District. — Joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD at Blankney (6) on Aug. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. — C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 6743

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.— Quarterly meeting at Scarning, Sat., Aug. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea at 5 followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea to S. H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford. Look up Hereward.—C. F. T. 6769

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Aldermaston on August 27th. Usual arrangements. Names to me by the 24th. — J. Coper, 35, Henwick Lane, Thatcham, Berks. 6771

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cottesmore (6) on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Names for tea by Aug. 23rd.—E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec., Thistleton Road. Market Overton, Oakham. 6748

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon on Aug. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 6715

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Aylesbeare, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Number for tea by Aug. 29th. —R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 6746

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS. — Annual meeting, Northampton, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Ringing from 10.30 a.m. Details later. Own arrangements for lunch. Business meeting 3.30 p.m., Lecture Room, Borough P.H.Q., Campbell Square. Dinner at Angel Hotel, Bridge Street, 6.30 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets (9s. each) from P.C. C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston, Leicester. 6765

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner. — Preliminary: The annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable from committee or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6759

WEDDING OF MISS F. E. WARDEN

A well-known ringer in the Coventry Guild area, Miss Florence E. Warden was married to Mr. George Birtles, of Coventry, at St. James' Church, Bulkington, on Saturday, July 30th. 'Florrie,' as she was known to ringers and friends, started to ring in 1928, and was always at her place for Sunday service ringing and practice until the death of her parents. Then circumstances prevented her regular attendance, but she attended whenever possible. Her father, Mr. Joseph Warden, was a ringer.

The bells were rung before and after the service by the local band with Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Beamish and Miss Beamish deputising for ringers who were on holiday. At the reception Mr. A. J. Hinde, captain and secretary of the Bulkington band wished the newly-married couple every happiness in the years to come. A very pleasant surprise for all was the handbell ringing by Mr., Mrs. and Miss Beamish, and the local band thank them very much for their assistance and entertainment.

A quarter peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was afterwards rung by Miss Joan Carter (first quarter) 1, Miss M. E. Bailey 2, Miss R. Ashley 3, Miss M. E. Beamish 4, Mrs. D. E. Beamish 5, A. H. Beamish (conductor) 6, A. J. Hinde 7, K. F. Haswell (first quarter) 8.

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AN IMAGINARY LETTER FROM ONE BEGINNER TO ANOTHER

MY DEAR GEORGE,

You ask my advice about ringing—here it is. If you are prepared to risk submission to a burning enthusiasm which will make such demands on your leisure as practically to exclude the serious pursuit of any other hobby, then take it up; otherwise, keep away. If you decide to try it, you will soon know whether you are destined to dedicate yourself to the art; some tentative learners do fall away. Should you find yourself uninspired when you have given it a trial, do break off quickly, and don't, I beg you, waste any more of the time of your instructor and his devoted band.

The reason I say this so emphatically is that when you enter a tower and say that you want to learn to ring you will instantly be welcomed into the brotherhood, and provided you are keen, the whole band, from the master downwards, will take endless trouble to teach you, at considerable expense of their time and probably curtailment of their opportunities for practising advanced methods. As you get on a bit, they will take pride in your progress, for all the world like the older members of a family rejoicing in the achievements of 'our kid.' In short, you will meet with exceedingly great kindness.

Don't be put off if curious little squabbles, also reminiscent of the nursery, break out from time to time among your new friends—it seems to happen in quite a lot of towers. If yours is one of them, you probably won't even understand what it's all about; but of two things you may be sure—it won't affect you, and the clouds will all blow away again as quickly as after a summer shower. As I said, there's something of childhood about it; it may be connected with the fact that these ringers seem to have the secret of perpetual youth.

From the learner's side, good discipline and a word of thanks now and again are appreciated. Do turn up whenever you have engaged to go, be punctual, be willing, and do as you are told without sulking if it isn't exactly what you wished. If you notice some of your seniors intolerant of criticism, you needn't imitate them in their touchiness.

As I have so recently learned the elementary stages of ringing (I am just taking my first helter-skelter steps into change-ringing—you'll understand later the suggestion of precipitancy !) and the memories are still fresh, I may be able to give you a few tips that will be useful. There's a special point about the recent memory, because many of the senior ringers, especially, learned to handle a bell so long ago that they seem to have forgotten the exact difficulties that beset the beginner. Our master, for instance, learned to ring fifty-odd years ago when his voice broke and he had a compulsory rest from choir duties.

First, then, don't be content with the casual glance at the bells which seems to be accorded to most beginners, but study them in the belfry, in diagrams, or, best of all, in a model, if your tower is fortunate enough to possess one, until you see exactly the cause of every movement of the rope—failure to appreciate the reason for the rising of the sally leads to unnecessary mystification, and prevents the clear visualising of what is going on above your head. Ask to be allowed to stand in a safe place and watch the movement of a bell when it is rung.

When you come to handle the rope, your master may be fussy about fitting the end to you every time before you begin; if so, you are lucky, for if you are allowed to clutch it vaguely somewhere near the end you get into avoidable trouble at backstroke, perhaps holding too close to the end, when the bell will probably go over the balance and need a great tug to bring it back; or even bump the stay, when at the best it will start on its downward swing before you are ready for it and probably get out of control, and at the worst the stay will break—and then you can't let go too quickly ! Alternatively, you get your end too long, the bell is checked before it has risen properly, and, of course, begins to come down—again, you probably lose control of it. I'm specially keen on all this, because neglect of this preliminary caused me much trouble when I was too inept (and panic-stricken !) either to understand why the bell was being so awkward or to adjust my grip while ringing.

Realising at the start that successful management of a bell depends on keeping a tight rope at all times, so, whether you are nagged about it or not, and you should be, be certain to cultivate good follow-through at backstroke.

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If you hold on until your hands are as low as possible the sally arrives as straight as the proverbial ramrod and correspondingly easy to catch; if you don't, it presents itself to your horrified gaze wriggling like some frightful serpent! Even if you do catch it thus, and you may not, you gradually develop a sensation unpleasantly like seasickness. After pulling off at handstroke, whip your right hand down instantly to join your left, and don't let them rise until the rope pulls them up—that keeps it taut.

All novices, I believe, pull too hard, especially when they begin to ring rounds. One reason for this is that, being unsure of holding the bell on the balance, by bringing it over they can at least prevent its running away with them, so to speak, and carrying them helplessly out of their place. Until the knack of pulling just right is acquired this is inevitable, but an important consequence is the rapid onset of fatigue. This naturally affects the children and girls first, but I mention it because some instructors seem quite unaware that their learners tire so soon, and in their ignorance of its true cause scold them for a clumsiness they can no longer avoid.

It may not occur to anyone to point out to you that the whole art depends on the ability to ring at will at three speeds, i.e., the rate correct for rounds, a trifle slower to hunt up a place, and slightly quicker to move a place towards the lead. It is obvious when you consider what is going on, but it is only too easy to miss the obvious and waste time unnecessarily in the elementary stages by reason of not grasping simple points such as this. Incidentally, a simple lecture at the beginning, explaining elementary facts and some of the terms used, would save a deal of time and perplexity.

I hope you will be taught to raise and fall a bell early in your career. I found that the skill so acquired added enormously to my confidence. Also, the moment you are allowed to try to raise or fall in peal, seize the opportunity, though you'll get quite out the first few times.

Be content to ring rounds, rounds, rounds, in your tower and others if possible, until you can strike them accurately—truly accurately—and your efforts contribute to a performance which is a pleasure to hear. I'm certain the grind will prove invaluable later when you try to become a competent change-ringer. I have visited towers where learners are put on to changes the moment they can ring rounds, however badly, with the inevitable result that, even when they know a method, their striking is so bad that the result is excruciating to the unfortunate—and, remember, involuntary!—listener outside. The next step in their progress is the hellish din when they try to ring advanced methods before they can ring simple ones well.

Get into the habit of listening for the sound of your bell—it isn't as easy as might appear, because the sound reaches your ear just as you are approaching the next pull and fully occupied trying to time that correctly. There is little difficulty in picking up the inexorable stumble in the rhythm wherever you've pulled too quick or too slow!

Well, there is a first-hand account of the difficulties as one beginner sees them, and I hope it will help you. I'll let you know how my initiation into the next mysteries of the Exercise proceeds.

Ever yours, JIM.

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TEN BELL PEAL

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
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HERBERT KNIGHT	4	ERNEST STITCH	9
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MRS. JOHN THOMAS	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

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*MRS. W. F. BUTLER	*Treble*	*FREDERICK R. SCOTT	5
*WILLIAM F. BUTLER	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	3	*WALTER LEE	7
*BRIAN L. TAYLOR	4	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. G. DRIVER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

LYDD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5,040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ANNE E. BOULDEN	*Treble*	†ROBIN A. HODGSON	5
*STEPHEN J. BOULDEN	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
†ALAN J. HICKS	3	†MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
†DAVID HODGSON	4	‡A. LEWIS TERRY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF EMMANUEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
E. ROGER MARTIN	2	RONALD KENRICK	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	JACK ASHCROFT	7
CYRIL CROSTHWAITE	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

BRECON.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 18 cwt.

J. ARTHUR HOARE	*Treble*	JOHN ALSOP	5
EDMUND MORRIS	2	TREVOR M. RODERICK	6
*ALAN EVANS	3	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
ALFRED HANNINGTON	4	GWYN I. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GWYN I. LEWIS.
* First peal of Major.
Rung during Her Majesty the Queen's visit to Brecon.

ST. DAVID'S, PEMBROKES.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Osborne 1, T. Griffiths 2, E. Williams 3, J. Webb 4, C. Hawkins 5, W. L. Williams (first of Triples) 6, G. Thomas (cond.) 7, L. Curtis 8. Rung for the occasion of H.M. the Queen's visit to St. David's Cathedral.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5,040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

MRS. A. D. SAYER	*Treble*	ERNEST F. PAYNE	5
MARY C. PAYNE	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
ROYSTON WILMORE	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
ARTHUR D. SAYER	4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
First peal of Little Bob by all the band except the conductor and on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of the Transfiguration.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Treble*	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	5
LEONARD MANNERING	2	WILLIAM R. MANSER	6
PETER CARTER	3	FRANK P. WRIGHT	7
E. S. JOHN HATCHER	4	REGINALD L. SILLS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PAGET. Conducted by REGINALD L. SILLS.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Peter C. Wright and Kathleen Higgins, who were married at Bradford Cathedral on the previous Saturday.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 WHITWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

W. NORMAN GENNA	*Treble*	H. GEORGE HART	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
ELSIE K. FULTON	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON	7
PETER D. BEEDIE	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD F. B. SPEED. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the 6th and 7th.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Preston Branch.)
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt.

PHILIP DUNDERDALE	*Treble*	JOHN R. NASH	5
*E. ROGER MARTIN	2	G. ALEC DIMMOCK	6
FRANK STEAD	3	W. KENNETH MARTIN	7
THOMAS BARKER	4	†CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by DENIS KNOX. Conducted by E. ROGER MARTIN.
* 200th peal. † 100th peal.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Tomlinson, of Blackburn.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Miss P. Oakshott 1, W. J. Ridgman 2, D. R. Brazier 3, T. P. Harris 4, J. F. Olney 5, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 6. Rung in the octave of St. James, patron saint of this church.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On July 31st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Nancy Willcox 1, H. Prout 2, Doris Marshall 3, F. Flint 4, D. H. Rooke 5, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong. Miss N. Willcox is a grand-daughter of Mr. H. Prout.

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FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

PARRAMATTA, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.
THE NEW SOUTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., May 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 17 methods, comprising one extent each of St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Eynshore, St. Leonard's, St. Peter's, Cossington, Winchenden Place, St. Nicholas' and St. Columba; two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Clifford Pleasure; three extents of Southrepps Pleasure; four extents of Plain Bob, Old, April Day and Norfolk; and ten extents of Grandsire; all callings different. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDMUND J. FOWELL	*Treble*	G. KENNETH STACEY	4
WILLIAM ROWE	2	THOMAS W. GOODYER	5
*RICHARD BAILEY	3	ROBERT FERRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. GOODYER.

* First peal. Greatest number of methods yet rung in a peal for the Association.

Rung for the 60th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. Mr. Walker, Rector of All Saints'.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALLEN COLCOMBE	*Treble*	CHARLES PHILLIPS	4
LESLIE H. COLCOMBE	2	AUBREY J. PROBERT	5
REGINALD G. POWELL	3	RICHARD A. COLCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD G. POWELL.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., July 28, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Bob and one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	MARK W. MARSHALL	4
JOHN R. COOPER	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
WILFRED W. RING	3	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. R. O. Ring, mother of Wilfred W. Ring.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., July 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) London Scholars' Pleasure, (2) College Exercise, (3) Kent and Oxford T.B., (4) Norwich Surprise, (5) Bourne Surprise, (6) Single Oxford and Plain Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F.

GERALD T. SPEED	*Treble*	JOHN F. PEARSON	4
BERTIE BEE	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

Rung on the wedding anniversary of the ringer of the fifth, who was married at the above church.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*CAROL BUCKINGHAM	*Treble*	†L. MAYNARD	4
†R. RAYFIELD	2	‡R. HARRIS	5
†J. HARRIS	3	S. HAYZELDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. HAYZELDEN.

* First peal, † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.

CUMNOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being ten extents of Bob Doubles and 32 of Grandsire. Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID C WOODWARD	*Treble*	VERNON GREEN	4
*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	ALEC GAMMON	5
*ROY H. JONES	3	MALCOLM JOURNEAUX	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.

* First peal. First peal in two methods by all.

NORTON ST. PHILIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 Plain Bob and 28 Grandsire, 14 callings, Tenor 11 cwt.

*DAVID T. ROBERTSON	*Treble*	W. JOHN PHIPPEN	4
EDWARD F. CONNACK	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
EUNICE D. OVEREND	3	CHARLES PEARCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST E. BRAY.

* First peal.

COGENHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being three extents each of Old Bob, Plain Bob, Kennington, April Day, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, St. Columb, Clifford's Pleasure, Grandsire, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse St. Bartholomew, London Single and All Saints'. Tenor 8¼ cwt

*JOHN VEARS	*Treble*	GEORGE F. ROOME	4
NORMAN LINE	2	ALLAN R. JONES	5
REX LINE	3	ROLAND JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.

* First peal. First peal in fourteen methods for all the band.

A 15th birthday compliment to Allan R. Jones.

LONG BUCKBY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 2, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being two 120's of St. Simon's and 10 120's each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb. in E.

*DAVID J. WRIGHT	*Treble*	ERNEST G. ORLAND	3
DAWN V. ELSON	2	MICHAEL F. AMOS	4
		VICTOR A. PERRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST G. ORLAND.

* First peal.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Green.

FLITTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of Westminster, Netherseale, Norwich, York, Ipswich, Bourne and Cambridge. Tenor 6½ cwt.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	RONALD J. SHARP	4
C. HENRY HARDING	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
JOHN W. SINFIELD	3	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H.M. the Queen Mother.

BOXLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	4
WILLIAM R. MANSER	2	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	5
*LUTHER J. HONESS	3	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.

* 250th peal.

This peal was specially arranged to mark the 50th year's membership of the Kent County Association of Mr. W. C. Gosling, and also captain of Boxley band for 30 years.

WILLEY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

*JOYCE B. WHITE	*Treble*	ALFRED S. BAYLEY	3
LEO EVANS	2	†ALAN V. EDWARDS	4
		JOSEPH L. STANIER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED S. BAYLEY.

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

Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of the Hon. Juliet Forester, daughter of Lord and Lady Forester, of Willey Park.

QUARTER PEALS

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On July 31st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, Sheila Parker 2, Kathleen Fletcher 3, Dorothy Fletcher 4, R. Buckland 5, D. Lamb 6, J. Harrison 7, J. Daniels 8. First quarter of Major for the ringer of the 2nd.

BEDFORD.—On Aug. 1st, at the Church of St. Paul, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Fundrey 1, P. J. Shipton 2, D. E. A. Houghton 3, J. B. Long 4, J. S. Mason 5, S. Foskett 6, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 7, D. Thompson 8. First quarter on eight for 1 and 3. Rung in honour of the 60th anniversary of the tenor's first peal (then aged 17).

CHARLYNCH, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Doubles: C. Stevens 1, D. Miller 2, M. Stone 3, C. Clarke (cond.) 4, R. Short 5. First in the method by 1, 2 and 3. First in the method as conductor. Believed first quarter on the bells.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Francis 1, I. H. Oram 2, Miss J. M. Powell 3, J. L. Morris 4. W. L. Weller 5, S. J. Harding 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, E. W. Keys 8.

GOLDINGTON, BEDS.—On July 31st, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Blick 1, L. Duffield 2, P. J. Shipton 3, Ann Fundrey 4, D. E. A. Houghton (first of Minor as cond.) 5, J. B. Long 6.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. G. Toseland 1, Miss M. Arkinstall 2, C. H. Harding 3, P. I. Chapman 4, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 5. Rung on the octave day of St. James, patron saint of this church.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On July 28th, 1,260 Doubles (an extent each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Old, Norfolk, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Grandsire and 240 Plain Bob): D. Woodward 1, Christine Woodward 2, M. Journeaux 3, V. Green 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5. First in nine methods for 1, 2 and 3.

HEREFORD.—On July 27th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss R. Jarrett 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, Mrs. E. Chandler 3, P. G. Morgan 4, W. F. Moreton 5, L. Evans 6, R. T. Jones 7, J. J. Webb 8, A. W. Davis (cond.) 9, W. Gittens 10. First quarter of Caters for 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10. Rung for the weddings in the Cathedral of Miss Rosemary Longworth, daughter of the Bishop of Hereford, and Miss Sarah Burrows, daughter of the Dean of Hereford.

HUNGERFORD, BERKS.—On Aug. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Gillian E. Brown 1, Patricia A. Gaunt 2, M. H. Maisey 3, J. E. Daniels 4, F. Tuffley 5, C. J. Castell 6, G. K. Dodd 7, H. P. Reed (cond.) 8. First quarter of Kent for 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6. Rung for the patronal festival of St. Lawrence.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Aug. 7th, 1,440 Norwich Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For morning service.

LAMBETH, S.E.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: N. G. Hollingworth 1, T. H. Taffender 2, W. D. Grainger 3, L. W. Bullock 4, F. R. L. Blewer 5, C. W. Ottley 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. Harrold (first quarter) 8. Rung for Evensong, and also birthday compliments to Janet and Andrew, daughter and son of the ringer of the 4th.

LEWKNOR, OXON.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: W. Fulker 1, J. Godman 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, E. Morris 6. Rung half-muffled in respect and memory of Walter George Smith (younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Smith, of Lewknor, Oxon), who died on August 5th as a result of a motor-cycle accident at Bicester.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.—On Aug. 9th, at the Church of St. Michael, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Machin 1, J. Henshaw 2, S. Pickford 3. V. Norbury 4, H. Lonyon 5, H. Lomas 6, F. Yates (cond.) 7, G. Morledge 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of the treble ringer.

NORTH PETHERWIN, CORNWALL.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Rich 1, W. C. Boucher 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, H. Stacey 4, J. Rich 5, A. J. H. Sandy (first quarter) 6. A wedding compliment to the ringers of 1 and 5.

NORTH RAUCEBY, LINCS.—On Aug. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Virden 1, D. Mettam 2, P. Harris 3, W. Weston 4, H. Cloxton (cond.) 5. First quarter for 1 and 3. Rung for the wedding that day of Mr. Bill Tomlinson and Miss Anne Roberts, daughter of the Vicar (the Rev. C. D. Roberts) and Mrs. Roberts.

RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.—On July 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Eley 1, W. Ward 2, A. Reed 3, P. Coward 4, E. J. Blower 5, G. Blower 6, A. J. House (cond.) 7, D. Hockley 8. Rung for evening service.

RICHMOND, SURREY.—On Aug. 6th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdelene, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: J. D. Rock 1, R. G. Lay 2, Gillian Neal Smith 3, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 4, G. W. Morris 5, W. Coles 6, F. Price 7, T. Price (cond.) 8. First of Bob Major for 3 and 4. First quarter on the bells for at least 25 years. Rung to commemorate the 97th dedication festival of the daughter Church of St. Matthias, Richmond, which took place the next day.

WELSHPOOL, MONTGOMERYS.—On Aug. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: C. Williams, sen., 1, J. Gordon 2, C. Williams, jun., 3, A. Davis 4, G. Simister (cond.) 5, N. Davies 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering, 360 Plain Bob and 900 Grandsire): Susan Jacobs 1, J. Tomsett 2, P. Devenish 3, M. Sinden 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, E. Jacobs 6, A. Bishop 7, Margaret Ward 8. Rung to celebrate the arrival of Alan Jeremy Sinden.



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MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD ON TOUR

A Racy Story of Adventures in the South Midlands

IN the early evening of Monday, July 11th, 13 members of the Manchester University Guild assembled at Badby Youth Hostel, near Daventry. Although this was the official start of the tour, several members cycled together from Manchester, staying at Rudyard Lake Hostel and Lichfield. We were made very welcome at St. Mary's, Lichfield, where we rang for Evensong. On arriving at Badby the party was completed by the arrival of one member and a guest from London University Guild. The inevitable practice night occurred on Monday 'only a mile or two away' and the whole party cycled to Weedon Bec, where we were made to feel at home. The distance proved to be six miles.

On Tuesday, July 12th, the tour got off to a good start both with ringing and with the weather, which was hot and continued to be so for the duration of the tour. The towers visited before lunch were Staverton (6) and Southam (8). After lunch, with frequent stops for tea and ice cream, we continued to Whitnash (6), where we had the last ring of the day. Here we were joined by an old member of the Guild, now doing National Service, who came down by car to be with us for a few days. From Whitnash it was full speed to Leamington Spa and the first stop was a cafe. The night was spent at Leamington Hostel. All the party spent the evening rowing (?) on the river. One expert spent half an hour in drying his trousers.

INTERVIEWED !

Wednesday was started in fine style. Whilst ringing at All Saints', Leamington, we were visited by a newspaper reporter. Several of us tried the Spa water and came to the conclusion that we would rather bathe in it than drink it. The second tower was St. Mary's, Warwick, where we had some fairly good ringing on the ten bells. We made a six miles dash from Warwick to Sherborne, where we had lunch before ringing the six bells of the private church. The last ring of the day was at Smitherfield (6) and after the usual stop for tea we felt fit to ring and proceeded to enjoy ourselves for an hour. A five mile ride brought us to Stratford Youth Hostel, which was like a luxury hotel compared with the small hostels previously encountered. Another pleasant evening was spent on the river and everyone remained dry.

Thursday started well with some good striking on the ten bells at Holy Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon. After partaking of the by now customary ice cream the party proceeded to Mickleton (8) and rang there, after which the usual lunch of cheese and tomato was consumed. A seven mile ride in almost unbearable heat brought us to Blockley (8) followed by Moreton-in-Marsh a further five miles on. The eight bells here were very rough and the ropes were badly placed. One gentleman went to sleep outside, and when he woke up and heard the bells he stayed outside !

After the usual adjournment to the nearest cafe we proceeded to Stow-on-the-Wold only to find that two of our party had been to the Hostel and had a wash, and still got to the church before us. Some good striking was heard on the heavy eight here, and after ringing for one hour we went round the corner to the Youth Hostel and got ready for our evening meal. Our National Service friend left us and returned home at this point, and the following morning another member left us in order to attend his annual T.A. camp.

THE WRONG LYNHAM

After saying goodbye to the departing member on Friday we proceeded to Bledington (6), where we found the bells were off key. The next tower, Kingham (8), proved much better, with the bells of good tone. Lynham provided a puzzle as we couldn't find the church. After doing a little quizzing we discovered that it was Lynham in Wiltshire, 50 miles away, which had bells. The Ringing Master, full of apologies, decided to cycle on to Churchill, the next village, to see if we could have use of the bells. We had lunch at Churchill and sampled the local cider, then asked the Vicar about the bells. We were given permission to ring and found them to be quite a nice six. A cafe in Chipping Norton was the next stop, followed by the Parish Church, where one of the local ringers joined us.

The last tower before reaching the Hostel was Spelsbury (6), which we found after fighting our way through a herd of cows. The six ropes here are hung in one corner with three ropes in a straight line. Charlbury was the Hostel for the night and after our evening meal we went to ring on the six bells at the church. Several local ringers joined us and we were welcomed by the Vicar. After ringing we all went to sample the local cider.

Saturday was a full day. In the morning Stonefield and Yarnton were visited. Unfortunately a rope broke at Yarnton which caused some delay. Lunch was had on the river bank in Oxford, where another member of the Guild joined us for the final week of the tour. Advantage was taken of the Oxford Guild Festival to ring in the many towers available. Saturday and Sunday were spent at Oxford Youth Hostel and the whole party rang at the Cathedral on Sunday morning.

WARDEN WANTED A FRESH TUNE

On Monday we entered a new county as all four towers were in Berkshire. Cumnor (6) was quite fair, and Appleton (a light ten) provided us with some amusement. After ringing we had our lunch and then proceeded in ones and twos to Buckland (8) where two of the party made themselves conspicuous by their late arrival. The last tower of the day was Faringdon (8) but before ringing we went to a snack bar for a drink of coffee. Whilst ringing at Faringdon we had the only rain of the tour, which lasted for five minutes. The bells were dropped at 5.45 p.m. and we all listened to the hymn tune played at 6 p.m. A seven mile dash along fairly flat roads brought us to Inglesham Hostel. After listening to tune ringing on the handbells for two hours the warden asked for a fresh tune ! By the end of the evening, however, the grand total of six tunes had been mastered !

Tuesday was cold until about 10 a.m. but warm later. Lechlade's six were fairly good but we had difficulty in persuading six people to enter the tower together. We put it down to the heat or something (the emphasis being on something). The second tower was Fairford (8), where we rang from the choir stalls. We had lunch in a private park. A large apple pie was provided for one gentleman who had a birthday. The towers for the afternoon were Meysey Hampton and Cirencester. The six bells at Meysey Hampton were spoiled by the fifth, which had a poor tone. The 12 bells at Cirencester were got going after we had quenched our thirst in a cafe, but since we were only 13 in number we rang rounds and call changes only on all 12. From here we had a hard eight-mile ride to the Hostel at Duntisborne Abbots. During supper a birthday cake was carried in and proved to be a great surprise for everyone. It was duly presented to the gentleman concerned and all the candles were blown out. Everyone then got a small fragment of cream sandwich.

FOOD POISONING

During the night three male members of the party suffered from food poisoning and were sick. The dormitory was like a race meeting with three people running backwards and forwards to the washroom !

Wednesday, the last day of the tour, was spoiled to a certain extent by the sickness. Codine tablets settled the trouble but induced a tendency to sleep at the wrong time. The bells at the first tower, Cowley, proved to be unringable so we continued on our way to Chaston Kings (8), where we found the bells difficulty to keep up. At St. Mary's, Cheltenham, after lunch, we were joined by one or two local ringers. Our London University friend then left us; he had proved invaluable during the course of the tour. The last tower before reaching the Hostel was Prestbury (8), where a somewhat sleepy band of ringers had a difficult job in trying to ring and keep their eyes open at the same time. The hostel for the night was at Cleeve Hill and was reached after a long climb up a one in four hill. After our evening meal we all went to Bishop's Cleeve, where the best ringing of the tour was heard. Several of the local ringers were present and an excellent touch of Stedman was brought round.

Thursday morning was rather sad as we all went our separate ways. All but four went by train, three cycled to Birmingham and then got a lift to Manchester, while the one left (who surprised us all by buying a comb for himself the previous day) went to Tewkesbury !

Methods rung were:—Plain Bob Doubles, Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, St. Simon's Doubles and April Day, Kent and Oxford Minor and Major (and the two spliced), Cambridge Surprise Minor, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol and Superlative Surprise Major, Little Bob Major and Royal, Double Norwich and the following Minor methods: Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court, Double Bob, London and York Surprise.

May we express our gratitude to all the clergy, local ringers and Youth Hostel Association wardens who aided us in making our tour a great success. Also on behalf of all the members of our party we say thank you to Misses C. Anne Muirhead and Ruth M. Jackson for the excellent way in which they organised the tour. Thanks also to the Ringing Master, Mr. Brian A. Tomlinson, for keeping us at it all the time. We also thank all the visitors who came with us on our tour and helped to make it such a great success.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Combined practices are being held during the summer in central eight-bell towers, organised by the Ringing Master, Mr. D. Burnett. On August 6th the practice began at St. Austell, which has the finest-toned eight in Cornwall. It was attended by members of many Cornish towers including the president, Mr. A. Carveth, and a few visitors.

After an hour's ringing the party moved to the tower of St. Stephen-in-Brannel, where they were met by the Rector (Canon Gilbert), and ringing continued for nearly two hours. Everyone was given a chance to ring and to attempt methods they cannot practise in their home towers. A well-struck extent of Grandsire Doubles was struck by the Crantock band with the assistance of some of the visitors, and there were also touches of Minor, Triples and Major methods.

These practices have been most successful and are a great help in advancing change ringing in the Guild. W. H. R. T.

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GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

North-West Branch at Holsworthy

The summer meeting of the N.W. Branch took place at Holsworthy on August 6th, when some 40 members and friends, including the president, Prebendary E. V. Cox and many ringers on holiday, spent a happy afternoon with the fine ring of bells. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Knight, and the Rector (the Rev. A. Warne), who also presided at the organ, gave all a hearty welcome in his inspiring address.

After tea, Mr. F. C. Smale presided at the short business meeting. One non-resident member—Mr. Elliott, of Kelvedon, Essex—was elected. The company stood in silence to the memory of the late chairman, the Rev. W. H. Ravenhill, who for many years had filled that office.

The Rector and Mr. Knight were thanked for their services and the use of the bells. Ringing continued till eight in the evening and the standard methods were practised. F. C. S.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The August meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Great Cheverell on the 6th inst., some 35 members and friends attending, including a number of visitors. The ringers were the guests of Sir C. Chitham for tea, for which thanks were expressed.

After tea Erlestoke tower was open for ringing and was visited by some members. Ringing ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

S. C.

AN EVENTFUL SOMERSET BANK HOLIDAY

Seven Somerset ringers from West Buckland, North Petherton and Wembdon got together at short notice for what proved to be a very eventful day.

Goathurst was visited first where the aim and achievement was some good courses of Cambridge Minor. For our efforts we were offered some excellent cider!

Next came Charlynch, where we rang, we believe, the first quarter on this very rough five. During this, coloured movie shots were taken by Mr. David Callander, of Guelph, Ontario. Mr. and Mrs. Callander are staying with friends at Charlynch House, and are friends and neighbours of Mr. Arnold Summerville, carillonneur of St. George's Parish, Guelph, who succeeded Mr. Robert Donnell, present carillonneur of the Peace Tower, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa.

Mr. Callander then took more shots of the ringers, of the bells in action, and of the view from the top of the tower, and requested that a copy of 'The Ringing World' recording the quarter peal be sent to him in Canada.

Before we left, a black kitten came into the tower, but this did not prove to be a lucky omen for two of the party who were joining in a peal attempt at Nempnett Thrubwell. (There is such a place and the tower is extremely difficult to find!)

Later we rejoined forces at Holcombe Rogus (Devon) for over an hour's good ringing. This was followed by refreshments and handbell ringing (not so successful) at the home of the West Buckland section of the party. R. S.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A wonderful handbell feat was recently performed by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray and Mr. G. E. Feirn. On August 8th they rang a handbell peal in 106 Minor methods, thus surpassing the peal of 105 methods rung by them 'in hand' in June, 1947, and also rung on tower bells by the Leicestershire band at Copt Oak. Congratulations!

Over 70 bell founders are represented in the 2,000 bells in Essex. About nine per cent. are pre-Reformation, some dating back to the 14th century or earlier.

Best wishes from his many ringing friends to Mr. C. Green and his wife, of Long Buckby, Northants, on the occasion of their golden wedding. The peal at Long Buckby on August 2nd paid due tribute to the oldest member of the local company on this happy occasion.

Mainly through the energy and drive of the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow, the bells of St. George's, Colegate, Bristol, were augmented and hung as a ringing peal. It was appropriate that a peal should be rung at this church in honour of his wedding to Miss Thelda Hook.

The 60th anniversary peal of the first peal at Newcastle-under-Lyme, rung on July 29th and recorded in our last issue, one of Holt's ten-part Grandsire Triples, was the same composition of the peal rung on July 29th, 1895. The first peal was conducted by Mr. H. Page, and it was his son, Mr. C. H. Page, of Stoke-on-Trent, who conducted the anniversary peal. The other members of the band were of the regular Sunday service band at Newcastle-under-Lyme. The jubilee peal was the first on the bells since they were lowered and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd. Mr. Page was warmly congratulated and thanked by the band at the conclusion of the peal.

At a meeting of the General Committee of the Leicester Diocesan Guild held on Thursday, August 11th, it was unanimously decided that the invitation of the Guild to the Central Council to hold its 1956 meeting at Leicester should stand. The vice-presidents, Messrs. Paul L. Taylor and E. C. Turner, are proceeding with arrangments for the meeting.

Ringing takes place at Woburn Abbey at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays. Visitors will be welcome.

Mr. E. Alexander Young, who is now past 90 years of age, read the lesson when the Lewisham District of the Kent County Association held their meeting at Farningham.

After the peal at West Malling for the wedding of Peter C. Wright and Kathleen Higgins the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. P. Wright, parents of the bridegroom.

The peal at Higher Walton was a golden wedding compliment to one of the Lancashire Association's best servants, Mr. Arthur Tomlinson, who was ringing secretary for many years and vice-president and is still a Central Council representative. Throughout his ringing life he has been a conscientious service ringer. May he and his wife live long to enjoy their retirement.

The Melton Mowbray District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild welcomes as residents to Melton Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Staniforth. Mr. Staniforth (Peter's younger brother) is well known as a ringer in Leicestershire. He has been teaching in Melton for the past year, and now his wife has taken up a teaching appointment in the town. They were married at York at Easter time and Mrs. Staniforth has now relinquished an appointment at Wetherby, Yorkshire.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE

By EWART H. EDGE

(Continued from page 506)

BROUGHTON HALL

RETRACING one's steps along the main Market Drayton-Newcastle Road, a right-hand fork at the Loggerheads turns away towards Eccleshall, running through thickly wooded country. On the left of the road is the beautiful half-timbered Broughton Hall, with its small but equally fine church opposite, originally the chapel to the hall. It is an excellent example of native architecture and among its special treasures are its stained glass, some of Flemish origin brought back by the Delves returning from Continental wars, some ancient heraldic glass from the now ruined Doddington Castle, and its font built into the west side of the north-east pillar supporting the tower. There are eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.), being augmented from a six, which bear the inscription: 'Pietatis ergo Sr. B: Broughton Bart. 1720.' The bells go and sound extremely well and despite the isolation of the tower (there is no village of Broughton) are rung to methods every Sunday by an enthusiastic band drawn from several miles around.

Standon is a hamlet four miles east of Broughton. The partly-Norman Church has five bells, now unringable. Of the older bells, one (undated) bears the inscription: 'Sancta Maria Ora Pro Nobis,' and another bears the mark of William Bagley, of Chacombe, 1674.

Swynnerton, home of the Fitzherberts, Lords of Stafford, is quite close too. The church is partly Norman. The ringing chamber is reached by a flight of wooden steps and a trap-door, and for ventilation an unguarded door opens into space high up in the nave wall. John Rudhall cast the six bells (tenor 9 cwt.) at 'Glocester' in 1812.

RUDHALL BELLS AT ECCLESHALL

Eccleshall, five miles south of Swynnerton, to-day a quiet market town, was for many centuries the home of the Bishops of Lichfield, several of whom are buried here. In keeping with its importance the church is magnificent, both in its proportions and workmanship. Particularly notable is a modern oak chapel reredos and screens. The tower is 100 feet high and its lower stages contain both Saxon and Norman work. The doorway to the tower staircase is approached by a semi-circular flight of steps outside the west end. Four of the six bells (tenor 11 cwt.) are by Rudhall in 1710, and the treble came from the same foundry in 1735. John Taylor and Co. added the second in 1873 and rehung the bells in 1954. The tenor is marked with the names of the churchwardens in office in 1710, when the bells were installed, and among them is one J. Pickstock. The present captain of ringers is of the same name.

It is not far from Eccleshall to Stone, birthplace of John Jervis, Earl St. Vincent, who is buried here, Richard Barnfield, a poet, contemporary and acquaintance of William Shakespeare, and of Peter de Wint, the landscape painter. The present church dates from 1750, being built on the site of the old Priory Church. Six of the eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.) are older than the present building, being cast in 1710 by Abraham Rudhall and may have come from the old church. The inscription on the treble reads: 'When you mee ring Ile sweetly sing,' and the fifth: 'God save queen Ann and the church of England as by law established.' These were augmented in the last century. The rope circle runs anti-clockwise.

Between Stone and the Potteries the land rises to Barlaston Downs and the pleasant village built round its Green. The church is some distance from the Green and at the end of an avenue of 'immemorial elms' beside the 18th century hall. The small, low tower rises hardly a full storey above the nave roof. Ringing is done from the ground floor and in full view of the congregation through a fine arch which reaches to the nave roof. A lych-gate gives entrance to the churchyard, a memorial to the wife of a former resident in the village, and it is said that a sixth bell was offered as the benefaction but that the effect of the extra metal would have entailed the blocking of part of the archway. Three of the bells are dated 1620, 1638 and 1695 respectively and these were recast and two tenors added by W. Blews and Sons, of Birmingham, in 1876. They have been rehung since the war by Taylors. The tenor is only six cwt. but the bells are not the easiest to manage owing to the length of unguided rope and the smallness of the circle.

A WARM WELCOME TO VISITORS

This, then, is the area covered by the North Staffordshire Association, but communications are difficult particularly in the isolated moorland districts—it is easier and quicker to travel the 150 miles to London than to cross the 25-odd miles from the Shropshire to the Derbyshire border—and several of the towers are not affiliated. Monthly ringing meetings are held and in this way stimulus and encouragement are brought to different towers each year by the sense of fellowship they engender and the opportunity they offer of advancing one's skill. The Association covers the Archdeaconry of Stoke-on-Trent, but no mention is here made of four other towers with five or more bells within the Archdeaconry—Forton, Gnosall, High Offley and Norbury—since these belong more properly to Central rather than North Staffordshire.

In an area where communications are not easy, it is to be expected that there will be great variations in the standards of ringing, but there are many fine rings of bells to be enjoyed, and any ringers who may visit the district may be sure of being warmly welcomed.

Hinton Bells have been heard in the Seven Seas

The bells of St. Peter's, Hinton-on-the-Green, Worcs, have something in common with the famous bells of Bow, in that they have been heard and cherished in the farthest corners of the earth.

Just back from a foreign commission is the heavy cruiser H.M.S. 'Birmingham.'

Every Sunday morning before Divisions, the bells of Hinton, from a tape recording of Stedman Triples by the Sunday service band, rang out in every part of the ship and over the waters in many harbours into the earshot of peoples of different colours and tongues.

From Kure in Japan to Lourenço Marques in Portuguese East Africa, from Diego Suarez in French Madagascar to Manus and the other Admiralty Islands of the South Pacific, the 'Birmingham' pealed out the bells of Hinton-on-the-Green.

And at sea, too, across 41,000 *miles of the Indian Ocean and the South Atlantic, the Sea of Japan and the English Channel, the authentic voice of a little church in the heart of England was heard by all who passed by, calling them to prayer.*

The chaplain of the 'Birmingham' during her last commission was the Rev. J. O. C. Champion, R.N., whose father, the Rev. F. C. Champion, is the rector of Hinton-on-the-Green.

MELTON RINGERS MARRIED AT NOTTINGHAM

Two Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, ringers were married in an inspiring service on Monday, August 8th, at the lovely Church of St. Mary at Nottingham.

The bridegroom was Mr. H. G. Bailey, a native of Scalford, near Melton, and the bride was Miss E. S. Wise, whose home is at Melton. Both have been ringers at Melton for some years.

Nottingham ringers sounded a welcome on their heavy ring of ten as the bride approached the church, and the fully choral service was conducted by Canon Hawkins, Vicar of St. Mary's, assisted by Canon Clarke, Vicar of Melton Mowbray. A Melton ringer, Mr. P. A. Corby, was best man.

As the bridal party left the church the bells pealed out again and were 'fired' several times.

The honeymoon is being spent touring in the south-west and the future home of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey will be at Winsford, Cheshire, where Mr. Bailey is in business, and Mrs. Bailey teaches. They have the very good wishes of the Melton ringers who hope their visits will be frequent. In the meantime Cheshire ringers will have two useful permanent additions to their strength.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Guilsborough Branch's Gift to Retiring President

The meeting of the Guilsborough Branch at West Haddon on August 6th was the occasion of a presentation to Canon T. W. Long, of an electric table lamp in appreciation of his loyal service as Branch president for 22 years. Canon Long will retire from the living of West Haddon at the end of September.

The holiday month of August prevented several from attending, but members were present from Yelvertoft, Long Buckby, Creaton, Kelmarsh, Oxendon and West Haddon, with visitors from Northampton, Rugby and Brafield.

It was agreed to hold the next two Branch meetings at Long Buckby on September 3rd, and at Hazelbech on October 10th.

PEAL RINGING IN RUTLANDSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

IN the letter from Mr. P. Amos concerning peals in Northants, he also said that several peals in Rutlandshire had never been published. Although this did not make much difference in the larger county, where I had recorded some 2,000-odd peals, if true, it would make a difference in our smallest county, for I have found only just over 100 peals mentioned in the columns of the ringing press. Figures, it should be remembered particularly here, concern peals so published. I shall always be very pleased and grateful to learn of any which have never appeared in print.

A footnote to a peal at Empingham (6) on November 2nd, 1895, says that it is the first in Rutlandshire. I expect that is accurate since it was before the days of the 'quarrels' which caused peals not to be published. There have only been two other peals recorded at this tower—in 1910 and 1933. Actually 16 towers have appeared in the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' and 'Bell News,' and only three of these have reached double figures for numbers of peals.

Oakham (8) has easily the most—33. Three of these were in 1911 and 1912, then there were 15 from 1921 to 1935 and the remaining 15 have come in the last ten years. The only other 8-bell tower is Uppingham. Only six peals have been rung there in the years 1899. 1910, 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1952.

The other two towers with double figures both have six bells and both have recorded 12 peals. At Belton six were rung from 1911 to 1914 and the remainder from 1920 to 1936. At Langham four were rung between 1901 and 1911, seven from 1920 to 1936 and the final one in 1949. There is room to mention all the towers in the county with bells. Thus. amongst the others with six bells, Exton comes next with nine peals—three from 1896 to 1910 and six from 1935 to 1939. Whissendine has seven—five since the war and the other two in 1914 and 1932.

I have recorded six at Glaston (Mr. Amos mentions this tower specifically as having had an earlier peal than the first published in 1932). The first two were on five bells, the remaining four on the six in 1937, 1939, 1948 and 1952. Cottesmore has five in 1934, 1936, 1950, 1951 and 1954. Greetham and Edith Weston (like Empingham) each have three and all have come since 1951. Ashwell (6) does not appear to have had a peal—none published, at any rate.

Of the fives, seven out of the 12 are still virgin territory as far as 'The Ringing World' peal columns are concerned They are Great Casterton, Hambleton, Ketton (unringable, I believe), North Luffenham, Lyddington, Preston and Ryhall.

Of those with peals. Market Overton has the most—three—all since 1951. Caldecote's two have likewise been in 1952 and 1953. The remaining three have one each. They are Barrowden (in 1931), Seaton (1932) and Wing (1931—but a footnote to this says that 'the last peal on these bells was rung in 1903,' so that seems to be another not published).

That appears to be all one can say about the peals in Rutlandshire. As I said above, I should be very grateful for details of peals which have not been published. Perhaps, now that I have mentioned the figures for the different towers, it will enable some sympathetic ringer to compare notes with me about some of them. I hope so. Peal totals include all published up to July 22nd, 1955.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Farnham District at Grayshott

The meeting of the Farnham District at St. Luke's Church, Grayshott, on August 6th can be said to be quite successful. A good number of members turned up during the afternoon and evening and they were able to welcome many visitors to the area.

Mr. E. J. Wells, Ringing Master, was in charge of the ringing. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Superlative.

The ringers' service was conducted by Canon Fielding H. B. Ottley. This was followed by tea, served in the Bank House Cafe.

After a very short business meeting Mr. C. W. Denyer, on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Canon for taking the service, and the Grayshott band under their captain, Mr. G. Yarborough, for making the afternoon such a success. M. A. C.

RINGING BY ROTHERHAM HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS



A unique event took place at Rotherham Parish Church on Tuesday morning, July 19th, when eight girls from Rotherham High School rang the bells to call their 500 colleagues to church to their annual end-of-term service.

A good deal of local interest was focused on the event, which was previously announced by the B.B.C. in their programme 'The Week Ahead.' Photographers from three local newspapers turned up during the ringing.

The girls' ages ranged from 14 to 18 and averaged 15, and their abilities range from rounds to Surprise Minor. Four of the girls are attached to the Parish Church team, three from Thrybergh and one from St. Stephen's.

Six of the girls rang a plain course of Bob Minor, then, assisted by Messrs. F. Fisher, G. Lee and N. Chaddock, touches of Plain Bob and Little Bob Minor were rung on the front six. Ringing concluded with well-struck call changes on the back eight and on the ten bells the girls ringing on the front seven and the three men on the heavier three bells.

The girls really excelled themselves and received many congratulations from several quarters after this happy and unusual occurrence, which undoubtedly acted as a useful stimulant to their interest. N. C.

[Photo by courtesy of the 'South Yorkshire and Rotherham Advertiser.']

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LAST PEAL AT ST. DIONIS'

Dear Sir,—The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead is almost certainly correct in supposing that the peal at St. Dionis', Backchurch, in December, 1877, was the last one there. The footnote to the peal in 'Church Bells' (it was 5,200 Kent Treble Bob Royal, conducted by H. W. Haley), says: 'This is the last peal that will be heard from the above tower, as both church and tower are to be taken down in the course of the year.'

The memorial stone to Sir Henry Tulse, both Lord Mayor of London and Master of the College Youths in 1684, is to be found in what remains of St. Dionis' churchyard, and it may be remembered that this was restored by the Society in their tercentenary year. The present senior steward and I located it a year or two ago (not without difficulty—it is in a little courtyard off Lime Street, between Fenchurch and Leadenhall Streets), and we were glad to find the stone in good condition.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT

Crayford, Kent.

AN APPEAL FOR CO-OPERATION

Dear Sir,—I feel a letter of congratulation is due to Mr. Amos for his helpful letter in 'The Ringing World' on page 507. The useful information he sends will, no doubt, prove most encouraging to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead in his researches. I imagine Mr. Amos is now in direct correspondence with Mr. Felstead so that he can tell him which are the five-bell towers which have been conquered.

I am not quite clear why Mr. Amos finds it necessary to condemn the attempt to record all peals. Such records can be of great interest and, if carefully compiled with the co-operation of diligent researchers (such as Mr. Amos), will serve to give a fairly accurate idea of ringing at different times. Old peal records are so easily lost that a permanent record is very necessary.

I can give a good example of the inestimable value of these records. A certain well-known organiser of peal-ringing tours usually tries to arrange to ring the 'first in the method' at each tower. Where, but from Mr. Felstead, can he get accurate information? Thus can progress be made!

Finally, may I presume to remind Mr. Amos that Mr. Felstead's records only claim to be complete in respect of peals published in the various ringing journals. He has never said that any tower was virgin, only that there has been no **published** peal. Hence it behoves Mr. Amos to pass on his vast supplies of useful information for the good of the Exercise instead of airing it by oblique references. It would be a shame for it to be forgotten with him.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD F. B. SPEED.

Hampton Wick.

PEAL RINGING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Dear Sir,—In 'Peal Ringing in Nottinghamshire' ('Ringing World,' July 29th), Thrumpton is mentioned as an eight-bell tower which is still virgin territory but probably Ruddington was meant. Thrumpton is correctly included in the five-bell towers at the end of the article.—Yours sincerely,

C. GLENN.

Nottingham.

FALSE PEAL OF SPLICED CAMBRIDGE, NEW CAMBRIDGE AND SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir, — Roger Baldwin's peal of Spliced Cambridge, New Cambridge and Southwell, published on page 445, is false in a few places, due to falseness between New Cambridge and Cambridge or Superlative. This occurs, as in Cambridge, between the first and fifth leads and between the third and sixth leads (f.c.e. 46253), also between the second and sixth leads and between the third and seventh leads (f.c.e. 32546).

For this reason the third lead in each of courses 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 is false against the seventh lead in courses 12, 8, 23, 2, 4, 22, 5, and 6 respectively, the fifth lead in courses 1, 13, 19 and 20 against the first lead in courses 22, 17, 1 and 12 respectively, and the sixth lead in courses 1 and 13 against the third lead in courses 22 and 17, if these leads are rung to Cambridge or Southwell. The falseness can, of course, be remedied by ringing New Cambridge in these leads, but this severely limits the number of leads in which the other two methods may be rung.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. MORRIS.

Orpington, Kent.

Dear Sir,—I have checked the composition of Spliced New Cambridge and Southwell and have found Mr. Morris's observations to be correct. I would like to apologise for my oversight in extracting f.c.e.'s and thank Mr. Morris for pointing out the falseness.

This composition will have to be withdrawn, but the calling is still true to Superlative.—Yours sincerely,

ROGER BALDWIN.

Portsmouth.

RINGING DURING SERVICE

Dear Sir,—I have been very interested in the numerous letters that have been received about 'Ringing during Service.' St. Mary's, Rickmansworth, is one of these churches which have a Sung Mass every Sunday morning preceded by Sung Matins. We are thus unable to ring for the 11 a.m. service but we endeavour to ring four times a year for this service in which we have to ring during Matins, these being: Christmas, Easter, Whitsun and Harvest Thanksgiving. We call a band together and approach the Vicar on these occasions, and he has no objection whatsoever.—Yours faithfully,

DOUGLAS C. BARTHOLOMEW

Rickmansworth.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to warmly congratulate Mr. A. J. Pitman on producing yet another 'masterpiece' in the form of a Spliced Surprise Major composition in seven methods, retaining the standard four, wherein all the bells do all the work of each method.

This achievement marks a new triumph in the advancement of this branch of the art, especially so as the number of methods that can be included on this plan is necessarily limited. Coupled with congratulations must also be thanks for the many hours of patient research that lie behind these highly commendable productions, and I have the greatest possible pleasure in expressing my own.—Yours truly,

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Bradford

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Mr. Fred Williams Leaving Melton Mowbray

Mr. Fred Williams, formerly of Eaton, chairman of the District, has now removed to Blyth, Nottinghamshire, and will be sadly missed by Melton District, where he has been an indefatigable worker for the cause of ringing.

An excellent chairman and a good organiser, Mr. Williams spared no pains in his efforts to attract ringers and friends in an exclusively agricultural area to the meetings and social functions which are always such happy affairs in the District. In particular, Mr. Williams personally organised the annual District dinner at Scalford and these functions were always a very great success.

Apart from his activities for the Diocesan Guild, Mr. Williams is also secretary of the Framland Association, an organisation of ringers in the Framland Deaneries, which was founded 80 years ago at Waltham-on-the-Wolds. Considerable interest was aroused at a meeting of the Association in May this year at Waltham when Mr. Williams had on show a presentation bell on a stand, which had been presented to a former secretary of the Association towards the end of the last century. This bell had been discovered in a secondhand shop far away from the District and Mr. Williams took the initiative in purchasing it for the Framland Association. His action was warmly approved by the members and the bell has since been accepted for safe custody by the Rector of Waltham, having been formally handed over at Evensong by Mr. Williams on behalf of the Association on a subsequent Sunday.

In over 20 years at Eaton, where there is a light ring of six, much good work for the Parish Church has been done by Mr. Williams including a period as secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

Mrs. Williams is also very well known to the ringers of the district and she has usually been with her husband when he has made his frequent visits to other churches to assist in ringing for special services on occasions when local bands have been very glad of outside help and have been much encouraged by the presence and assistance of their Guild chairman.

The Melton District wishes every happiness to its old friends in their new surroundings and hopes that the sadness of parting may be lessened by frequent return visits.

Richmond (Surrey) Have a Quarter After 25 Years

The Church of St. Matthias, Richmond, built as a chapel-of-ease or daughter church of the Parish of Richmond, was designed for a ring of 12 bells, but they were never installed. The commemorative quarter for the 97th dedication festival was, therefore, rung at the Parish Church, and this quarter was the first for at least a quarter of a century, although a peal was rung here about 23 years ago. The ringer of the sixth, Mr. W. Coles, rang in this peal, which was conducted by Mr. J. A. Trollope. Among the band there were two members of the choir of St. Matthias', Dr. G. J. Neal Smith, who is organist of the church, and whose birthday happens to be the same as the dedication festival, and his daughter, Gillian. At least four members of the choir of St. Matthias' are ringers, which must be almost unique for a church without bells.

SCENERY & BELLS—Stories from Outings

ST. AMBROSE, BRISTOL

On July 16th 41 ringers and friends left St. Ambrose, Bristol, for their annual outing. First stop was Monmouth, and whilst the ringers had a pull on the eight bells others took a very welcome cup of coffee. It was here that our party went coach hunting, as the police objected to our shutting out the light from the police station.

Leaving Monmouth somewhat late, our next stop was Abergavenny, where the non-ringing section of our party partook of an excellent lunch and the ringers made good use of the delightful ten bells. After some excellent ringing, including Little Bob Royal, the ringers then hastened to the second lunch sitting, some stopping for the usual!

It was at Abergavenny that we contacted Mr. Stephens, of Ebbw Vale, who promised to guide us to our next tower. Our ringing on the beautiful eight was (as we afterwards found out) the introduction to the annual carnival.

A stop at Pontypool for tea, and then on to Usk for ringing on the lovely eight, and another 'quick one'!

Our last stop was back at Monmouth again for our traditional supper, after which a presentation was made to Mr. F. Skidmore, who had retired from the secretaryship of St. Ambrose Ringing Guild after 28 years' service.

It was nearly midnight when a tired but happy party arrived back in Bristol after a long but enjoyable day. Our thanks are due to incumbents for the use of the bells, and to all others who helped to make this outing successful. J. F. P.

NEWCASTLE AREA

On August Bank Holiday the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association held another very successful outing, this year to four towns or villages at the edge of the Cleveland Hills in North Yorkshire.

A start was made at 9.10 a.m. from Newcastle, the route being through Durham, Sedgefield, Stockton, Stokesley and across the Cleveland Hills to Helmsley. Here we rang at All Saints', with its flat sixth and much swaying tower, the last characteristic making the ringing not up to the standard we would have wished. By then it was time for an excellent lunch in the Yorkshire style at the Crown Hotel. Under low, dark clouds the journey was resumed along the Thirsk road, down Sutton Bank, with its gradient of one in four, to a tiny village about one and a half miles off the main road, called Felixkirk. The Church of St. Felix houses a small German organ, a rarity in this country, and a pretty ring of six (tenor 9 cwt.) and, hidden away under a belfry seat, in a wormeaten box, one of those sets of handbells referred to by C. W. Woolley in a recent leading article, a set of six bells by Warners. However, their tone and condition were good. A variety of methods was rung.

At Thirsk the bells were kept going for 45 minutes in methods up to Double Norwich and by then everybody was ready for tea at Faceby, a 20-mile journey on the northern side of the Cleveland Hills. As the water in this village is cut off at about 6 p.m. every day on account of the long dry spell of weather, it was indeed fortunate that our hostess had laid by a good supply of water to meet our thirsts.

The last tower of the day, and the best bells, were at Carlton-in-Cleveland. Highlights of the ringing on this excellent light eight (tenor 15 cwt.) rung from a gallery, were a course of Yorkshire Surprise Major and a touch of Stedman Triples containing Tittums, Queens and Whittington. After a short adjournment to quench our thirsts we started to wend our way peacefully homeward, but within 20 minutes of leaving Carlton a pellet of paper hit some unsuspecting maiden's neck and before many minutes had passed, showers of pellets were flying up and down the coach and soon some people started losing shoes. Before we knew where we were we had to start patching up our wounds in readiness to leave the coach, which arrived back in Newcastle at 10 p.m., discharging a very tired but happy cargo.

Thanks are due to Mr. George S. Deas for the excellent way in which he organised this, his first trip as organiser, and especially for discovering two such hospitable hostelries for meals J. A. A.

GAMSTON, NOTTS

It was July 23rd and Gamston outing! At 7.20 a.m. a large coach arrived in Retford Market Place; it had to be large because two 'Lancasters' (although not aircraft) were waiting. Owing to the hot weather one did not have to 'wear' many garments. A 'cook' was also put on board, it was thought he might be useful. Taking the right 'street,' the coach set off for the King's Lynn district. Before going far nice fresh 'willows' were put inside to brighten up the coach.

At Gamston a couple of 'pilgrams' were awaiting the pilgrimage, with a fine young 'badger' and a nice 'day.'

At Tuxford a full-grown 'fox' was picked up and put inside for safety. It was at Sutton-on-Trent where the problem of finding room for a 'castle' was overcome—although large, we got her in.

We had a short wait at North Muskham for a 'cop(p)' to get in, but he, being nice, took no names There was only one more stop before being full, this at Newark, but on opening the door in came 'midwinter,' and we had no 'coat(e)s' with us.

However, all was well, and right away to Long Sutton, a very fine eight; we should have liked to have stayed longer but time did not permit. At Downham Market a broken rope delayed ringing; these bells would be better if they could be heard more distinctly. Magdalen, St. Mary's, was next, with a grand six very much enjoyed. Gaywood (6) was the last tower before tea, and also enjoyed.

St. Margaret's (10), King's Lynn, was the highlight of the day, and touches of Grandsire Caters was the best ringing on this grand ring which is all that can be desired. The last tower of the day was Terrington St. Clement, and ringing ended shortly after 7.30.

Through 'The Ringing World' thanks are given to all the clergy for permission to ring, Mr. E. H. Mastin for his kind assistance, and all the local ringers for a kind welcome.

Although we had a load the coach did not 'reek' one bit, and home was reached at 11 p.m. after 200 miles and a 'day' well spent. H. D.

MELTON MOWBRAY

On August Bank Holiday Melton Mowbray (Leicestershire) ringers, accompanied by the Rev. E. W. K. Bailey (curate), wives, sweethearts, mothers and other friends visited Higham Ferrers, St. Albans (St. Peter's), Woburn, Olney and Earls Barton. The ringing at Woburn was most appropriate for the 80th birthday of Mrs. Harris, the wife of Mr. H. D. Harris, the well-known Bedfordshire ringer, who celebrated his 80th birthday earlier in the year. He was happy to ring a course of Cambridge with the visitors. Another participant in this course was 'Robbie'—William J. Robinson—lately so well known at Guildford, who has now retired to Bedfordshire and was on a visit to Woburn. A good time was had by all.

HUNTS DISTRICT

Towers in Rutland and North Leicestershire were visited on July 2nd by members of the Hunts District for their annual tour. The coach left St. Neots at 8 a.m. picking up at Brampton, Huntingdon, St. Ives and Yaxley until the full complement of 35 was reached.

A welcome from the Rector was accorded the party at Uppenham, their first tower, which was reached at 10 a.m., and ringing was enjoyed for an hour. The lively little six at Edith Weston followed and a friendly greeting from the Rector.

After lunch, at Oakham, Mr. S. R. Hoy met the party at the Parish Church and we were delighted with the bells. Crossing into Leicestershire, Mr. Huddleston was waiting at Wymondham. It was here the first mishap occurred, the tenor rope breaking as the bells were being raised. Minor repairs were quickly executed and the bells got going. Nevertheless some of the party found these bells a bit of a handful. Then to tea, a delightful spread, which was quickly despatched. Under the Three Horseshoes sign the party were photographed.

Buckminster, a prettily situated church with a delightful ring of six, provided some good ringing. The last tower of the day was Bottesford, where Mr. Ward welcomed the party, and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m. After a vote of thanks to Mr. H. S. Peacock, tracks were made for home. H. S. P.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY,

Ringers and friends of Christ Church, Ottershaw, held their annual outing on June 25th. An early start was made for a tour of Hertfordshire. The first church visited after a run of an hour and a quarter was Abbots Langley, with its unusual ringing chamber. The party then moved on to the charming village of Great Gaddesden, where glorious views of the surrounding country were obtained from the top of the church tower. After a good lunch in a 16th century barn in St. Albans a short visit was paid to the Abbey. Unfortunately time did not permit the tower to be visited.

The route then led via Kimpton and St. Ippolyts (situated high on a hill) to Little Berkhamstead, where tea was taken. The last tower of the day was Aldenham, with its fine ring of eight. To complete the day a short stop was made at Stoke Poges for liquid refreshment.

Several members of local bands joined in the ringing of some of the touches. The ringing this year was not of such high standard as on previous occasions, due mainly to the absence of more experienced ringers.

Thanks are due to the tower secretaries and incumbents who helped to ensure the success of this year's venture. J. R.

Wedding of Mr. Leslie Boumphrey and Miss Bryce

Friendship which started at Leeds University was consummated by the wedding at Torrisholme Ascension Church, Morecambe, Lancs, on August 13th, of Mr. Leslie Boumphrey and Miss Margaret Bryce.

The bridegroom, who was born in Glasgow, is the son of the president of the Scottish Association, and after completing his training at Leeds University recently accepted an appointment in the Manchester area and has been prominent in ringing circles in South Lancashire.

The bride is a native of Lancaster and has done most of her ringing since the left the University at Wakefield, where she held a teaching appointment.

After a honeymoon in North Wales they are to make their home at Hazel Grove, near Stockport.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF THE EXERCISE

The first summer holiday tour by the above (as yet unofficial) Society has at last taken place. Members from Wales, North Bradley, Chippenham, Bristol, Tewkesbury, Swindon, Lancashire and Devon assembled at Keynsham on July 23rd at 9 a.m. and a short service of intercession was held, conducted by the Vicar, before the start of a ten-day tour of South Devon. Ringing on Saturday continued at Bishop's Lydeard, Rockwell Green (a lovely six), Broadclyst and Clyst Common.

Headquarters for the week was at East Budleigh, where five of the party rang for early service on Sunday, the tenor being 'brought along behind' by Harry Luxton, one of Devon's call change ringers, who is also a member of the Guild.

Morning service was at Littleham with a visit (always a pleasure) to Ottery St. Mary for Evensong.

Monday was spent with a short tour of Clyst St. George, Pinhoe, Topsham, Lympstone and Withycombe Raleigh, but to get full measure we returned to Littleham for an hour in the evening. By this time everyone was getting a nice tan and had had a real taste of the clear blue Atlantic Ocean.

Tuesday was another easy day at Exminster, Powderham, Kingsteignton, where quite a novelty is the stream which runs through the churchyard to work an old waterwheel beyond The day ended at Dawlish.

Wednesday was perhaps the highlight of the week, and before lunch we had already enjoyed two more of Devon's lovely rings of eight at Chudleigh and Bovey Tracey. At 2.15 p.m. we were at Buckfast Abbey, where we were met and were entertained by Father Oswald Mewan, O.S.B., who also joined us in some rounds. Two and a half hours here seemed a matter of minutes, but before leaving we visited the bell chamber to watch 'Hosaunah' being tolled. The slow majestic movement of this giant among bells is truly a sight worth seeing. The day ended at Buckfastleigh.

Thursday was Exeter day; St. Thomas', St. Mark's and St. David's, followed by an hour and a half at the Cathedral and a full evening at Heavitree, where it was a pleasure to renew some old acquaintanceships, including one with a 'younger-than-ever-looking' Mr. Charles Glass.

Friday was a bit of a rush before lunch, and proved once again that if you start out half an hour and ten minutes late you remain late all day. However, we 'got in' Highweek, Ipplepen, Dartmouth (St. Petrox) by lunch time, and, after, St. Clement's and St. Saviour's, followed by an evening at Brixham.

Saturday it was up and over the moors to Moretonhampstead and Plymouth (St. Andrew's and Emmanuel) followed by Plympton (St. Maurice's), while Sunday morning was again a 'local affair' at Sidmouth and Sidbury. Lunch in the Village Hall at East Budleigh was provided by Hawkers, the local caterers, and memories were revived by seeing 'W. E. Pidgeon' on the crockery. The last day 'in residence' ended with visits to Woodbury, Brampford Speke for Evensong, and Upton Pyne.

Monday, the final day, found us at Bath, the dispersal point, after visiting Glastonbury (St. John's and St. Benedict's), Midsomer Norton and Corston. Space (and my 'Devonian modesty') will not allow a full description of the lovely bells we were allowed to ring or the beautiful country through which we passed. To those of you who know Devon, it is unnecessary, anyway. Our best wishes to those members who could not join us, including Enid Lloyd-Roberts in Australia, Bob Stokes in America and Bert Sutton in Yorkshire.

Our grateful thanks, first to Our Father for the glorious weather and health to enjoy it, and then to all incumbents and friends in local ringers who joined us, especially to the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge, Fred Wreford and Tom Myers for valuable assistance in organising.

We have an afternoon 'do' arranged for September 17th and a full Saturday and Sunday tour for October 8th. C. S.

The Pipeline goes through Melton

Melton Mowbray ringers were standing outside the Crown on a recent Sunday morning enjoying the air when their peace was suddenly disturbed by the passing of a coach at very high speed. As the speeding coach fled by there was a fleeting shout from one of the passengers of 'Hello, Philip!'

Unaccustomed to such excitement, the Melton ringers were slowly collecting their senses when they realised that a car containing the Edwards brothers—Ronald and Ralph—was standing at the kerbside. Evidently they had arrived in the wake of the coach, which it was understood contained Pipe's Pilgrims. There was a rumour abroad that the speed of the coach was due to the fact that it contained a very heavy load; and, in fact, there were stories that a bell of something over a ton in weight was being smuggled from somewhere in East Anglia. This rumour cannot be confirmed, but readers can draw their own conclusions—and smuggling would certainly account for the speed of the coach.

The key to the situation was possibly brought to Melton later in the week when other notable wayfarers—the Locks—passed through the town on their way back home from the dales of Derbyshire. They had news from higher up the pipeline of an uncomplimentary nature to the effect that the Pilgrims thought that some of their old friends were a bit snooty now they have moved to hunting country. There is an answer to that one, of course, but perhaps enough has already been said.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

All the amenities of an English country village in ideal weather graced the occasion of the quarterly meeting at Farningham.

Ringing during the afternoon, superintended by Mr. H. Hoverd, was followed by the very enjoyable service conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. M. Young), who warmly welcomed his congregation in the prelude to his address. The lesson was read by Mr. Alex Young, of Bromley. Mr. Dussex, of Stanstead, kindly acted as organist.

The business meeting followed an al fresco tea at the Lion, Mr. J. Dafters (Lewisham) presiding. Eight ringers were elected into the Association, and the election of two non-resident members was ratified.

Bexley was chosen as the place for the next practice meeting to be held at Saturday, August 27th, and the invitation to visit St. Mary Cray for the annual District meeting, on October 29th, was gratefully accepted.

Cordial votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist and to the local ringers concluded the business.

Further ringing followed under the direction of Mr. P. Brown, Bexley, and the 52 members participating in the meeting had garnered one more memory of a pleasant and successful function.

Norfolk Dedication to be Broadcast

Two new bells were dedicated at Gressenhall Church on August 7th by the Bishop of Norwich in memory of the late Rector, the Rev. Percy Edmund Hall, and his wife, Mrs. Margaret Pollok Hall. Mrs. Hall, who is 81, was in the congregation. The dedication ceremony was filmed and recorded by the B.B.C. and will be included in the Home Service Children's Hour and the Children's Television Newsreel on October 9th. Gressenhall has now a ring of eight bells.

The Bishop, who repeated parts of the ceremony afterwards for the engineers, said in his address that he was glad the B.B.C. had shown the farsightedness to realise that this country parish church was worth putting before vast numbers of viewers and listeners.

'It is a great occasion for people to be on television and broadcast,' he said with a smile. 'You must, quite rightly, feel proud of this publicity. All the same it is not very important. I am glad the vast crowds are not still listening now. We can bring the service back home.'

The Bishop spoke of the high example set by Mr. Hall who was Rector from 1908 to 1953. 'He was the only Rector many of you had ever known,' he said. 'He was just "the Rector." He was an example of the high tradition of our English Church life which is now not so well kept as in former days, when men of education and position were content to spend their whole life as minister and pastor of one country village.

'What England owes to such men is quite beyond your powers and mine to compute, but they left an impress on generation after generation of English people and they have been a great factor in making English life and the English way of life what it is.'

After the service, which was attended by a large congregation, the Bishop presented certificates of membership of the Diocesan Association to three Gressenhall bellringers—Mrs. Joyce Callaby, Miss June Nelson and Mr. Roland Fox.

When the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association met at Horsmonden a picnic tea was the order of the day. One member enhanced his popularity by bringing his own kettle. Even those who had brought flasks were observed joining the end of the queue 'just so that none is wasted.'

NEW SOUTH WALES STALWART

The following appreciation of the services to ringing of Mr. William Maldon Rowe, who was recently made a life member of the New South Wales Association of Change Ringers appears in the issue of 'The Ringing Towers' to hand this week:—

'It is fitting that the Editorial of this edition of the New South Wales Association of Change Ringers' official organ be devoted to its founder, Bill Rowe. Over a period of 20 years or so he has perhaps done more for the formation of ringing in this State in particular than any other single individual, and for this reason was made an honorary member of the Central Council of Church Bellrmgers.

'Bill first became interested in ringing in 1933, when he joined St. Jude's tower, Randwick, which was then under the captaincy of Basil Horrocks. At the time Mr. Horrocks was endeavouring to build up that Society, and the ringing consisted mainly of Grandsire Doubles, which was read from cards. A few years later he joined St. Mary's Basilica band, which was under the control of the late Mr. McDonald, sen. There his ringing was advanced to Grandsire Doubles and short touches of Triples.

'During the war, Bill was associated with the English visitors who visited Australia whilst serving with the Royal Navy and this enabled him to receive greater knowledge and experience in his change ringing. It was during his association with one of these men, namely, Alf Williams, that the idea was conceived of incorporating all ringers of the State into one fellowship. In 1946 this suggestion was materialised in the form of the New South Wales Association of Change Ringers, Bill being instrumental in its formation. He was, therefore, a foundation member and became its first secretary, holding this position until his resignation in 1954.

'Whilst holding this position and also that of senior instructor for the Association, he organised and conducted excursions to all towers with ringing bells, city and country, in Australia with the exception of Tasmania and Western Australia. By these visits he has increased the enthusiasm and interest of ringers in this and other States. An example of this was his captaincy of the team which opened the bells of St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, in 1947, and also the organisation of the Victorian tour which sowed the seeds again at Bendigo and at Ballarat, where the bells had not been rung for 37 years. Closer to home he improved the bells at St. Paul's, West Maitland, and with the help of Mr. J. Duncan, was instrumental in St. Clement's, Yass, ringing again.

'At the last annual general meeting of the New South Wales Association of Change Ringers Bill Rowe was made a life member and given full voting rights. In order to confer this distinction upon the man who has given such valuable service for the betterment of good ringing over the years, it was necessary to make a constitutional amendment to this effect, but the decision of the meeting was unanimous.

'It is hoped we may look to Bill Rowe in the future as in the past for his ever-willing guidance.'

In England at the moment is Father John Roche, Parish Priest of St. Benedict's, Broadway, Sydney. St. Benedict's has the only other ringing bells in a Roman Catholic Church in Sydney besides St. Mary's, and so Fr. Roche has a close acquaintance with ringers. He has been recalled temporarily to the Royal Australian Navy to serve as chaplain on board the H.M.A.S. 'Vengeance' and to return to Australia in the new carrier 'Melbourne.' It is hoped that Fr. Roche will meet some English ringers while he is over here.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District Visit Cheriton After 20 Years

The Church of St. Martin, at Cheriton, was the rendezvous for the Ashford District of the Kent County Association on August 6th for the first time for 20 years. And what a relief after the seething mass of traffic on the roads and in the towns! This delightful church, so beautifully maintained, peeps from its clump of trees over the restful countryside to the sea, as, indeed, it has been doing for more than a thousand years.

Mr. Walter Chandler, the captain of the local band, had made all arrangements for the meeting, with not only the permission of the Rector (the Rev. J. Ellis Robinson), but with his wholehearted co-operation.

Ringing began about 3 p.m. and we had the opportunity to see the progress which Mr. Chandler's team of learners had made. At 4.30 the service was held, the Rector officiating, whilst Mr. Chandler was at the organ (no change for him as he is the organist), and the singing was led by a small but most efficient choir. Mr. John Willis read the lesson and the Rector gave an address in which he welcomed us to the church. A collection was taken for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund and realised £1 1s. 3d. After the service we found that a magnificent tea had been prepared in the Schoolroom. It had been provided by the Rector the local ringers and their friends, and was served by their ladies.

A short business meeting followed at which four non-resident life members were elected, and three practising members (one adult and two juniors). It was announced that the annual District meeting would be held at Ashford on September 24th. Mr. J. Willis thanked all those concerned for their share in the arrangements.

Ringing continued during the evening and the neighbouring tower of Newington was also available. Altogether about 40 members and friends were present from 15 towers

As I made my way home I pondered upon two things:—

1. The happy state of affairs which exists when clergy and ringers back one another up in all church matters as well as purely ringing ones.

2. The kindness and hospitality which make our meetings such enjoyable functions.

W. P. G.

LATE NOTICES

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Festival Service at St. Bartholomew's, Westhoughton, on Sunday, Aug. 21st. Bells at 1.30. Service at 3. Preacher, the Rev. F. F. Rigby, M.A.—J. Thornley, Sec. 6809

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Meeting at Wapley, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Westerleigh bells (6) after meeting. Names for tea by Tuesday, Aug. 23rd, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 6811

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Aug. 27th, Denham (8) 3–5 p.m., Chalfont St. Giles (6) 6–8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—W. Butler, Sec. 6812

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting Chaceley, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by Aug. 20th.—J. Beech, The Pump House, Berrow, near Malvern. Tel. Birtsmorton 312. 6810

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BIRTH

SCOTT.—On Aug. 6th, 1955, at 44, St. Leonard's Road, Newton Abbot, to Claire (nee Isles), wife of the Rev. J. G. M. Scott, a daughter. 6775

ENGAGEMENT

COPE—HEELS. — The engagement is announced between Dorothy, 6, Eady Road, Burton Latimer, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Heels, London, and Bryan, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Cope, 181, Station Road, Burton Latimer, Northants. 6774

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The address of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Thorley is now: Padmar, 146, Broadgate Lane, Horsforth, Leeds. 6789

MISCELLANEOUS

MR. and MRS. D. J. TRANTER wish to thank all the ringers who so kindly rang on the occasion of their marriage at St. Paul's Church, Wednesbury, Aug. 6th, 1955. 6808

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 20th, at Somersham (6). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A farewell meeting to our president. Good attendance, please.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6763

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—There will not be a meeting at Burton-in-Lonsdale on Aug. 20th. The meeting was held on Aug. 13th.—Roland F. Eccles. Hon. Sec. 6807

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Cranford (6), Saturday, Aug. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—J. D. Rock. 6752

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Preston, Aug. 20th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting follow.—J. H. Hayne, Sec. 6744

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Keymer, Aug. 20th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. 6737

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting at Soberton on August 20th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in White Lion Inn. 6792

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Ecclesfield, Aug. 20th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in the Gatty Hall.—J. J. L. Gilbert. 6734

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Bow Road, E.3, 3.30. Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 6802

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester and Crewkerne Branches.—Combined meeting Crewkerne, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea. —J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 6785

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary's, Liscard (Wallasey), Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—Alexander J. Martin, Hon. Sec. 6803

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting on Aug. 27th at Northallerton (8), 2.30-4, and Kirby Wiske (6), 4.30 onwards. The Thirsk bus leaves Northallerton at 4, and goes via Kirby Wiske. Arrangements will be made to take ringers back to Northallerton to catch the 7.29 or 8.47 trains to Tees-side. Tea (4.30 at Kirby Wiske) will only be provided for those who notify the Hon. Sec. **immediately,** and at the latest before Aug. 24th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec., 52, Belle Vue Grove, Middlesbrough. 6804

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Melbourne (8) Saturday, Aug. 27th. Names for tea to J. W. Cotton, 3, Coronation Street, Overseale, Derbys. 6782

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—West Hartlepool (St. Oswald's) Saturday, Aug. 27th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Aug. 25th, to Mr. F. Robson, 13, Grainger Street, West Hartlepool. Method: Stedman Caters. 6787

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6797

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Gestingthorpe (6), Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 24th.—H. A. Pratt. 6, Council Houses, Black Notley, Braintree. 6753

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting, Prestbury, Aug. 27th. Bells (8) available 6 p.m. —Mary Bliss, Branch Sec. 6791

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Graveley, Aug. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Weston also available 7-8 only. Special method: Thelwall T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6776

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Northchurch (8), Saturday, Aug. 27th. Names for tea, by the 23rd, to Mr. R. Ashby, 38, High Street, Northchurch, Berkhamstead, Herts.—R. L. Shutter, Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Crayford bells at 2.45. Service, St. Mary's, Bexley, 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 23rd, to Miss M. Andrews, Crawford, 43, Wansunt Road, Bexley. This is important—no names, no tea.—A. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6786

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Aug. 27th, at 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea at Patricia's Pantry 4.30. Names for tea, not later than Aug. 24th, to Mr. T. Beaumont, 7, Prospect Avenue, Frindsbury, Rochester, Kent. All ladies welcome. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden, Hon. Sec. 6757

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Collingham, Aug. 27th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Please send names for tea, by previous Thursday, to Miss Margaret Barker, Westfield, Harewood Road, Collingham. —J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 6788

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District. — Joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD at Blankney (6) on Aug. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous. — C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 6743

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Aug. 27th, St. John's, South Hackney, E.9 (8), 3.30-5 p.m. Tea own arrangements. St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green (8), 6-8.30 p.m. Short service 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6783

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch.— Quarterly meeting at Scarning, Sat., Aug. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30 Tea at 5 followed by business meeting. Numbers for tea to S. H. Waterfield, 6, Station Road, Holme Hale, Thetford. Look up Hereward.—C. F. T. 6769

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Meeting at Aldermaston on August 27th. Usual arrangements. Names to me by the 24th. — J. Coper, 35, Henwick Lane, Thatcham, Berks. 6771

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at the following towers:—

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Service and tea at Farnham	—	4.30-6 p.m.	
6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.	—	Worplesdon	8
	—	Seale	6
	—	Puttenham	6
	—	Stoke	6
	—	Pirbright	6
	—	Ash	6

Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, by Wed., Aug. 31st, 1955, or to your District Sec.: Miss W. Oliver, Ladies' Guild, Southern Area; Mr. J. Chesterman, Basingstoke Branch of Winchester and Portsmouth Guild; Mr. B. Castle, Sonning Deanery Branch of Oxford Guild; Mr. G. S. Joyce, Farnham District of Guildford Guild. 6777

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Brill, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea to A. Crozier, Brae Hill Close, Brill, Aylesbury, Bucks.—C. Kinch. 6799

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cottesmore (6) on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Names for tea by Aug. 23rd.—E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec., Thistleton Road. Market Overton, Oakham. 6748

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD OF RINGERS. — Meeting at Great Wakering, Saturday, Aug. 27th, at 3 p.m. Bring own tea; cups of tea provided.—B. C. Sadler. 6784

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting at Waldron on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Aug. 24th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 6794

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Surprise practice meeting at Horsham, Aug. 27th, 4-5.30, 6.30-8 p.m. 6795

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Southern District.—Quarterly meeting, Gorseinon on Aug. 27th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to J. A. Hoare, 6, Gendros Crescent, Swansea. 6715

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Corporate Communion, Yatton, August 28th, 8 a.m. Bells 7 a.m. Breakfast for those notifying by August 26th.—H. Marshall, Elborough Avenue, Yatton. 6806

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK. — Sunday, Aug. 28th. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers to join with St. Martin-in-the-Fields' ringers and the local company in a short service at 3 p.m. Ringing for all after the service. Light refreshments will be served on the Vicarage lawn; if wet, in the Vicarage Room. Please reply to H. Tooke, The Lizard, Wymondham, Norfolk. 6790

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Aylesbeare, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Service 4.30 p.m. Number for tea by Aug. 29th. —R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 6746

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Wombourn (8), Sept. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Old Post Office (1s. 6d. each) 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, September 1st, please, to R. A. Peakman, 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 6796

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Bekesbourne, Sept. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Numbers for tea (cash enclosed, please), to Mrs. Coombs, 2, Station Cottages, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, not later than Tuesday, August 30th.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6800

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sundridge on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by August 31st, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 6805

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Eardisland, Herefordshire, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, by Sept. 1st, please, to Miss Rosemary Bray, 14, Green Elms, Eardisland, near Leominster.—Jacqueline Evans. 6732

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly ringing meeting and a committee meeting will be held at Lancaster on Sept. 3rd. St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral bells (10) available from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and St. Mary's Priory bells (8) available from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Committee meeting commences at 4.30 p.m. in St. Peter's Social Centre. Tea in St. Peter's Social Centre 5.30 p.m. Names for tea before Thursday, Sept. 1st, to Mr. R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—F. Dunkerley, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells 2.45. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea by Aug. 29th. —R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 6801

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD and ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting at St. Mary's, Whittlesey, Sept. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea **most essential** by Tuesday, Aug. 30th. **No names, no tea.**—G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 6780

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury and North Dorset Branches. — Practice meeting, Donhead St. Mary (bus stop, West End), Sept. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5, for those who send names, by Aug. 31st, to F. J. Sansom, Quarterley, Donhead St. Mary, Shaftesbury. Ringing at Shaftesbury in evening. 6793

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Stapleford Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 prompt at Carr Fastener Sports Ground. Names, by previous Monday, to Mr. L. Mabbott, 112, Hickings Lane, Stapleford.—C. W. Towers. 6679

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary notice of quarterly meeting at Earl Shilton on Oct. 1st and Guild Festival at Leicester on Oct. 22nd. Details later.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 6798

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual dinner. — Preliminary: The annual dinner will be held in the Guildhall, Worcester on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable from committee or J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 6759

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BY INVITATION

PERHAPS my home county was stung by some veiled criticism of her weather in my last report; whatever happened, the railway posters came to life on August 6th. and Devon was nothing if not sunny. From Haytor Down I looked down on such a glorious carpet-pattern of farmland, rich as wedding-cake mixture, moor, heath and woodland, with such a brilliant border of blue beyond Dawlish, Teignmouth and the Torbay towns, that I thought for a moment, 'Why doesn't everyone in the world come to live in Devon ?'; and then I saw the nasty rash of brick and concrete, tile and slate spreading outwards from the towns, and I thought, 'I hope too many of them don't.' Then over the moor, with a breeze blowing the gorse-scent into my face, over the top to look down on the wide valley —the Wide Combe in the Moor—between the steep, clittery hills. There, on a little knoll slap in the middle of the valley is the Church of St. Pancras, Widecombe-in-the-Moor. And as I stop I can hear the call-changes singing out from its lovely tower: seventeen bands are competing there—by invitation from the Widecombe ringers—and they have been going for an hour or two now, for August 6th has been a busy day; a young lady began her fascinating existence in my house at one o'clock this morning.

If, like thousands of people do, you go to Widecombe in a coach from Bolton or Handsworth or Huddersfield or almost anywhere else, you will find a rather spoilt, trippery little place, picturesque in its setting and its ancient buildings, but garish with Olde Shoppes full of terra-cotta gnomes and plaster-of-Paris Toby-jugs, cream-bowls inscribed in pseudo-Devonshire dialect and Lucky Dartmoor Pixies on cards. In and out of the shops, the Church and the old Church House file the trippers, in every garb from pin-stripe blue suits to sun-tops and very short shorts—yes, and I even saw a pair of greyish-mauve corduroy plus-fours, but I like to think that their wearer was Not English. All through the summer they come, and not many villages could stand that sort of thing for many years before having their life and vitality and cohesion sucked right out. But Widecombe does. To-day the village is having a fete to help pay for the Church's restoration, and all among the charabancs and the litter-louts Widecombe is bowling for a pig, playing hoop-la, running races, serving teas—and ringing. Instead of the village seeming, as so many beauty-spots do, to be embalmed in a cocoon of money-making unreality, it is the trippers and the 'charas' which seem unreal; Widecombe is just being itself.

Seventeen teams ringing by invitation in the competition, organised for the occasion by the Widecombe band themselves. They come from all parts of South Devon, west from Kenn, south from North Tawton, north from East Portlemouth, east from Plymstock, and one band came across the Tamar, from Botus Fleming in Cornwall, and brought their Vicar with them. In parts of Cornwall they ring rounds almost exclusively, and these weren't used to the call changes—they had never rung in Devon before—but the Widecombe captain, Mr. Miners, went up and called the changes for them, and very nice too. It began with a service, conducted by the Vicar, and from then till after 8 o'clock the ringing went on with only enough intermission for one band to leave the ringing-chamber and another to go in. By far the most hard-worked men in the place must have been the judges; I saw cups of tea being carried up to their hidden eyrie, but they must have been very weary men when the seventeenth band had rung the bells down. In the little square under the oak tree on the Green among the side-shows of the fete, in the Church House, where once they served parish ales and now they served parish teas, the place was full of ringers. Seventeen six-bell bands—you can work it out—not counting listeners like me.

The ringing was good, without question, and the best was very good: Widecombe bells sound best, perhaps, when rung well down, call-change fashion.* Three bands had under 30 faults; West Alvington 'A,' the winners, with 10, a splendid peal; East Portlemouth with 14; and Buckland-in-the-Moor, who did very well, coming as they did from their ultra-light ring of eight, to be awarded only 23 faults. West Alvington 'B' had the misfortune to break a stay, and they were disqualified. The judges decided that they 'had no business to be up there' (meaning the bells, not the ringers !). This was fair enough, for at 34 a minute the stays should hardly touch the sliders on these bells, and fourteen teams rang afterwards without the stay, and without, apparently, any trouble from its absence.

Still, the results were not, probably, the vital matter that they are in an official competition like that one at Torrington. The main aims were an afternoon's good ringing—achieved without question—and help for the Church—achieved to the tune of three pounds or thereabouts. For

me it was a pleasure and an education. So many people go to Widecombe to see things—scenery, ancient and picturesque buildings, and gaudy stuff for sale—their minds full of Old Uncle Tom Cobley. I had a better bargain, for I saw the real Widecombe—a Church worshipped in, houses lived in, Church House used, by real people, nice people, living and enjoying life. J. G. M. S.

* Widecombe bells were originally a five by Pennington of Exeter, cast in 1632–3. The old 2nd was recast by Bilbie, and the tenor later went to make two trebles. Like many bells by the Penningtons, they are thin castings; the tenor is 12¾ cwt., by Taylors' information, in F, compared with one modern tenor I know of 14¾ in F sharp. For this reason they sound a little thin if you ring them as 'stiff' as most change-ringers do.

The Results.—West Alvington 'A' 10; East Portlemouth 14; Buckland-in-the-Moor 23; North Tawton 36; Plymstock 46¾; Stoke Fleming 67; Kingskerswell 68; Kenn 70; Botus Fleming 72; Kingsbridge 79; Ilsington 90; Cornwood 110; North Bovey 140; Chudleigh 166; Dartington 170; Lustleigh 189; West Alvington 'B' disqualified.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 36 cwt. in C sharp.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	DAVID A. CARPENTER	7
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	8
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	PETER BORDER	10
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	11
FRANK E. PERVIN	6	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
In memoriam the Right Rev. William Wilson Cash, Bishop of Worcester.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt.

*CHARLES E. BROWN	*Treble*	RAYMOND F. SMITH	7
*GEOFFREY PAUL	2	WALTER TOMLINSON	8
JOHN FREEMAN	3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	9
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	JOHN WALDEN	10
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5	H. LESLIE PASK	11
*GEORGE H. RANDLES	6	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal of Maximus. A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown.

TEN BELL PEAL

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5029 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

*DAVID HEIGHTON	*Treble*	‡GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
†MRS. SAMUEL J. HAINES	2	SAMUEL J. HAINES	7
*CEDRIC CURSON	3	BERT GOGLE	8
WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	9
ARTHUR G. BASON	5	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal of Stedman.
Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. Gilbert Thurlow and Miss Thelda Hook.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., July 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUBY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

V. MARY MATTHEWS	*Treble*	*KENNETH W. PRICE	5
*ARTHUR F. BURLEY	2	ALAN CARVETH	6
A. HUBERT EPLETT	3	HARRY HARPER	7
†DAVID PENROSE	4	C. KEITH BREWER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HOWLETT. Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.
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AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. in F.

ANTHONY AGER	*Treble*	PAUL J. RIGBY	5
MAUREEN F. FELLOWS	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
MURIEL REAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
PETER BORDER	4	HARRY BOSWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., July 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5184 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Composer's Twelve-part No. 2 in the method with the 120 course-ends.
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

NOLAN GOLDEN	*Treble*	†G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	5
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
*MIRIAM A. HIGDON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
†STANLEY W. COPLING	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' † First peal of Little Bob.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., July 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

HARRY BOSWELL	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5
*DIANA J. PERRINS	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
PETER BORDER	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
MURIEL REAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A flat.

CHRIS. K. P. JOHNSON	*Treble*	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	5
JOHN G. GIPSON	2	RALPH BEAUMONT	6
*BRIAN PRATT	3	WILLIAM T. COOK	7
GEORGE E. CRISP	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSER	*Treble*	J. DENNIS HOLDEN	5
*MARGARET M. LEWIS	2	JEFFREY B. WEBB	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	PETER BERESFORD	7
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by ROGER BALDWIN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire as conductor. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JAMES FEARNLEY	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by G. E. SYMONDS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5152 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¾ cwt. in F.

CYRIL WRIGHT	*Treble*	ARTHUR B. COOPER	5
*DENNIS COOPER	2	STANLEY SLANEY	6
*GEORGE CHALLANS	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	7
HAROLD WAGSTAFFE	4	HERBERT T. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS Conducted HERBERT T. ROOKE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss June Wright (daughter of the treble ringer and member of local band) and Mr. Colin Smith.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*FRANCES A. BROWN	*Treble*	†JOHN KING	5
E. JOHN WELLS	2	†DAVID D. WRIGHT	6
†EUNICE A. HILEY	3	JAMES F. DODSON	7
‡DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	4	ROLAND W. MORANT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES F. DODSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Triples 'inside.' First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the choirmaster and organist, Mr. G. Hodkin.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Treble*	*MRS. SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	2	SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	*DAVID HEIGHTON	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Yorkshire.
Rung in honour of the engagement of Mr. David Heighton (Norwich) and Miss Bridget Mutimer (local band).

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

JOHN PINFOLD	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
*STELLA HUGHES	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6
ANTHONY AGER	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
HENRY H. FEARN	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Surprise.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*CANON C. CAREW COX	*Treble*	PETER J. STANIFORTH	5
*MRS. C. W. POWELL	2	*WALTER H. POOLE	6
*CUTHBERT W. POWELL	3	*ROGER KEELEY	7
†HENRY G. KEELEY	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal in the method as conductor.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Davies' Variation. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. COTTON	5
MRS. A. SIMPSON	2	FRANCIS R. LOWE	6
CLEMENT GLENN	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	7
ALLAN SIMPSON	4	ARTHUR YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

MOUNTSORREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part, Groves' Variation. Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb.

*ROLAND H. COOK	*Treble*	*J. HARRY COOK	5
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	2	GEOFFREY J. LOWE	6
ROYSTON WILMORE	3	†ERNEST MORRIS	7
ERNEST F. PAYNE	4	RONALD RUSSELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal of Triples. † 300th peal of Triples.
Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Ruth Mary) to Mr. and Mrs. B. Stedman Payne.

REPTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WYSTAN,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

MRS. S. H. JONES	*Treble*	HAROLD TAYLOR	5
LEONARD TREVOR	2	JEFFREY B. WEBB	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	PETER BERESFORD	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
First peal of Bristol as conductor.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 23 lb. in E.

EDWARD G. TALBOT	*Treble*	RAYMOND OVERY	5
GEORGE W. CECIL	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
WILLIAM ROGERS	4	JOHN W. EUSTON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
The conductor's 100th tower bell peal for the Sussex Association and he has also completed the 'circle' in this tower for the third time.

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ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5104 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt in G.

*Mrs. Olive M. Johnson	*Treble*	Rowland Tysoe	5
Richard G. Bell	2	Arthur Day	6
Francis Kirk	3	*Bertram C. Johnson	7
*Herbert G. Mason	4	George W. Debenham	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by George W. Debenham.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in this tower.

WARBOROUGH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*William Fulker	*Treble*	†Frank Godden	5
Frederick S. Smith	2	Robert Blond	6
William Absolom	3	Frank Absolom	7
James Godman	4	Richard Wells	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert Blond.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.' First peal on the newly-augmented eight bells.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in G.

Ronald F. Diserens	*Treble*	Noel J. Diserens	5
*Michael Maisey	2	John N. Diserens	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Geoffrey K. Dodd	7
Bryan C. Stirland	4	†David Beacham	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Ronald F. Diserens.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SEAL CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Single Oxford and five extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in G.

George T. Acott	*Treble*	Kevin S. Hohl	4
*Stanley Jenner (15)	2	Colin A. Tester	5
George Fry	3	William A. Kitchenside	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Kitchenside.
* First peal.
Rung as birthday compliments for the treble ringer (secretary of the local band) and for the 92nd birthday of the second ringer's grandfather.

ISHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

*Alan J. Frost	*Treble*	*Frank Crosier	3
Patrick I. Chapman	2	Barrie Hendry	4
David W. James	*Tenor*		

Conducted by David W. James.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

SNODLAND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., July 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

George Kenward	*Treble*	Christopher T. Lamb	4
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	†Trevor A. Cross	5
*Ian H. Oram	3	Ralph Bird	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.
* First peal of Minor in the method. † 100th tower bell peal.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, St. Clement's, Single Court, Oxford Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in B.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	William A. Wood	4
Ernest Morris	2	William F. Woodward	5
Joseph William Cotton	3	Arthur E. Rowley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur E. Rowley.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. Watson, wife of the treble ringer.

YORK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Stephen, Acomb.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*Margaret E. Wilkinson	*Treble*	Sedman H. Steel	4
Edward M. Bradley	2	†Herbert Forden	5
Alan Sheppard	3	Harold Walker	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Walker.
* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal in the tower and believed to be the first peal on the bells, which were cast in 1770 for St. Mary's, Bishophill Senior, and were transferred to this church in 1954. First peal on tower bells in the city of York since 1892.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George, Colegate,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In 12 methods, being one extent each, of Spliced London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston Treble Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Spliced St. Clement's and Double Oxford, combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Spliced Thelwall and Childwall, and Spliced Plain and Double Bob; 59 changes of method. Tenor 9 cwt. in G.

*Miriam A. Higdon	*Treble*	David Heighton	4
*G. Anthony Sutherland	2	Nolan Golden	5
Arthur G. Bason	3	*John S. Barnes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* First peal in 12 methods.
Rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. Gilbert and Miss Thelda Hook. The bells at this church were augmented and hung as a ringing peal through the energy and drive of the bridegroom.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S COLLEGE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents of 720. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Mark W. Lewis	*Treble*	F. William Midwinter	4
†Simon L. Barley	2	Allan Simpson	5
Mrs. A. Simpson	3	William L. Exton	*Tenor*

Conducted by William L. Exton.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

PULVERBATCH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edith,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 5¼ cwt.

Clifford A. Barron	*Treble*	Frederick G. Beddow	4
Charles W. Lee	2	*John N. Lindon	5
*Molly P. Flynn	3	*Frederick R. Mason	*Tenor*

Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

Wilfred G. Saunders	*Treble*	Frank C. J. Arnold	4
John R. Smith	2	*Samuel J. Haines	5
*Mrs. Samuel J. Haines	3	Cedric F. W. Phillippo	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cedric F. W. Phillippo.
* First peal of Cambridge Minor. First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung as a tribute to the memory of Harold J. Poole.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

MARGOT R. THOMPSON	*Treble*	ROBERT E. LESTER	4
*ALICE LESTER	2	JOHN W. BLYTHE	5
C. JACK GIBSON	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

* First peal in three methods 'inside.'

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the Rev. John Hardingham, 24 years Vicar of this parish.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 44 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MARGARET COOK	*Treble*	FRANK BRUNT	4
DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	2	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	5
DENISE J. SHAW	3	FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*DEREK G. SPITTLE	*Treble*	ROLAND W. MORANT	4
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	2	†DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	5
ALAN E. HARTLEY	3	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

SHIPHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire Tenor 8¼ cwt.

GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Treble*	HOWARD-COLLINGS	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	*JOHN TONKIN	5
*JUNE LEGG	3	*YVONNE WEST	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.

* First peal.

STRETTON GRANDISON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Court and Single Oxford and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

CHARLES G. JONES	*Treble*	*PHILIP G. MORGAN	4
JOSEPHINE GREEN	2	JAMES WARD	5
C. WILLIAM NUTT	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

* 25th peal.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Single Oxford and five of Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*JANET FRENCH	*Treble*	KEVIN S. HOHL	4
STANLEY JENNER	2	COLIN A. TESTER	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.

* First peal in two methods. First peal in two methods as conductor.

MANCHESTER.—On July 31st, at the Church of St. Philip, Hulme, 1,440 Minor (720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob): A. M. Cooper 1, E. Margaret Mitchell 2, D. Taylor 3, T. Taylor 4, G. D. Fearnehough 5, W. L. Robinson (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.



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CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4½ *minutes,*
At Cleatham House Farm,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR
Being seven extents in 106 methods:

(1) Beeston, Melandra, Leasowe, Peveril, Kentish, Berkeley, Edinburgh, Pembroke, Oswald and Barham Delight, Waterford, Berwyn and Mendip Treble Bob.

(2) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow and Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise.

(3) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV., Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence and Elston Delight, Morning Star Treble Bob.

(4) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Ellacombe, Buxton, Iver, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth and Bramfield Alliance, Crayford Little Court and Little Bob.

(5) Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Denton, Bigby, Elsham, Bassingham and Dunholme Alliance and Bastow Little Court.

(6) Bicker, Gedney, Gunby, Spilsby, Wainfleet, Surfleet, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Sibsey and Gosberton Alliance and Kent Little Court.

(7) Windermere, Frodsham, Killarney, Horsmonden, Ennerdale, Cumberland, Lytham, London Bob, Double Oxford, Wavertree, Childwall, College, St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck, Reverse, Double and Plain Bob, Carisbrooke, Wath, Donottar and Pontefract Delight.

Tenor size 15 in C.

Mrs. J. Bray .. .. .. 1-2 | George E. Feirn 3-4
Jack Bray 5-6

Conducted by George E. Feirn.
Umpires: Philip Barnes and C. Aubrey Harrison.

216 changes of method, 49 bobs, and 44 singles.
The most methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents.
The umpires checked every lead-end and change of method.
Extents 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 by A. G. Driver, 5 and 7 by C. K. Lewis.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At 26, Wellington Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

*Alfred Ballard .. .. 1-2 | Daniel T. Matkin .. 5-6
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 3-4 | *Herrick B. Bowley .. 7-8

Conducted by Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay.
* 100th peal together.
Specially arranged and rung for the coming of age of Michael and John Vernon, of Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire.

SOUTHBOURNE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 10, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
At 9, Fisherman's Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Ten callings. Tenor size 12.

Alfred Ballard .. .. 1-2 | *Fred Price 3-4
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 5-6

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles 'in hand.'

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 12, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 32 *Minutes,*
In the Cathtdral Cupola,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor size 14 in D.

*Roger Baldwin .. .. 1-2 | *Robin G. Leale 3-4
†Kathleen M. Knight.. 5-6

Conducted by Robin G. Leale.
* First peal of Stedman 'in hand,' and first of Stedman Doubles.
† First peal of Doubles, and 'in hand' 25th peal.
No singles were called.

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QUARTER PEALS

AXMINSTER, DEVON.—On Aug. 16th, 1,280 London Surprise Major: W. H. Poole 1, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 2, Canon C. C. Cox 3, H. G. Keeley 4, G. S. Morris (cond.) 5, R. Keeley 6, C. W. Powell 7, P. J. Staniforth 8.

BLACK TORRINGTON, DEVON. — On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Sangwin 1, Mrs. Johnston 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, R. Pearce 4, H. Stacey 5, W. Luxton 6. Rung after Evensong.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Dunsden 1, J. Blond 2, A. Greenough 3, H. Wells 4, F. James 5, E. Garrard 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK. — On Aug. 12th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. R. E. Lester (first in two methods) 1, Miss A. Lester 2, Miss M. Thompson 3, C. J. Gibson 4, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 5, R. E. Lester 6.

CHILHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 13th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Dr. R. E. Price 1, W. S. Palin 2, P. Newing 3, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 4, T. H. Holmes 5, C. T. Hillis 6, I. H. Oram 7, F. C. W. Knight (cond.) 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On July 3rd, at St. Peter's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: E. Vowles 1, Mrs. H. Oatway 2, Mrs. O. Collins 3, E. Razzell 4, C. Parks 5, N. Brown 6, P. Davis (first of Caters as cond.) 7, G. H. Humphries 8, T. Blow 9, W. Brownett 10. First for 1st away from tenor. Rung for the patronal festival.

DONCASTER, YORKS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. C. Stacey 1, Miss D. J. Shaw (first quarter in method) 2, E. Baldwin 3, E. Short 4, F. J. Jackson 5, D. A. Chapman 6, W. E. Critchley (cond.) 7, J. McClusky 8.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—At the Abbey, on July 31st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Francis 1, I. H. Oram 2, J. L. Morris 3, Jean Powell 4, W. L. Weller 5, S. J. Harding 6, F. W. Burnett (cond.) 7, E. Winifred Keys 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Devonshire 1, G. F. Gray 2, C. Devonshire (first 'inside') 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales (cond.) 5, P. J. Rye 6, P. Westwood 7, E. T. Ellender 8. A 21st birthday compliment to C. Devonshire.

DYRHAM, GLOS.—On July 23rd. 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Pennal 1, Miss W. Pennal 2. Miss L. Hammond (first quarter) 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, P. Overbury 6.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): H. Johnson (first of Triples 1, E. J. Coode 2, Miss B. Slark 3, B. Aldridge 4, F. Richardson 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, I. Sims 8. Rung for Evensong, also for the visit of Mr. H. Johnson, of St. Nicholas', Hereford.

FULHAM, S.W.—On July 24th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Garnett 1, James Philips 2, W. S. Langdon 3, P. Betteridge 4, J. Stephenson 5, H. M. Page 6, John Philips (cond.) 7, B. K. Lunn 8.

HARTFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Hadlow (Cowden, first of Minor) 1, Miss E. Feltwell (Hammerwood, first of Minor) 2, H. Vaughan (Withyham) 3, A. H. Ryman (Henfield) 4, D. J. Cornford (Hartfield) 5, I. A. C. Butcher (Turner's Hill, cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Miss K. Ballard (first of Minor) 1, B. Saunders 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, G. Shellard (first 'inside') 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to Miss Gillian Halford and Mr. William Crockford.

LILLINGSTONE LOVELL, BUCKS.—On Aug. 14th. 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Miss S. Williams (first quarter) 1, G. W. Holland 2, Miss K. Ballard 3, W. A. Yates (cond.) 4, W. F. Eyden 5. Rung for evening service on the patronal festival.

PERRANZABULOE, CORNWALL. — On Aug. 8th, 1,260 Minor (720 of Single Oxford and 540 of Plain Bob): C. Clarke 1, M. Stone 2, D. Miller 3, E. T. P. Field 4, P. R. Sanders 5, R. D. Short (cond.) 6.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Aug. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. R. Wixey (first quarter) 1, C. F. Wixey 2, F. E. T. Tranter (cond.) 3, A. M. Wixey 4, W. C. Wixey 5, S. Pugh 6. Rung for morning service by local band.

READING BERKS.—At St. Laurence's Church, on Aug. 14th. 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. Diserens (cond.) 1, Mrs. P. Lewington 2, J. N. Diserens 3, Mrs. A. Diserens 4, B. C. Stirland 5, G. K. Dodd 6, N. J. Diserens 7, R. F. Diserens 8, D. Beacham 9, V. T. Cherrill 10.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Bishop 1, Miss M. C. Payne 2, G. M. Brewin 3, Miss J. A. Brooks 4, R. Wilmore 5, B. S. Payne (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 3. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Minor (being 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob): Jennifer Stratford 1, Rosemary Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. Rung for Evensong by the local band.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 6th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Miss A. Lester (first of Treble Bob Major) 1, R. S. Payne 2, P. S. Bedford 3, R. E. Lester 4, A. W. Bird 5, C. J. Gibson 6, J. W. Blythe 7, J. M. Bailey (cond.) 8.

SOWTON, DEVON.—On Aug. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gooding 1, W. Seldon 2, A. Tapley 3, W. Eveleigh 4, W. Reeks (cond.) 5, F. Willmington 6, W. J. Harvey 7, L. Burnett 8. Rung practice night for visitors 4 and 7.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,380 Minor (480 Little Bob, 180 Single Oxford, 720 Plain Bob, with 7, 8 covering): M. Gartside (first in three methods) 1, Katharine Burchnall 2, N. Moxon 3, J. Read (first quarter) 4, Grace Burchnall (cond.) 5, A. Wilson (first in three methods) 6, R. Mumford 7, Betty Castle 8. Rung for Evensong.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Stedman, 660 Grandsire): Sylvia Vine 1, Beryl Churchill 2, R. Baker 3, B. Vine 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, G. Perry 6. A compliment to the 4th ringer, who has joined H.M. Forces.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHANTS. — On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Boiling 1, J. Hill 2, M. Chown 3, F. G. Robinson 4, B. Hill (cond.) 5, R. N. Clarke 6. Rung to commemorate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pumffrey, grandparents of the ringers of 2 and 5.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. A. Yates 1, B. Saunders (first of Stedman Triples) 2, T. E. Roberts 3, H. C. Edwards 4, G. E. Green 5, F. C. Case 6, G. W. Holland (cond.) 7, F. J. Green 8.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. N. Price 1, Mrs. G. A. Beechey 2, G. Briggs 3, E. A. Price 4, R. H. Brice 5, H. A. Price (cond.) 6, D. E. Vowles 7, S. G. Smith 8. Arranged for the 7th ringer prior to his National Service with the R.A.F.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 14th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. H. J. Gaylard 1, E. G. L. Coward 2, J. Looker 3, L. Parris 4, C. Donald Mann 5, T. Look 6, G. Gaylard 7, H. J. Gaylard 8, T. J. Setter (cond.) 9, W. E. Turner 10. First quarter of Grandsire Caters by 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6. Rung for Evensong.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Tonbridge District

The first meeting on the recently-augmented bells at Horsmonden was held by the Tonbridge District of the Kent County Association on August 6th. This tower is rapidly becoming a favourite with the ladies owing to the fact that it is usually decorated with large bunches of flowers of prize-winning quality, which are distributed at the end of the meeting.

Just before the service the clapper of the sixth bell fell out, but fortunately did no damage, and was replaced by Mr. R. T. Lambert after tea, so that little ringing time was lost.

The service was taken by the Rector, the Rev. D. Barber, who gave an interesting address on the Transfiguration, based on the account in St. Mark's Gospel.

As Horsmonden Church is several miles from the village it was decided that members should bring their own tea, and everyone enjoyed the picnic held on the grass just outside the churchyard.

Thus fortified, ringing continued until late evening with methods to suit all tastes, all agreeing that this tower is a welcome addition to the eight-bell towers in the Tonbridge District, the local ringers being determined that the high standard they have always maintained on the six bells shall be continued on the eight.

BOLSTERSTONE VETERAN RETIRES

A somewhat sad ceremony took place in the belfry of Bolsterstone (Yorkshire) Church prior to ringing for afternoon service on Sunday, August 14th.

This was the presentation of an ebony, silver-mounted walking stick, suitably inscribed, to Mr. William Harrison, who is leaving the District on his retirement from business.

Mr. Harrison, who is 76 years old, has been a member of the Yorkshire Association since 1901, doing all his ringing at Bolsterstone. He has taken part in 51 peals for the Association, which include 8,336 College Single Major (the longest length in the method) and 8,064 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, which is still the longest length in the method by the Yorkshire Association.

Mr. Harrison goes into Gloucestershire to reside with his son, and where he has also a brother (Mr. Samuel Harrison) living in retirement.

The walking stick was subscribed for by the ringers, and presented by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Surtees), who expressed the hope of all that Mr. Harrison would often return to his native tower to ring and to meet all his old friends and brother ringers. J. R. B.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Sussex District Now Formed

In the attempt to form a Ladies' Guild in Sussex, a second meeting was held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on August 13th. Despite bad weather there was a better attendance of ladies.

Ringing took place from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m., during which time rounds to Double Norwich Court Bob Major were achieved, including a good all-ladies' touch of Kent Treble Bob Major.

After the tea break, while the men carried on ringing, a business meeting was held in the Church Room, during which the officers were elected. At the last meeting Mrs. B. Percy was elected vice-president. Other officers are:—Miss K. Yeo (hon. secretary), Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Nevett (committee members).

It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Southover, Lewes (10), on November 12th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

On Sunday morning, July 17th, an interesting event took place in the belfry of Keighley Parish Church, when Mr. John Hall, who has reached the age of 80, and has rung at the Parish Church for 50 years, was presented with a gold watch, suitably inscribed, by the Rector and churchwardens of the church, as a token of his long and devoted service as a ringer. He will be missed very much as he was always present and never late for ringing.

The peal at St. Stephen's, Acomb, York, on August 1st, makes history. It was the first peal on tower bells in the city of York since 1892.

After a lapse of 18 months, owing to extensive repairs to the tower, ringing has now recommenced at Lillingstone Lovell, Bucks. The raising of the necessary money was a great effort on the part of the parishioners.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob, attempted at Burton-on-Stather on August 16th, was lost after 1¼ hours' good ringing, due to the conductor's error. It had been arranged as a memorial peal for the Rev. O. G. O. Larr, Vicar of this parish from 1944 to 1953, and Mrs. A. Farrah, a life-long worker for this church.

The bells of Chichester Cathedral will be seen (but not heard) in two films which have been made this year: 'Richard III.' produced by Sir Laurence Olivier,' and the American film 'Quentin Durwood.' The local band assisted in the making of both films.

Whilst on holiday at Southbourne, Herrick B. Bowley managed to ring his annual handbell peal and also maintained his 100 per cent. record (total three peals). He also gave some excellent practice to two members of the band who rang in a peal of Stedman Doubles. These two rather suspect he would have taken part in this, but was rather afraid of losing his record!

The 'Cannon-Sone' ringing tour of Oxfordshire was highly successful with ten peals scored out of 15 attempts. During the week 50 towers were visited. The party consisted of 18 ringers. The story of the tour and the peals recorded will appear in our next issue.

By the peal of Doubles at Pulverbatch on August 6th Mr. John N. Lindon has rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

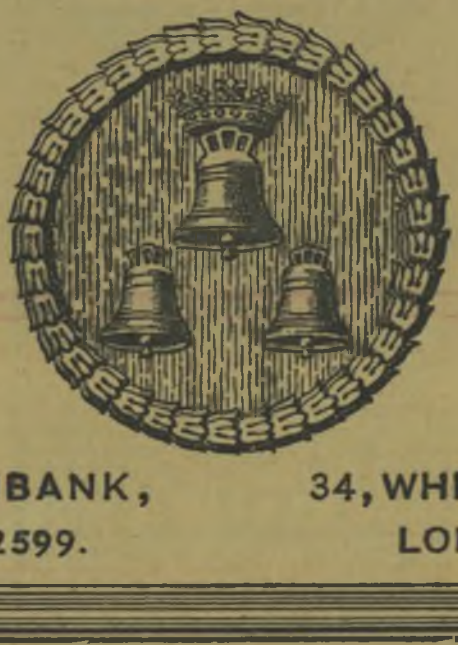
Fifteen-years-old Stanley Jenner has made a good start with peal ringing at Seal Chart. We are informed that he rang his first peal from an inside bell faultlessly.

The genial secretary of the Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild and his 13-years-old son, Roland, rang their first peal of Triples at Mountsorrel on August 13th. The 'grand old man' of the Syston District, Mr. Joe Norton, listened to the whole peal, and with the Vicar of Mountsorrel joined the band for tea afterwards.

The Universities' Association had a very successful week from August 6th to 15th, with their headquarters at Rugby. Four peals were rung including one of Spliced Minor in 41 methods conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton. There were also peals of Superlative and Bristol Surprise and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

For over 50 years Mr. E. Fenner has been a ringer at St. Dunstan's, Mayfield, Sussex. To honour his golden wedding a peal attempt was made at St. Dunstan's on August 9th. Unfortunately after 4,000 changes of Plain Bob the attempt failed owing to a shift course. In the band were A. Grimwood 1, C. Bassett 2, B. Collinson 3, C. Tester 4, L. Honess 5, S. Posting 6, W. Kitchenside (conductor) 7, F. Hicks 8.

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NEW RECORD IN MINOR RINGING FROM LINCOLNSHIRE

106 METHODS TO HANDBELL PEAL

Splicing Plain and Treble Bob Methods

Last week we briefly recorded the new record established in Minor ringing on August 8th of a handbell peal in 106 methods. Mr. George E. Feirn and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray have achieved a new standard which will be hard to surpass.

The peal was only rung after assiduous practice. The first practice was held on January 1st, and since then they have met on 33 occasions before the final triumph came their way.

Another new feature of the peal was the introduction of a 720 containing 18 Plain and four Treble Bob methods. This was composed by Mr. C. Kenneth Lewis, and this was the first time that Plain and Treble Bob Minor methods had been spliced into an extent.

In the hope that other handbell bands will be encouraged to emulate this example and for record purposes the extent is given below:

EXTENT IN 18 PLAIN AND 4 TREBLE BOB METHODS

	23456	College
—	64235	London Bob
	52364	Donottar
	35426	St. Clement's
	43652	Lytham
	26543	College
—	35264	Carisbrooke
—	42356	Killarney
	63542	Horsmonden
	56234	St. Clement's
	25463	Carisbrooke
	34625	Wavertree
—	56342	Killarney
—	23564	Wath
	45623	Double Oxford
	64352	Childwall
	36245	College
	52436	Killarney
—	64523	Killarney
—	35642	Wavertree
	26435	St. Clement's
	42563	Pontefract
	54326	College
	63254	Double Oxford
S	24635	Reverse
	43256	Cumberland
	56324	Frodsham
	62543	Plain
—	62435	Plain
—	62354	Plain
	25643	Canterbury
	54236	Ennerdale
—	43625	Reverse
	32456	Double
	56243	Frodsham
	64532	Plain
—	64325	Plain
—	64253	Plain
	45632	Ennerdale
	53426	Reverse
—	32645	Canterbury
	24356	Fulbeck
	56432	Windermere
	63524	Plain
—	63245	Plain
	63452	Plain
	35624	Canterbury
	52346	Fulbeck
S	42635	London Bob
—	56423	College
	34256	St. Clement's
	23645	Double Oxford
	62534	Killarney
	45362	Carisbrooke
—	23456	



ANOTHER RECORD FOR NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE.—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bray, with Mr. George E. Feirn (the conductor) on the right, who have created a new record of 106 Minor methods 'in hand.' On June 30th, 1947, they established a record with a peal 'in hand' of 105 methods.

BELLS AT A BAPTISM

The christening of the infant son of the Rev. N. F. D. Coleridge took place at Townstal on the Feast of the Transfiguration and was made the occasion of ringing in three towers. A carload and a motor-cycle met Mr. Coleridge and one or two of his ringers at Stoke Fleming and Doubles was rung on the six bells there. A welcome by the local captain was much appreciated, but unfortunately infirmity prevented him from demonstrating Devon call changes.

After a picnic tea on Mr. Coleridge's lawn, the party moved on to St. Petrox Church, which is adjacent to Dartmouth Castle at the mouth of the River Dart. The cars were parked almost on a level with the top of the tower, so it was a case of going down to ring, where the ringers found themselves surrounded by very fine Jacobean panelling removed from a tower gallery, and now inscribed as a war memorial.

The bells are a nice, light Taylor ring, and ringing them was much enjoyed before the hill was climbed to reach Townstal, the original Parish Church of Dartmouth, where Mr. Coleridge is priest-in-charge. The bells were rung before and after choral Evensong, the sacrament of baptism being administered after the second lesson, when the baby was christened Robert James Nicholas by his uncle, the Rev. A. D. Coleridge, the Vicar of Ide, near Exeter.

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BOLSOVER HAS TWO BRIDES

On two occasions within a week the ringers of Bolsover Parish Church, Derbyshire, met recently to ring peals in honour of the marriages of two lady members of the local company.

The first wedding was on Saturday, July 30th when Miss Pamela Joyce Leaning was married to Mr. Gerald Ashley. The bells were rung before and after the ceremony, which took place during the morning, and in the afternoon a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was completed by the local ringers, assisted by friends of the bride from Bakewell and Warsop.

On the following Saturday Miss June Wright, daughter of Mr. Cyril Wright, of the local band, was married to Mr. Colin Smith. The bells were again rung for the morning ceremony, and an attempt during the afternoon for a peal of Little Bob Major failed after two hours. Hurried arrangements were made for a fresh attempt on the following Tuesday evening and the peal was then completed without mishap.

Both peals were extremely well struck and the local band were very grateful to Mr. Herbert Rooke for so ably conducting on each occasion.

The Rev. G. Gordon Graham (Bakewell), Mr. S. Scattergood (Chesterfield) and Messrs. G. Chambers and L. Barlow (Creswell) took part in the first attempt for Little Bob Major.

A CORRECTION

Miss Stella Hughes, of Walsall, in conveying her apologies to the Exercise, wishes to correct that the peal of Stedman Caters (see page 514) was rung at St. Giles', Willenhall, and not at Walsall. The peal was, as stated, for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

Old-Fashioned Stays and Sliders and Other Queer Things

By E. V. RODENHURST

AS the majority of ringers are no doubt aware, church bells were originally hung without stays, and these came at a later date. They took various forms, ranging from the old-fashioned iron peg to the wooden stay and slider of conventional type down to the modern type of 'Hastings' stay often fitted to-day. In my ramblings round Shropshire prior to the 1914-18 war, I came across numerous types of stays, which have now for the most part disappeared due to the many restorations and rehangings which have taken place during the last few years.

The old six bells at Moreton Corbet (recast 1924) had for a stay a short round iron peg about five inches long. This worked on an iron slider fitted in a slot at the side of the frame and protruding horizontally into the pit about waist-high or a little above.

At Cound (rehung 1925) the front five bells had an iron stay and slider of a different kind, the stay being a square iron peg about three inches long fitted close to the end of the headstock; this peg was bent outwards at right-angles, an inch or so. The iron slider was fixed vertically on the side of the frame a short distance below the bearing and was made after the style of a latch on a stable door, but on a larger scale.

These bells had large wheels and the old flat rope rollers fitted by Rudhall when he cast and hung the bells in 1726. The tenor had a wooden stay and slider of the usual type.

SHAWBURY BELLS

At Shawbury, where I rang for a time as a boy, the tenor had (and still has) an iron stay and slider similar to those on the old Moreton Corbet bells. It looks very much as though the other five bells were originally hung without stays, and that these have been fitted by a local man at a later date. They are ordinary straight wooden stays, but the fixing of the sliders is odd, in that the long-flighted clappers hanging so near the floor and allowing no room for a slider underneath the bell, they are fixed outside the frame with the free end protruding into the pit between the two braces of the frame, which act as a stop block each way. The sliders of the treble and fourth are fixed in the window sills.

Shawbury bells have very large wheels and the old rope rollers. An odd feature of the wheels is the fact that the garter hole is in the top of the wheel between the two upright spokes, and to give the necessary leverage at handstroke a small reel is fitted a short distance down the wheel. This reel is rather too high up, for when the bells were rung the sallies were considerably lower when the bells were set at handstroke than when they were in the 'down' position.

I have vivid memories of how, in that hot, dry summer of 1911, I, as a stout youth of 14½ years, used to cycle the four miles from my old home to Shawbury to slog the second bell in call changes with the loss of much sweat, and get as much pleasure out of it as I have done in many a peal since.

The bell went with a hop, skip and a jump, and the rickety old wheel would throw the rope off occasionally, but it always came on again after a few swings, we never had to stop. Harry Austin, the blacksmith, used to ring the tenor at that time, and one Sunday evening, after some 10 to 15 minutes of call changes, I counted 13 drops of sweat on the quarries that had run off the end of his nose and chin, so you can understand the 'go' was not 'all that could be desired.' The fourth bell was badly cracked, and some rude boys of the village used to say, 'The bell is cracked and the ringer is cracked.' The tenor was a good old bell, nice mellow tone; I doubt if Abraham Rudhall ever cast a better bell for the weight. In 1924 the tenor gudgeon broke and the bell came down in the pit, as it had done once or twice before. After that all ringing was suspended. The bell was hung up again locally, the sexton tied all the clappers and they have now been 'clocked' for the past 30 years.

The old six at Hodnet were another hard-going lot. They had been 'rehung' by the same firm of building contractors who restored the tower, and the first time the bells were rung the clappers of the second and fifth flew out almost immediately, the clapper of the fifth going on to the stairway.

THE CLAPPERS AT HODNET

The old oak frame, which had been shored up by the builders, was of odd design, the ropes formed an anti-clockwise circle and came down in the order 123465.

A 28 lb. balance had been put on the headstock of the fifth to help pull it round. The 'go' of the tenor was dreadful, and the fourth nearly as bad. The late James H. Shepherd told me he could not recall ringing on bells that went so badly. How different are conditions there to-day, for the bells, having been entirely rehung and augmented and a ringing floor put in, now go so well that a schoolboy can ring the tenor with ease.

The old tenor at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury (recast 1914), had a curious kind of double stay, that is to say, a curved, wooden stay each side of the headstock, bolted together where they joined near the top.

On my visit to Rushbury in 1914, I found stays of the same type, and also at Lydbury North, though at this latter tower I could not ring, as I was given to understand the bells had not been rung for some years, and I noticed that all the clappers were tied for 'clocking.'

At Uppington (6) there is no 'bed' for the slider, the free end being suspended from the frame by an iron rod.

Cumberland and North Westmorland Association

The Association held a practice and committee meeting at Crosthwaite, Keswick, on Saturday, August 20th.

The attendance was very small and half of those present were members of the newly-formed band from Appleby. Method ringing was very restricted, but some very valuable practice was obtained for the Appleby band.

At the committee meeting held afterwards the problem of Sunday service ringing was discussed. It was reported that only seven out of 18 ringable towers in the county were ringing for Sunday service. In this connection the need for closer co-operation between ringers and incumbents was stressed. Obviously, immediate action is required if Cumberland towers are to remain ringing.

Good wishes of local ringers accompany Mr. D. E. Vowles, of Yatton, Somerset, on leaving to undertake his National Service with the R.A.F. His farewell quarter, rung from the seventh, enabled him to ring a quarter peal on each bell in the tower.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Western District Hold Annual Meeting at Tanfield

Perfect summer weather again favoured the Western District when they held their meeting at Tanfield on August 13th. Members came from Benfieldside, Blackhill (St. Mary's), Blayden, Consett, Chester-le-Street, Fenham, Lanchester, North and South Shields, Newcastle and Whickham.

The service in church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Race), who, in a short address, welcomed the members. He also said he hoped in the near future to meet them as fellow ringers.

The lesson was read by Mr. K. W. Cheeseman, a local ringer (who is a lay reader, secretary and treasurer to the Parochial Church Council and organist). The organist was Mr. Jack Brown, who is shortly leaving the district for Ripon.

After tea in the School Room the meeting was held, with Mr. Stephen Thompson in the chair. A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. S. Hewett, and Mr. H. Cliff thanked the ladies for the splendid tea they had provided. The Vicar replied.

Winlaton was selected for the next meeting in early October. Officers for the ensuing year were re-elected, namely, Mr. S. Thompson (vice-president) and Mr. C. T. Lamb (District secretary). Both were thanked for their past services by Mr. P. G. Draffan.

Mr. K. Arthur appealed for more 'Ringing World' supporters, and handed copies of the paper to any who did not take it. Afterwards the bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m., and all had spent a happy time.

The tower at one time must have been a hunting ground for peal ringers, but very few peals are attempted nowadays. A peal of 5,040 Bob Triples was rung in 1891, and on April 24th, 1905, 7,232 of Double Oxford. The latter still stands as the longest for the Association, and it took four hours and nine minutes to complete. The ringers were: J. E. Scott 1, E. Hern 2, R. Hogg 3, T. Teasdale 4, J. J. Hogg 5, J. Hern 6, A. Jolly 7, G. Dix tenor.

Southern District

The annual meeting of the Southern District was held on August 13th at County Durham's prettiest village, Brancepeth. A successful year was reported. Mr. T. Cooke (St. Cuthbert's, Darlington) vice-president, Mr. P. Rock (Holy Trinity, Stockton-on-Tees) hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Cooke (Holy Trinity, Darlington) hon. 'Ringing World' representative, were all re-elected and thanked by the gathering.

Ringing took place at the beautiful 12th century Church of St. Brandon in the Castle grounds. Methods rung were Kent and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Cambridge Surprise and Kent and Bob Minor.

F. W. C.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

On August 13th the Society held its monthly meeting at the Priory Church, Bridlington, at the invitation of Canon J. W. Lamb and the local ringers. Twenty members attended and the bells were rung to Plain Bob, Stedman, Grandsire and Treble Bob.

The service in the Priory Church at 4.30 p.m. was conducted by the Rector (Canon J. W. Lamb), who welcomed the Society in his address. He was assisted in the service by the Rev. G. Storer.

Tea was served in the Church Hall, followed by the business meeting, and the president, Mr. A. Sellers, welcomed a visitor, Mr. John K. Foot, from Liverpool University.

Further ringing took place until 8.30 p.m.

METHOD-STAGE RELATIONSHIP

Dear Sir,—Some time ago Mr. Blagrove responded to the suggestion that he should try designing a method on the lines of a principle to be derived from an 'outline' specification that was given on page 172 of the issue of 'The Ringing World' No. 2,294, and he produced his 'Stanwell.'

For this he is to be commended, as also for his bold use of the new technology we have introduced for method structure: e.g., such terms as Link: Junction; Omni-working; Hunt-controlled; Natural coursing-order; Specification, etc.; without which, or some such specific and unambiguous terms, it is not possible to discuss the subject succinctly.

But in his letter giving the figures for Stanwell (page 315 of issue No. 2,303)—and I note he does not give a specification, the preferable and generic form!—he raises a number of points, to answer all of which would occupy too much space in these columns. In view, however, of the interest of those who followed the previous correspondence (relating to his list of Surprise methods and 'churning out' of the same), I would ask to be allowed to comment on two issues. (The rest I could deal with by letter direct to Mr. Blagrove, if he so wishes.)

First, I think he will agree that he should be consistently careful in the use of terminology, even if only to avoid that bugbear of ringing theory—confusion by ambiguity. For example, he is still speaking of 'composing' a method, and he uses the term 'specification' in rather an ambiguous sense, and not in that for which it was introduced; which was, of course, as a sort of formula for a generic design (of a method) applicable to all related stages.

Regarding the novelty of Regina, he shifts his ground as to 'new' methods and his former claim that Driver's work was exhaustive in that group. By 'new' we mean, of course, newly published. There is no record of Mr. Blagrove having previously published details of this method.

The main point for answer, however, is Mr. Blagrove's statement that he awaits with interest a reply to a letter in 'The Ringing World' in 1953, which alleged that the Royal and Maximus of Regina are not extensions of the Major.

Now this is a key point for the whole future treatment of method-stage relationship. It is intimately bound up with the comparatively new principle of method specification, as again discussed in the recent 'Topic for the Month, VII.' In point of fact the writer of that 1953 letter fell (unwittingly, no doubt) into a trap; for Regina was the first method ever to be designed not for any one stage, but in accordance with a generic **specification**; and to that specification the figures of the method conform strictly for all stages. Obviously, if a method is deliberately designed not for any one stage, but in accordance with a generic specification, then neither I nor anyone else can argue that the design produced from that specification for any one stage is not that of the method-family so specified! Yet that is what was said.

But apart from this, my old friend George Baker, one of the oldest living workers in method structure, and who has usually differed with me throughout the years, nevertheless immediately came down heavily in support of this technological fact, when, in his letter on page 649 of the issue dated October 2nd, 1953, he said, in conclusion: 'I am sorry to contradict the Methods Committee's dictum when I say emphatically they (the stages from 6 to 12 bells) are all one method under the above title.'

—Yours very truly,

A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

Southsea.

BELLS OF THEBERTON

THEBERTON, OCTOBER 20th, 1874

SONG OF THE OLD BELLS

For thrice one hundred years our cry
Has sounded from the belfry high,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.*

For thrice one hundred years we tell
Our message from each warning bell,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.

Worn out at last by service long
Our followers must repeat the song,
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.

Neglectful hearts they still will rouse
Inviting all to GOD'S own house;
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.

If any wander near in doubt,
Hark! let them hear the bells ring out—
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.

If any fainting in despair should cry
Why was I born? The bells reply—
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.

Let all who hear the solemn lay
Or young or old, for pardon pray,
And to their hearts the happy sentence lay—
Facti sumus in honorem Domini.

W. B.

* Inscription on one of the old bells dated 1595. (May be translated, 'We were made to honour the Lord.')

SABBATH BELLS

Dear is the hallowed morn to me
When village bells awake the day;
And by their sacred minstrelsy
Call me from earthly cares away.
Hark! all around,
Hark! far above,
Sweet notes fall ringing, ringing,
Notes of Love, which sing—

'Come old, come young,
Come **rich**, come poor,
Come strong, come feeble, feeble.
More and more.

'Come sinner, saint,
Or sad, or gay,
Still life is waning, waning,
Short the day.

'Speed here thy step,
Thy spirit cheer,
Sweet Peace awaits, awaits thee,
Ever here.'

Keeble, K.C.B.

BIRTHDAY BELLS

Hark 'tis some Birthday's joyful meeting.
The bells a new-born babe declare;
In chorus with sweet music greeting
Life's young short hours, unknowing care.

Ever the same, yet ever new,
Chang'd and yet true,
Like the pure heav'n's unfailing blue
Which varies on from hour to hour
Yet of the same Love and Power
Tells alway!—such may seem
Through life, or waking or in dream.
The echoing bells that gave
Our childhood's welcome to the healing wave—
Such the remember'd Word, so mighty then to save.

Keble.

WEDDING BELLS

Lovely 'tis the Bride to see
With the Village all delight,
When the bells so merrily
All to happy thoughts invite.

Ah! of life it is the May:
Rich moments lent us from above;
A ray of heav'n to gild the way
To endless harmony and love.

Domestic Happiness! thou only bliss
Of Paradise that hast surviv'd the fall!
Thou art the nurse of virtue. In thine arms
She smiles, appearing, as in truth she is,
Heav'n-born and destin'd to the skies again.

Schiller. Corper.

FUNERAL BELL

Now the tow'r's deep-toned bell
Tolls some parting pilgrim's knell!
Sadly solemn! See relations weeping
One now follow who in death is sleeping.
But bless'd be faith
Which smiling saith—
'No sorrow hath Heav'n, nor tears, nor death:
Time and Faith
Can conquer Death
Till side by side in the tranquil tomb
With joy or sorrow we wait our doom.'

Schiller—G. S. Cautley.

CHRISTMAS BELLS

Listen do'st thou hear
The Christmas bells so soft and clear?
To high and low glad news they tell,
How God the Father loved us well;
How God the Eternal Son
Came to undo what we had done;
How God the Comforter
Who fram'd the Babe so sweet
In glory came, the Birth to greet.

May I the twelve-month long
Bear the glad song
About with me in the world's throng;
That treasur'd joys of Christmastide
May in the hour of gloom abide—
The Christmas carol sing
Deep in my heart when I would sing!
Each of the twelve good days
Its earnest yield of duteous love and praise
Ensuring happy months and hallowing common ways.

Keble.

NEW YEAR BELLS

Let me hear
The peal of the departing year.
O well I love, the step of time
Should move to that familiar chime.
Fair fall the tones that steep
The Old Year in the dews of sleep—
The New guide softly in—
With hopes to sweet sad memories akin.
Long may that soothing cadence ear,
Heart and conscience, win.

The breeze doth sigh and wail
And up and down its plaintive scale
Range fitfully and bear
Its burden to the humbly listening ear;
And the sweet bells that charmed
Life's morn, are there.

Keble.

THE 'BLUE PING' TOUR IN HAMPSHIRE

AN innovation on the part of the ringers of the Daventry district was the hiring of a coach for their 1955 tour; whether the freedom from strain on the car-owners resulted in an improvement in ringing is a matter for conjecture. All the efforts to convert the genial chauffeur to our fraternity were unsuccessful, but any hopes he may have held regarding accommodation in celestial spheres for the 'Blue Ping' bus were dispelled in song by the choristers. As might be expected, the long-distance visitor arrived first, having travelled through the early hours from Ipswich; the party being completed at Banbury, whence Dorothy was given sanctuary from transport sleuths.

The first call was at Deddington before taking lunch at Oxford, where the only disappointment of the week, in the form of a cancellation at St. Ebbe, occurred. At East Ilsley the methods drifted 'in deep waters,' to quote one of the texts which prefix the peal tablets. The traffic congestions on the approaches to Newbury robbed us of valuable ringing time on its fine ten, even though a forgetful member contrived to extend the stay by her efforts to retrieve a dolly-bag.

WINCHESTER BEDECKED

The discovery, on reaching our headquarters, that Winchester streets had been decorated for the Royal visit and not in welcome to us was alleviated by a square meal at the Great Western Hotel where the majority of the party was billeted. The 'St. John's Mead' provided accommodation for the rest, but the assertion that this formed the staid section of the party was soon disproved. A pleasant evening drive to Micheldever revealed a quaint round-shaped church and produced some ringing which left the poll-heifers in the vicinity absolutely speechless!

Sunday morning saw the contingent at a corporate Communion in the nearby Church of St. John-the-Baptist, where a Blessing was uttered by the Vicar. It was disappointing to ring only the front eight at the Cathedral before attending Matins, but the risk of further damage to the cracked clapper of the tenor, so near to the Queen's visit, was appreciated. A free afternoon by the sea at Bournemouth preceded Evensong at St. John's, Surrey Road, where a grand octave was not disgraced by our efforts at Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich.

The first call on Monday was at Tichborne, where the nave, chancel and tower form the C. of E. portion, and the north aisle the R.C. vault, both denominations holding regular services. The Saxon crucifix in the Early English tower of New Alresford gives an indication of its varied fortunes: the bells require pushing to be heard at their best. Repairs to the coach were responsible for an abbreviated stay at Ropley (a heavy six in a wooden tower), but the delay was made up by lunch-time at Alton. A good octave in the graceful church of Privett would have sounded better to the Duffield music without the extraneous noises of the ringing-room. To a lesser extent this applied also at East Meon, which, however, provides some glorious examples of several periods of architecture. The drive home was halted in a pleasant country lane in order to cheer the return of the Royal party, and we were greeted at our destination by the Cathedral bells ringing Grandsire Caters.

The party was increased the next day by two Cathedral members—Messrs. P. Nash and M. Lakin—and we found the bells at Hursley in rather a neglected condition: full compensation awaited us, however, at Romsey Abbey. This glorious octave, with a 'humdinger' of a tenor, is in keeping with a noble Norman edifice. The Vicar met us at Sherfield English, which has a light, fast eight; next a visit to the medium octave of East Tytherley; and, finally, the heavyish six at King's Somborne.

Wednesday's programme opened at Lyndhurst, which boasts a fine timbered roof and a pleasing-toned octave worthy of better striking than we supplied. This laxity persisted at Brockenhurst, but the cameramen found compensation in the gravestone of the snake-serum hermit. A grand set of bells at Lymington restored our spirits, and, after vital repairs to Peter's apparel, lunch provided the mood for an afternoon by (and in) the sea at Milford. One finds here a good eight rung from the floor of a tower which is itself built within the fabric of the church and at Eling St. Mary (our last call) a heavy six dating from 1775.

COACH'S OVERALL DRESS

A glorious Thursday morning saw the coach dressed overall in pyjama suiting in dubious welcome to another visitor from the Cathedral, Miss Beryl Pittoway. Before lunch at Fareham we visited Curdridge (rather noisy belfry) and Shedfield (good octave); after it, the descriptions reversed themselves at Soberton (a fall in 'Queen's' here) and Swanmore, where we suspected a lurching frame. Bishop's Waltham seems to be several hundredweights heavier than the weight quoted in the much-thumbed guide by Dove. A special evening practice was arranged for us at the local Church of St. Maurice by another Cathedral ringer, Mr. J. King, and with his assistance the 'boss' managed to steer himself through a touch of Spliced Surprise in five Minor methods.

Southampton was visited the next morning, the two fine tens of St. Mary's (being rebuilt after bomb destruction) and St. Michael's (here we were delighted to meet its Vicar, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead) providing happy memories of the famous port where the 'Queen Elizabeth' was lying in dock. After lunch we journeyed to North Stoneham, the burial place of George Williams, and, in our case, the scene of an argument with a stay. The bells of Bishopstoke seem to have suffered through augmentations, but Twyford has a pleasant light eight. Conviviality in the clubroom spent the evening all too quickly, but an interlude was found for Dorothy to express the gratitude (tangibly, also, in the form of a brief case) of the gathering to Mr. E. G. Orland for the prodigious task of organising such a tour.

The return home on Saturday was marred by a forgotten fixture at Wonston (rectified, however, by some good ringing during the time available) and a late arrival at Highclere, where a very good ring provided compensation. Lunch was taken at Newbury and the final ring at Kidlington; some deliberate striking and a good fall formed a fitting conclusion to a week spent amongst grand country, at fine churches and in glorious weather. At times Harry, the navigator, contrived to get us lost; this aroused a sense of anticipation in the blissful Malcolm and a display of feigned vexation in the punctilious organiser. Fred became one of the party from the start and is expected to start 'hobleying' up the belfry in preparation for attaining full membership of the 'Blue Ping' band next summer.

Methods rung during the tour included:—Minor: Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge and London Surprise. Triples: Grandsire, Stedman, Double Court and Oxford Bob. Major: Plain Bob, Little Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Duffield, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Yorkshire Surprise. Caters and Royal: the standard methods and one half course of Cambridge.

Thanks are accorded incumbents for the use of the bells and the local representatives for the cordial reception accorded to us everywhere.

C. U.

OUTING

LLANDILO, CARMARTHENSHIRE

Leaving the Parish Church, Llandilo, at the early hour of seven on June 18th, was a great effort for some of the ringers of St. Teilo's Church, who were holding their first annual outing. Away on time, with good weather to go with them, the route was set for England.

Abergavenny was reached by 9.30 a.m., where the party were joined by friends from Winterbourne, Glos. After much handshaking the way was found into the belfry of the Priory Church of St. Mary. Good use was made of these glorious bells (10, tenor 25 cwt.) and was enjoyed by all. It was afterwards learned that some harsh words were said by a party of ordnance surveyors, who were setting up a theodolite on the top of the tower.

The Rev. I. J. Richards, of Llanarth, was elected as guide to the party to find the next stop at Llangattock-Vibon-Avel, where the Church of St. Cadoc is to be found hidden in a valley well off the highway. After a long cross-country ride the party were rewarded with a grand study for the photographers, and an excellent ring of bells (6, tenor 11 cwt.), which went well to Grandsire and Bob Minor.

A short run into Monmouth for lunch, followed by ringing at the Church of St. Mary (8, tenor 20 cwt.). It was here that the first snag occurred—no one to meet the party, no key. After a little hunting around the town the towerkeeper was run to ground, having his own meal. Ringing commenced some 30 minutes late, and some hurried touches of Grandsire Triples were obtained before moving on.

The Church of St. Giles, Goodrich, was reached on time, but here the second snag appeared—a wedding was to take place and the guests were already arriving. A quick dash was made for the tower and the bride was greeted with touches of Bob Minor on a good ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.).

The next call was to St. Weonard's, where the engineers had to get busy and make temporary repairs to the bells (6, tenor 11 cwt.) before ringing could commence. Although the 'go' left a lot to be desired, touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round.

Ross-on-Wye was the aim for tea as well as ringing. The musical octave of St. Mary's Church (tenor 24¼ cwt.) was voted the best tower of the day, and the party found that Grandsire Triples came with ease.

Another quick run followed to the Church of St. Lawrence, Weston-under-Penyard, where the ring of six (tenor 10 cwt.) had just been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor. Here some good touches of Plain Bob, Little Bob and Kent were obtained in expert style.

The last tower of the day was Aston Ingham, where the party found a good, light ring at the Church of St. John (6, tenor 5 cwt.). Here the younger ringers found difficulty in handling the bells, although one of the so-called experts showed off by ringing both seated down and whilst on his knees. After some good ringing the third snag of the day showed up—a stay bust. This brought to a close a glorious but exhausting day.

Outside the tower was again the scene of much handshaking and the parting of the ways. The Llandilo ringers reached their homes by 1 a.m. and it is still under investigation by the Winterbourne policeman as to what held his party up until 2 a.m.

Thanks are due to the organiser and to the clergy of the churches visited, and also to those who met the ringers at the towers.

W. T. S.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON TREBLE BOB MINOR

By H. CHANT

MANY of the ingredients (palatable or otherwise) used in this article were included in a talk I gave some years ago to members of the Barnsley and District Society of Change Ringers. I am resuscitating, regurgitating or repeating them here for the following reasons:

(a). The recent decisions of the Central Council intimate a recognition of the usefulness of, at least some of, certain so-called irregular Minor methods.

(b). I hope that the tabulations given will facilitate the acquisition of methods by a ringer or a band inclined to Minor method ringing; they may also enable one to classify and sort out methods already learned and to 'corollarate' these with new ones being learned.

(c). I have a sincere belief that we should 'never despise the bridge that carried us over,' and that it is incumbent upon us not to allow methods rung by our predecessors to become buried in the mists of antiquity.

(d). That other people may be able to fill in the blanks (in methods, names, etc.) that occur in my lists.

Now in every Minor method on the Treble Bob system, each lead may be divided into six sections of four rows each, as shown in the appended lead of Oxford Treble Bob.

Furthermore, the last three sections are the reverse of the first three, each lead being, in fact, symmetrical about a line drawn between the third and fourth sections.

1	123456
	214365
	124356
	213465
2	231645
	326154
	321645
	236154
3	263514
	625341
	623514
	265341
4	256431
	524613
	526431
	254613
5	245163
	421536
	425163
	241536
6	214356
	123465
	213456
	124365
	142635

In connection with method structure the following points must also be borne in mind:—

(i.) Any method that does not have in the plain course the same lead-ends and lead-heads as occur in a plain course of Bob Minor is called an 'irregular' method. (This is equivalent to saying that the lead-end of the first and the next row, the lead-head of the second lead, must be also the same as two of those found in a plain course of Plain Bob.)

(ii.) Fifths place must not be made unless below the treble.

(iii.) No more than two consecutive blows must be struck by any bell in one place except at a 'bob.'

(iv.) Fourths place must not be made when the treble is leading full, except at a 'bob.'

All this is, of course, well known, even to the student, and the professor wonders why I am wasting my ink, his time and much valuable space in 'The Ringing World.'

About (i) above, I have written at length elsewhere.

The reason for (ii) seems a trifle obscure. If it is for the sake of the music or if it is to avoid stagnation, then why allow a much worse offence—seven-pull dodging?

Still, taking it by and large, it seems a sensible rule, and as such I have no objection to it. (About which the Exercise, no doubt, will be greatly relieved!)

(iii) is also commonsense.

About (iv) I shall have, with your permission, a word or two to say later.

Owing to Rule (ii), above, it will be observed that the **shape** of Sections 2 and 5 is identical in all Treble Bob Minor methods, i.e., the places are made in 1 and 2 in the second and third rows of the section.

The method itself, then, must be decided by the remaining four sections. Let us take the middle two first, i.e., numbers 3 and 4. Seeing that 4 is the reverse of 3, this limits the field of investigation.

Here, then, are the **shapes** of the 12 possible variations of this important third section:—

A	B	C
263514	263514	263514
625341	625341	625341
623514	652314	265314
265341	563241	623541
D	**E**	**F**
263514	263514	263514
623541	623541	623541
265314	265314	265314
625341	256341	263541
G	**H**	**I**
263514	263514	263514
265341	265341	265341
623514	623514	623514
625341	632541	263541
J	**K**	**L**
263514	263514	263514
236541	236541	236541
325614	325614	325614
326541	235641	352641

These shapes are, of course, fixed by the place-making bells, and need not necessarily employ the figures given here. (I merely selected 263514 because it occurs in the first lead of Oxford Treble Bob.)

Other **apparent** shapes (sections) are possible, but these are unusable owing to the unequal distribution of 'in-course' or 'out of course' rows within the section (or in other cases the rows being all the same 'course').

In joining Sections 3 and 4 together the treble is always the place-making bell in 6ths. The other place must be made either in 5ths, 3rds or 1st. Each 'link-place' (if I may coin a term) gives of course, a different method.

Some of the 12 sections are capable of being joined together in any of the three available link-places, whilst others, owing to the infringement of Rule (iii) can only emply two of the three available link-places.

However, I will be giving you a complete list soon, so don't worry about it, dear student. First, may I point out how the method may be further altered? The connection between the 2nd and 3rd sections (or between the 4th and 5th) may be effected either by (a) a link-place in 3rds, or (b) a link-place in 1st place. (The other place—there must always be two—is compulsory in 6ths.) Again, owing to the infringement of Rule (iii) there is a reduction of choice.

Here, then, are all the possible variations:—

Section	Connections of sections to each other					Total Variations
	Between sections 3 and 4 Places made in:—			Between sections 2 to 3 (or 4 to 5) places made in:—		
A	5	3	1	1	3	6
B	5	3	1	1	3	6
C	5	3	1	1	3	6
D	5		1	1		2
E	5	3		1		2
F	5	3		1		2
G	5	3			3	2
H	5	3			3	2
I	5		1		3	2
J	5	3			3	2
K	5		1		3	2
L	5	3			3	2

Total 36

In order to clarify the situation let us write out the six variations of the 'A' section—

Connection between 2nd and 3rd				or/and	4th and 5th sections		
1st place				3rd place			
(5th)	(3rd)	(1st)		(5th)	(3rd)	(1st)	
236154	236154	236154		236154	236154	236154	
263514	263514	263514	Section	326514	326514	326514	
625341	625341	625341		235641	235641	235641	
623514	623514	623514	3 3	236514	236514	236514	
265341	265341	265341		325641	325641	325641	
623541	625431	256431		236541	235461	352461	
265314	264513	524613		325614	324516	534216	
263541	265431	526431	4 4	326541	325461	532461	
625314	624513	254613		235614	234516	354216	
652134	642153	245163		325164	324156	534126	
Sandal	Nelson	Oxford		Pevril	Westminster	Ely	

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OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES CARR

We regret to report the passing on August 13th of Mr. Charles Carr, of Mansfield, at the age of 74. It was at Mansfield Parish Church in 1897 that he learned to handle a bell, and he had a continuous membership. Most of the members of the present band were taught to ring by Mr. Carr, who for several years was captain of the ringers. He had many peals to his credit, a number of which he had conducted.

'The most reliable and loyal member we have ever had and the most dependable. A real Christian whose presence will be greatly missed,' is the tribute of a fellow ringer at Mansfield.

The sympathy of many friends is extended to his widow, son (who is a ringer) and daughter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Harrow-on-the-Hill After 41 Years

The meeting of the North and East District at Harrow-on-the-Hill was noteworthy for the fact that it was 41 years ago that the last meeting of the Association was held in this church. Since then the bells have been rehung. The church stands in a commanding position, with red navigation lights for aircraft attached to the top of the tower, and the bells are heard to advantage on the slopes surrounding the hill.

This meeting was attended by over fifty ringers and many touches and courses in different methods were rung. Visitors came from Cambridge, Leatherhead, Reading and Beddington.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Blackborne, and this was followed by a tea prepared by Mrs. Pitcher and helpers.

Thanks were accorded to the Vicar, who had extended a warm invitation to the Association, and to Mr. G. C. Pitcher for ensuring a successful meeting, the opportunity for which was much appreciated. T. N.

Random Thoughts on Treble Bob Minor — Cont.

I have chosen the names from the Central Council Collection so that these methods may have a suitable 'christening,' but the names by which I refer to some of them (in mind and notebook) are different.

Now the 12 sections, A—L, may be turned upside down and used for lead-ends. Here, for instance, is B so inverted:—

514623
156432
516342
153624

Of course, any section that has 2nd made in its original state is automatically ruled out, as this would bring up 5ths when turned upside down. This rules out A, F, G, H, I and J. As Rule (iv) states that 4ths must not be made when the treble is leading full (except at a bob), the number of lead-ends is still further reduced. We have, however, the choice of 6ths or 4ths as link-places between Sections 5 and 6 (or 1 and 2). As can be seen from the tabulated list of sections previously given, even this 'doesn't exactly overwhelm us! The 6ths and 4ths will correspond to the 1sts and 3rds in the original sections.

Here is the complete list:—

Section	LEAD-ENDS: Places at lead-ends		Places between sections 5 and 6, or 1 and 2		Total
B	6	2	6	4	4
C	6	2	6	4	4
D	6	2	6		2
E		2	6		1
K	6	2		4	2
L		2		4	1
					Grand Total 14

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DEATH

CARR.—On Saturday, August 13th, 1955, at Mansfield, Notts, Charles Carr, for many years captain of ringers at the Parish Church, aged 74 years. 6814

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The address of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Millatt is now Cotswold, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester, Essex. 6836

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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—All ringers coming to Bristol University in October are invited to write to the Secretary, C. T. Blundell, 13, Bridgewood Road, Worcester Park, Surrey, before the beginning of the session. Ringing takes place at St. Michael's, Bristol, on Friday evening, 5.30 p.m., and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Handbell ringing is arranged for most lunch hours. 6825

RYE, SUSSEX.—To visitors: Please note that there will be no Sunday ringing on August 28th or September 4th. Practice as usual, however, on Fridays at 8 p.m. Normal service ringing again from September 11th at 10 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. Visitors always welcome. 6828

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Campsall postponed until Sept.—F. Jackson, Sec. 6839

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Ringing at St. Mary's, Bow Road, E.3, 3.30. Ship, Talbot Court, E.C., 6 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 6802

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester and Crewkerne Branches.—Combined meeting Crewkerne, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Service 4.30. Please notify early for tea.—J. T. Locke, Hon. Sec. 6785

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting Wick St. Lawrence, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (5) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 6815

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Joint meeting, Melbourne (8) Saturday, Aug. 27th. 6782

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Harston, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6797

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Gestingthorpe (6), Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. 6753

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Graveley, Aug. 27th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Weston also available 7-8 only. Special method: Thelwall T.B.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6776

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 27th. Crayford bells at 2.45. Service, St. Mary's, Bexley, 5 p.m.—A. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec.. 6786

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday, Aug. 27th, at 3 p.m. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea at Patricia's Pantry 4.30. All ladies welcome. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Jill Haffenden, Hon. Sec. 6757

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, Colne, on Aug. 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 6829

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Aug. 27th, St. John's, South Hackney, E.9 (8), 3.30-5 p.m. Tea own arrangements. St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green (8), 6-8.30 p.m. Short service 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6783

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—'Open Day' at Eccleshall. Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 6821

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Saturday, Aug. 27th, Denham (8) 3–5 p.m., Chalfont St. Giles (6) 6–8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—W. Butler, Sec. 6812

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Brill, Saturday, Aug. 27th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—C. Kinch. 6799

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD OF RINGERS. — Meeting at Great Wakering, Saturday, Aug. 27th, at 3 p.m. Bring own tea; cups of tea provided.—B. C. Sadler. 6784

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Surprise practice meeting at Horsham, Aug. 27th, 4-5.30, 6.30-8 p.m. 6795

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD. —Next meeting at Queensbury (8) on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided at 5 p.m.; please bring own food. Business meeting afterwards, and bells again for evening ringing. 6820

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Kempston (8), Sept. 3rd. Usual arrangements from 2.45. Let's have even better attendance than Cranfield. Look up Duffield and Place Triples. Ringing for all. Everybody welcome. Names before Sept. 1st.—Peter Shipton. 6816

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Barrow-on-Humber, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (price 3s. 6d.). Names for tea, by Thursday, to Mr. W. A. Crowder, Manor Farm, Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs. 6841

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Burton Dassett, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. M. Windsor, Dis. Sec. 6827

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting at Wombourn (8), Sept. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at Old Post Office (1s. 6d. each) 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, September 1st, please, to R. A. Peakman, 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 6796

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Chatteris, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden. 6781

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at Langham, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Wednesday, Aug. 31st, please, to Mr. F. Smith, Holly Cottage, Langham. 6830

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Meeting, Woodford, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. 6835

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Meeting Chaceley, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names for tea, please, by Aug. 30th.—J. Beech, The Pump House, Berrow, near Malvern. Tel. Birtsmorton 312. 6810

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Bekesbourne, Sept. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Numbers for tea (cash enclosed, please), to Mrs. Coombs, 2, Station Cottages, Bekesbourne, Canterbury, not later than Tuesday, August 30th.—B. J. Luck. Hon. Dis. Sec. 6800

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sundridge on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by August 31st, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 6805

LADIES' GUILD.—South Wales District.—Meeting at Eardisland, Herefordshire, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, by Sept. 1st, please, to Miss Rosemary Bray, 14, Green Elms, Eardisland, near Leominster.—Jacqueline Evans. 6732

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting at Rainford, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, by Friday, please, to Mr. E. Roughley, 1, Randle Avenue, Rainford, near St. Helens.—W. Fatmond. 6832

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly ringing meeting and a committee meeting will be held at Lancaster on Sept. 3rd. St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral bells (10) available from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and St. Mary's Priory bells (8) available from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Committee meeting commences at 4.30 p.m. in St. Peter's Social Centre. Tea in St. Peter's Social Centre 5.30 p.m. Names for tea before Thursday, Sept. 1st, to Mr. R. Rainford, 23, Golgotha Road, Lancaster.—F. Dunkerley, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Newport Pagnell, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells 2.45. Service 4 p.m. Please notify for tea by Aug. 29th. —R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 6801

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Service and tea at Farnham	—	4.30-6 p.m.	
6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.	—	Worplesdon	8
	—	Seale	6
	—	Puttenham	6
	—	Stoke	6
	—	Pirbright	6
	—	Ash	6

Names for tea to Mr. C. W. Denyer, 15, Crondall Lane, Farnham, by Wed., Aug. 31st, 1955, or to your District Sec.: Miss W. Oliver, Ladies' Guild, Southern Area; Mr. J. Chesterman, Basingstoke Branch of Winchester and Portsmouth Guild; Mr. B. Castle, Sonning Deanery Branch of Oxford Guild; Mr. G. S. Joyce, Farnham District of Guildford Guild. 6777

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Aug. 31st, please, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 6822

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD and ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Joint meeting at St. Mary's, Whittlesey, Sept. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea **most essential** by Tuesday, Aug. 30th. **No names, no tea.**—G. S. Bush, 18, Princes Street, Peterborough. 6780

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury and North Dorset Branches. — Practice meeting, Donhead St. Mary (bus stop, West End), Sept. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5, for those who send names, by Aug. 31st, to F. J. Sansom, Quarley, Donhead St. Mary, Shaftesbury. Ringing at Shaftesbury in evening. 6793

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Eckington, Sept. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall; bring own food.—N. Chaddock. 6838

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Stapleford Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 prompt at Carr Fastener Sports Ground. Names, by previous Monday, to Mr. L. Mabbott, 112, Hickings Lane, Stapleford.—C. W. Towers. 6679

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.—Practice meeting on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. at Crowan (8) 7-8 p.m.; Camborne (8) 8-9 p.m.—D. Burnett. 6833

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting at East Sutton, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 6817

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly meeting, Grantham Sept. 10th. Bells available 4-5 p.m. and after meeting. Barkston bells 2.30 to 4 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. followed by business meeting. Further details later. 6819

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Penarth, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. E. C. 6834

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Staverton, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Names for tea, by Sept. 3rd, to Mrs. C. Hall, Church Street, Staverton, Daventry.—F. W. Hancock. 6831

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Llanbadarn Fawr on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly, Carms. 6823

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Albrighton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Sept. 7th, to Mr. E. Binnersley, Mayfield Road, Albrighton, near Wolverhampton. Tong bells available after tea. 6837

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Quarterly meeting at Dunstable, Beds, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available: Dunstable Priory (8) and Totternhoe (8) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Dunstable Priory. Tea and meeting 5.30. Both towers open after tea. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 7th, **without fail, please,** to Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable Beds.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 6678

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next general meeting will be held at Marsden on Sept. 10th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. General committee meet 3 p.m. in Parochial Hall. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea (3s. per head) in Parochial Hall. General meeting immediately afterwards. Names for tea, by Sept. 8th. to Mr. A. Schofield, 86, Brougham Road, Marsden. Frequent trolley-bus service from Huddersfield.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 6840

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET. — Special ringers' service, St. Bartholomew's, Crewkerne, Sunday, Sept. 11th, 6.30 p.m. Address by Archdeacon of Taunton. Bells (8) 5-6.30 and after service. All ringers welcome. 6813

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Summer Festival will be held at Culworth on Saturday Sept. 17th. Service at 3.30 p.m. followed by tea. Your requirements for tea are requested not later than Sept. 10th, to Mr. A. E. R. Walker, Eydon, Rugby. Ringing at Byfield, Chalcombe, Brackley, Helmdon, Sulgrave, Lois Weedon, 12 to 3 p.m., Culworth 12 to 3.30 p.m., and all from 6 p.m., Chipping Warden 12 to 3 and after 6.30 p.m., Middleton Cheney 2 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 7.30 p.m.—G. W. Jeffs. 6826

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Preliminary notice of quarterly meeting at Earl Shilton on Oct. 1st and Guild Festival at Leicester on Oct. 22nd. Details later.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 6798

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual dinner at Bollands, Chester, on Saturday, Oct. 8th (13s. 6d.; Juniors 11s. 6d.). Names by mid-September, please.—J. Kingdon, 3, Grey Friars, Chester. 6818

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PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Long Buckby, Sept. 3rd. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Mr. E. G. Orland, 11a, High Street, Long Buckby, Rugby. — W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec. 6844

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting. Withyham, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Names for tea by Aug. 31st to Mrs. E. Rapley, 48, Swindon Road, Horsham. 6845

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Norwich, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Wedding presentation to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, St. Clement's Parish Room, Colegate. Towers: St. George's (6), St. Miles' (8), St. John's, Ber Gate (8), 2.30 p.m.; Mancroft (12) 6 p.m. Service, St. George's, Colegate, 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Presentation after tea. Names for tea to W. Love, Hon. Sec., 52, Spencer Street, Norwich, by Wednesday, Sept. 7th. Standing Committee meeting 3 p.m. 6842

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THE EYE-WITNESS

By EDGAR C. SHEPHERD

MR. WILLIAM SHEPHERD'S admirable articles, with their glimpses of the human aspect of ringing activity, may serve to remind us all once again of the fascinating field of research and collation that still remains for the future author, compiler and editor. The history books of change ringing and the peal books of the associations hold for all time records of ringing performances great and small. The place, the time, the performers and performance, in many instances the composition too—all these things are recorded with care and accuracy, and credit is given to each feat in measure according to its magnitude. Thus the peal of Grandsire Doubles stands alongside the peal of Cambridge Maximus, the peal of Plain Bob beside the peal of London Surprise.

So we pass them by as we turn the leaves of the peal book or the pages of 'The Bell News' or 'The Ringing World.' We move on idly, musing perhaps, even marvelling maybe, as names and feats of past days succeed each other in the record, and if we are alone and our mood is contemplative, we may attempt to construct in our minds some of the background of a particular ringing performance, to clothe the bare bones of this printed record with a human integument, to try to form a mental image of the men actually at their laborious work in the tower, to imagine their approach to the task, and to picture their faces at the supreme moment of success. To follow them from the tower to a temporary paradise of milk and honey may be a satisfactory consummation of our reflections.

Fifty or sixty years ago the 'reporting' of a peal was far more common than it is to-day. Most of the long peals, and even performances of ordinary length, were accompanied by notes relating to the preparation, performance and aftermath of the enterprise, and the failures themselves often provided critical comment that now makes interesting reading and must have been of practical value at the time. Accounts of peals are, of course, found much farther back than the 19th century. In 1734 that assiduous auditor Thomas Hearne was listening regularly and intently to all the ringing in Oxford and was writing in his diary critical surveys of each peal and peal attempt in a manner that can only be likened to that of a modern music critic. His style was austere and his adverse criticism extremely caustic. His praise was rare and subdued by caution, and his greatest enthusiasm surged up when the Londoners visited Oxford in 1733; on that occasion his admiration, though expressed with restraint, was unqualified. Hearne confined himself for the most part to formal criticism, and we can learn little from him directly of the social side of ringing life in Oxford. What we can gather must be by reading between the lines, and here we find some broad hints that some of the habits attendant on the ringing were not always to be greatly admired.

Such critical analysis as Hearne gives is not common. Unlike sporting events, change ringing does not lend itself to a full running commentary and, in fact, any attempt at such a feature would prove intolerable. The accounts, therefore, that come to us of the actual progress of the ringing are compiled in recollection by one of the performers or (more rarely in these days, we are glad to say) by some not entirely disinterested critics outside the tower.

It is true that in reference to a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich, in 1731, the 'Norwich Daily Press' gives the unusual privilege of reading of the behaviour of the public outside the tower during the ringing, but such treats are rare, and the more common addenda to peal performances tell either of preparation for the attempt or of the social activity attendant on the success of the enterprise. Such accounts were, as has been noted, more common in past years, but no one who has enjoyed reading them can fail to agree that we cannot have too many of them.

Some years ago Mr. Hilaire Belloc wrote, under the title 'The Eye-Witness,' a series of sketches in which great historical events were related as if by someone actually present on the occasion. In change ringing records the eye-witness account is so often missing; yet the eye-witness is in many cases still with us. Intimate details exist, it is certain, in many a diary and notebook, and many of these notebooks and journals will, like the old Book of Jasher, be lost and longed for in time to come.

Now is the time for the eye-witnesses to give us the stories of some of the great feats of modern times; there can be little doubt that readers of 'The Ringing World' would welcome them.

OXFORDSHIRE PEAL TOUR

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	F. HECTOR BENNETT	5
*ANN M. COX	2	*STEWART F. W. KIMBER	6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Superlative. The first peal of Superlative on the bells.

WITNEY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. in E.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
*MONICA E. COLLINS	2	CYRIL S. JARRETT	6
†DAPHNE CASTELL	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
TREVOR A. CROSS	4	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' The conductor's 250th peal of Major, conducted 127.

ADDERBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 9, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 14 lb. in D.

KILBY R. HOLTOM	*Treble*	BRIAN BLADON	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
The first peal of Yorkshire on the bells.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thur., Aug. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	RALPH BIRD	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
The first peal of Superlative on the bells.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thur., Aug. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	*STEWART F. W. KIMBER	6
BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	*MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	*BRIAN BLADON	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of Lincolnshire, and first as conductor. The first peal of Lincolnshire on the bells.

AYNHOE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
MONICA E. COLLINS	2	JOHN L. MORRIS	6
*DAPHNE CASTELL	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
BRIAN BLADON	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal of Plain Bob. The first peal of Major on the bells and the first peal since 1901. Mr. F. J. Lambert's 100th tower for a peal.

KINGHAM, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
Or Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

MONICA E. COLLINS	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
PHILIP MEHEW	2	F. HECTOR BENNETT	6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
ANN M. COX	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
The conductor's 450th peal, conducted 242, and rung in 385 towers.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	STEWART F. W. KIMBER	7
CYRIL S. JARRETT	4	TREVOR A. CROSS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
The first peal of Cambridge on the bells. The conductor's 150th peal of Surprise.

SWALCLIFFE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in F.

DAPHNE CASTELL	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	4
TREVOR A. CROSS	2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	5
BRIAN BLADON	3	RALPH BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH BIRD.
The first peal in seven methods on the bells.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in E.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
*ANN M. COX	2	STEWART F. W. KIMBER	6
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	PHILIP MEHEW	7
THOMAS E. SONE	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
* First peal of Yorkshire. The conductor's 400th peal of Major.

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BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Sat., Aug. 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES MCGUINESS	*Treble*	*A. YORK-BRAMBLE	5
*M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	2	JOHN H. GILBERT	6
CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	3	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conduced by WILFRED L. ROBINSON.

* First peal of Superlative.

Rung for the weddings of the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow and Miss T. M. Hook on July 30th, and P. C. Wright and Miss K. Higgins on August 6th.

HASELBECH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

On Mon., Aug. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

Tenor 15 cwt. 12 lb. in F.

PAUL L. TAYLOR	*Treble*	ROGER LEIGH	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	*FRANK D. MACK	6
EDWIN H. LEWIS	3	PETER BORDER	7
*JOHN SEAGER	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. WOOLLEY. Conducted by CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON.

*. First peal of Double Norwich.

CHURCH LAWFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Thur., Aug. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 41 methods: (1) Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Capel Treble Bob; (2) Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob; (3) Old Oxford, Neasden, College Bob IV., St. Albans, Willesden, Wragby, Newdigate and Charlwood Delight; (4) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer and Chalfont Alliance and Little Bob; (5) Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College and Wavertree College; (6) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck and Canterbury Pleasure; (7) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb. in B.

R. ROGER SAVORY	*Treble*	*WILFRED L. ROBINSON	4
HOWARD SCOTT	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
*O. MICHAEL SLANEY	3	*PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal in 41 methods.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Fri., Aug. 12, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

EDWIN H. LEWIS	*Treble*	*R. ROGER SAVORY	5
MARIE R. CROSS	2	REV. MALCOLM MELVILLE	6
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3	PETER BORDER	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. BENNETT. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

* First peal of Bristol.

Rung in honour of the birth of Mary Ruth Threlfall, July 21st, 1955.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in D flat.

MRS. R. F. DEAL	*Treble*	*WILFRED W. RING	7
THOMAS H. FRANCIS	2	ALAN F. THIRST	8
M. JANET MATTINSON	3	A. RONALD LING	9
MRS. F. J. MATTHEWS	4	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE	10
*JOHN L. MORRIS	5	FRANK J. MATTHEWS	11
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6	ALFRED J. HOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. FRANCIS.

* First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEAL

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On. Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	6
ALAN A. POTTS	2	*A. NEVILLE BROWN	7
BASIL JONES	3	ALAN J. BROWN	8
JUNE M. HENSHAW	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	A. NEVILLE BROWN	5
J. MARIE HENSHAW	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
BASIL JONES	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

Rung for the marriage of Margaret Bryce to Leslie Boumphrey, which took place at Morecambe the same day.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sun., Aug. 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,088 changes of London, 1,024 of Cambridge, and 992 each of Superlative, Pudsey and Bristol, with 101 changes of method, and all the work of the five methods for each bell. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	*ROBERT COLLINS	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
*JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

* First peal of five Spliced Surprise.

BANGOR, CAERNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID, GLANADDA.

A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	5
LEWIS GRIFFITHS	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
L. JOHN EVANS	3	ANDREW J. SALISBURY	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Aug. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
LEWIS GRIFFITHS	2	L. JOHN EVANS	6
ANDREW J. SALISBURY	3	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD (C.C.C. 36).

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.

A farewell peal for Andrew J. Salisbury, who will shortly leave the district.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON	*Treble*	*ORRELL DAVIES	5
NORMAN TOMPKINS	2	HENRY E. G. JEANES	6
MILDRED JONES	3	PETER CROOK	7
JOSEPH THORNLEY	4	FRANK STEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER CROOK.
* First peal in method.
Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Tomlinson.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

MRS. E. C. CHANDLER	*Treble*	REGINALD T. JONES	5
*PHILIP G. MORGAN	2	WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	6
LESLIE EVANS	3	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	7
FREDERICK R. HARRIS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. 150th peal for the Guild as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Preb. G. L. Bourdillon, Rector of Pembridge, on his retirement.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*†BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	*JOHN A. ACRES	6
*JOHN M. JELLEY	3	*†ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
*WILLIAM THORNLEY	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. † 25th peal together.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENNINGHALL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	6
MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
The first peal in the method, which is No. 182 in Corrigan's Collection.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 25 cwt.

*JANET NEWBERRY	*Treble*	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	5
PERCY J. SPICE	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
†THOMAS BEAUMONT	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
BENJAMIN F. BAKER	4	HERBERT J. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* First peal. † 50th peal.
Rung as a 25th birthday compliment to Princess Margaret.

HOWDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5088 FORDHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 22¼ cwt. in E.

GWEN I. RUSBY	*Treble*	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	5
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	2	JOHN FREEMAN	6
STANLEY E. BENNETT	3	H. LESLIE PASK	7
RAYMOND F. SMITH	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM COCKINGS	*Treble*	HAROLD HUXLEY	5
FRED C. LYNE	2	WILLIAM H. MALE	6
*GEORGE L. P. ALDHOUSE	3	FREDERICK KINCHIN	7
CLARENCE R. STEED	4	FRANCIS POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. MALE.
* First peal.
A compliment to Mr. J. F. Lyne, son of the second ringer, on the occasion of his wedding.

SIX BELL PEALS

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., July 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

ELAINE GREATHEAD	*Treble*	J ROBIN WORSDALL	4
ROY STEPHENSON	2	H. REGINALD WOODS	5
DERECK E. SMITH	3	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.
A silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown, of Lincoln.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in 13 methods: (1) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (2) Double Court and Single Court: (3) Oxford Bob and Hereward: (4) Cambridge Surprise: (5) Kent Treble Bob; (6) Oxford Treble Bob: (7) Plain and Double Bob.
Tenor 8½ cwt.

MOLLIE TILBURY	*Treble*	*PHILIP G. MORGAN	4
WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	2	LESLIE EVANS	5
REGINALD T. JONES	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in 13 methods.

CLODOCK, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLYDOG,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Seven extents in 17 methods: (1) Plain, Reverse, Double, Fulbeck and Canterbury; (2) Double Oxford, Thelwall, St. Clement's and Childwall; (3) Double Court and Single Court; (4) Oxford Bob and Hereward; (5) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (6) Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES G. JONES	*Treble*	*WILLIAM E. THOMPSETT	4
*PHILIP G. MORGAN	2	REGINALD T. JONES	5
WILFRID F. MORETON	3	LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in 17 methods.

GOODRICH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Seven extents. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES G. JONES	*Treble*	*PHILIP G. MORGAN	4
*JOSEPHINE A. GREEN	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	5
*MOLLIE TILBURY	3	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor.

ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 30 120's (10 callings) and six 240's. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb.

SAMPSON WALKLATE	*Treble*	DAVID K. WALKLATE	4
*JEAN M. ABERCROMBIE	2	*†JOHN M. CLARK-MAXWELL	5
*DEREK SHAKESPEARE	3	PETER J. SKINNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal in the method. † First peal on tower bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to John F. Murfin, of Etwall, and William A. Parsons, ringing master of St. Luke's, Derby.

RIBCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in G.

NEIL KITCHEN	*Treble*	JAMES SKEATS	4
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	PATRICIA M. BOURN	5
THOMAS BARKER	3	HENRY E. G. JEANES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods: London, Wells, Durham, York, Stamford, Rossendale and Norwich. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN B. LONG	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	4
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	STEPHEN IVIN	5
†RONALD J. SHARP	3	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal of Surprise, and on the treble. † 30th peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods.

SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 13¼ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM M. MANN	*Treble*	ROBERT C. BUTTON	4
PETER NEWING	2	THOMAS A. A. POTTER	5
CHARLES E. G. BANHAM	3	JOHN S. BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.

ROCKWELL GREEN, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Single Court, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*GORDON WALFORD	*Treble*	*ARTHUR H. REED	4
DONALD G. CLIFT	2	*WILLIAM G. GIGG	5
*WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

SILSOE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt.

*JANET GODFREY	*Treble*	‡JOHN F. OLNEY	4
JOHN W. SINFIELD	2	DESMOND R. BRAZIER	5
†PETER J. LAWTON	3	STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted jointly by DESMOND R. BRAZIER and STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal. † First peal on a working bell. ‡ First peal of Minor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble and a farewell on her leaving to live at Harpenden.



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THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of Double Court, two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, one 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 14 lb. in A.

Dugald M. MacPherson	*Treble*	*James F. Dodson	4
J. Alan Ainsworth	2	Roland W. Morant	5
Eileen M. Turner	3	E. John Wells	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. John Wells.
* First peal in five Minor methods.

COSBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 19 methods: (1) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (2) Single Court and Double Court; (3) Hereward Bob and Single Oxford Bob; (4) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Double, Plain, Childwall and St. Clement's; (5) Amersham Alliance and Little Bob; (6) Thelwall and Double Oxford; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (75 changes of method). Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

*Ernest J. Jelley	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	4
*Brian S. Chapman	2	*†John M. Jelley	5
Mrs. B. G. Warwick	3	*†Brian G. Warwick	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in 19 methods. † 50th peal together.

EAST DRAYTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents: viz., Primrose, Ipswich, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

Amos Ingall	*Treble*	Louis Willders	4
John F. Pearson	2	Geoffrey R. Parker	5
William R. Parker	3	John E. Cook	*Tenor*

Conducted by John E. Cook.
Rung as a compliment to the conductor on obtaining his B.Sc. degree.

LLANGYNWYD, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cynwyd,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

John Hale	*Treble*	William T. Petty	4
Thomas E. Hiddins	2	David W. Evans	5
Malgwyn H. Williams	3	D. Walford Davies	*Tenor*

Conducted by David W. Evans.
First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In five methods, comprising four 120's each of Reverse Canterbury, St. Martin's, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and ten 120's and eight 240's (Morris' arrangement) of Grandsire, each called differently.
Tenor 8 cwt. 25 lb.

*M. Anne Ward	*Treble*	George W. Hughes	4
Peter J. Barker	2	John R. Joyner	5
John H. Joyner	3	Eric Edginton	*Tenor*

Conducted by John H. Joyner.
* First peal, and first local lady to ring in a peal on the bells.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. C. K. Thacker), who is leaving the parish.

CASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*C. F. W. Phillippo	*Treble*	Peter Newings	4
William M. Mann	2	Charles E. G. Banham	5
*Frank C. J. Arnold	3	John S. Barnes	*Tenor*

Conducted by John S. Barnes.
* 75th peal together.
A 25th birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

GREAT GLEN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Cuthbert,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in 21 methods: (1) York and Durham Surprise; (2) Cambridge and Primrose Surprise; (3) Single Court and Double Court; (4) Hereward and Single Oxford; (5) Fulbeck, Reverse, Canterbury Pleasure, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Childwall, St. Clement's, Thelwall and Double Oxford; (6) Amersham Alliance and Little Bob; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (76 changes of method).
Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in A flat.

*†Ernest J. Jelley	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	4
*Brian S. Chapman	2	*John M. Jelley	5
*Mrs. G. B. Warwick	3	*†Brian G. Warwick	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal in 21 methods. † 50th peal together.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
In the Belfry of the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A.

*Brian G. Warwick	1–2	*John A. Acres	5–6
Ernest Morris	3–4	†John M. Jelley	7–8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 50th peal together. † First peal 'in hand.'

TRINCOMALEE, CEYLON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At 4, Margosa Terrace, Fort Frederick,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 19.

Blanche M. Hunt	1–2	John H. Hunt	3–4
		Robert C. Beal	5–6

Conducted by John H. Hunt.
First peal of Grandsire Doubles on handbells by all.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
At 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

Brian G. Warwick	1–2	John A. Acres	5–6
Ernest Morris	3–4	*Mrs. B. G. Warwick	7–8

Composed by E. Maurice Atkins. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* First peal 'in hand.'

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours,*
In the Ringing Chamber of the Church of St. Maurice,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor size 15 in C.

*J. Michael Lakin	1–2	†Margaret E. L. Beamish	3–4
		*Peter Nash	5–6

Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
* First handbell peal. † First peal of Doubles.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Aug. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes.*
At 39, Titian Avenue,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Single and Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor size 18 in G.

Margaret D. Woolley	1–2	Christopher W. Woolley	3–4
		John B. Woolley	5–6

Conducted by Christopher W. Woolley.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. Hughes 1, P. Stacey 2, S. Bonnet 3, C. Harwood 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, W. Collins 6, E. Buck 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8. First in the method by 1 and 2.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. J. Prescott 1, Mrs. E. Naylor 2, E. Naylor 3, Miss B. Foley 4, S. A. Read (cond.) 5.

BEACHAMPTON, BUCKS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Ridgway 1, H. C. Edwards 2, F. C. Case 3, T. E. Roberts (cond.) 4. G. E. Green 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. R. Bailey.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At St. Luke's Church, on Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Kyte 1, A. Purdom 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, G. James 4, C. Cullen 5, E. Mounter 6, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 7, B. Holland 8. Rung for Evensong, and to commemorate the 56th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Mounter.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Willis 1, Miss E. M. Fletcher 2, R. B. Tubbs (first of Triples) 3, D. T. Matkin 4, E. C. Burt 5, P. N. Tubbs 6, L. J. Lockyer (cond.) 7, W. Day 8. First quarter for 1 and 6.

CREATON, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Kinchin 1, D. V. Elson 2, M. F. Amos 3, R. Wilson 4, R. S. Holland 5, E. G. Orland (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise Minor by all the band.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: B. Martin (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Armstrong 2, Miss P. Smith (first 'inside') 3, Miss M. Turner 4, N. J. Fleetwood 5, J. Armstrong 6, F. R. Schofield 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: E. G. L. Coward 1, J. W. Drew (cond.) 2, G. Gaylard 3, C. D. Mann (first of Minor) 4, J. T. Locke 5, H. J. Gaylard 6.

QUARTER PEALS

GLOUCESTER.—On Aug. 22nd, at the Church of St. Mary-de-Lode, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Wiliams 1, P. Hurcombe 2, F. E. T. Tranter (cond.) 3, H. Worrall 4, R. G. Corby 5, J. Cobb 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. G. Cromwell, a ringer at this church.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS. — On Aug. 21st, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Mansley 1, J. Taberner 2, W. Mansley 3, B. G. Henry 4, F. Stead (cond.) 5, H. Calderbank 6. Rung before evening service in honour of the 25th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

HOLSWORTHY, DEVON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Sangwin 1, R. C. Kippin 2, Mrs. J. M. Kippin 3, R. Hill 4, C. Sangwin 5, P. N. Bond 6, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 7, H. Stacey 8.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. W. Powell 1, Mrs. P. J. Staniforth 2, S. T. Holt 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, H. G. Keeley 5, W. H. Poole 6, P. J. Staniforth 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. G. L. Coward 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, C. D. Mann (first of Triples) 3, W. H. Poole 4, G. Gaylard 5, J. Looker 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, W. G. Turk 8. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Michael, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Pugsley 1, S. Wyburn 2, A. R. Jones 3, H. G. Maidment 4, I. S. H. Sweetzer 5, I. Farmer 6, A. R. Tudball 7, F. J. Parsons (first quarter) 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble on his 83rd birthday.

NEATH, GLAM. — On Aug. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles in alternate extents: Anne Mogford (first quarter) 1, E. Morris 2, G. I. Lewis (cond.) 3, A. J. Hoare 4, A. Hannington 5, T. M. Roderick 6.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Newman 1, R. Dixon 2, E. Buck 3, J. Dear 4, C. Harwood 5, M. Orme 6, W. Ridgman (cond.) 7, G. Debenham 8.

PUBLOW, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Whitemore 1, K. Cobb 2, J. Peacock 3, F. G. Leaker 4, F. C. Mogford (cond.) 5, L. W. Ball 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Ann Veasey to Mr. Trevor Jack Wilshire. The bride's grandfather has his name on the sixth bell, as he was churchwarden at the time the bells were rehung.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.—On Aug. 21st, at the Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. E. Clothier 1, W. P. Lambert 2, J. T. Symonds 3, E. G. L. Coward 4, C. D. Mann 5, G. Gaylard 6, H. J. Gaylard (cond.) 7, H. Pope 8. A birthday compliment to H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

SNAITH, YORKS.—At the Priory Church of St. Lawrence, on Aug. 6th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. M. Harrop 1, Susan Harrop 2, W. Graves 3, H. Morley 4, A. H. Hawcroft 5, G. F. Terry 6, T. H. Foster 7, L. M. Woodhead 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Gwenyth Doreen Hinchliffe and Mr. John M. Barker.

WESTHOUGHTON, LANCS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Greenhalgh 1, J. Cunliffe 2, G. Fothergill 3, J. Ashcroft 4, Rev. F. F. Rigby 5, P. Crook (cond.) 6.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (6-8 covering): Miss J. Gooding (first in method) 1, H. Burton 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, C. Deem 4, H. Dawe 5, J. Briggs 6, J. L. Glanvill 7, J. Gooding 8. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret, also a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Gooding.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

The many friends of Mr. J. Pugsley, of Minehead, will be pleased to note in our quarter peal columns that at 83 he was able to 'stand in' for a quarter of Stedman Triples, rung as a birthday compliment to him on August 16th. Mr. Pugsley commenced ringing in 1888 and rang his first peal in 1891. He has been a member of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association since its foundation, possessing a certificate numbered 89. He has been tower captain at St. Michael's, Minehead, since 1931, and Ringing Master of the Dunster Branch since 1930. This is a noteworthy achievement and it is to be hoped that he will be spared many more years to carry on the good work.

After a long run of losses this year Mr. S. J. Ivin rang two peals on two consecutive nights.

Rope-breaking failures to peals notified this week are from St. Giles', Willenhall, and Ewhurst, Surrey.

The date of the peal rung at Acomb, Yorkshire, and published in our last issue, should read August 13th, and not as sent in.

Three members of the Kippin family, while on holiday in Devon, rang in a quarter peal at Holsworthy. We are pleased to note the progress of 'R. C.'

Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey has arrived safely at Manitoba—'a beautiful city,' he writes. 'I think we shall be happy here, but I shall miss the ringing terribly, for a time, at any rate.'

Major E. F. M. Samson reminds the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead and also the Editor that the smallest county in England is Rutland, and not Rutlandshire. He adds: 'I have even caught the B.B.C. and "The Daily Telegraph" making the same mistake, so you are in good company, but don't repeat it.' The articles, he states, are most absorbing.

Two peals were scored during a day's outing by ringers from Cheshire and North Wales on August 16th. The journey to Anglesey was made by road through beautiful scenery. On their return from Beaumaris the party called upon Mr. Albert J. Hughes, at Bangor, who is recovering from a serious illness, and a pleasant half-hour was spent talking over old times. The thanks of the band are due to the Llandudno tower secretary, who preceded them to the two towers (Beaumaris and Bangor) to ensure that the ropes were in good order.

The peals at Saham Toney and Caston, Norfolk, were arranged for the visit of Mr. Peter Newing, of Canterbury. Mr. Newing said he had come to Norfolk 'for a rest.'

Mr. Alfred J. Wallater, who is on a visit to this country from San Francisco, was formerly a member of the band at St. Paul's, Wood Green, Wednesbury, and not as stated in our issue of August 19th.

Bells will be heard before evening service of September 11th on the London, West, Welsh, North, Northern Ireland and Midland Home Services of the B.B.C. from Swymbridge Parish Church, Devon (six bells, tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb.).

A quarter peal 'in hand' (1,260 Grandsire Doubles) was rung on August 21st on board M/S Hakon Jarl while crossing from Svolvaer to Stamsund in the Lafoten Islands by Dorothy R. Fletcher (conductor) 1-2, Kathleen E. Fletcher 3-4, Ethel M. Fletcher 5-6. This is within the Arctic Circle, and Miss Dorothy R. Fletcher inquires whether a quarter peal has been rung so far north before (between latitudes 68 degrees 15 minutes and 68 degrees 10 minutes). The quarter was a 25th birthday compliment to Princess Margaret.

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OXFORDSHIRE RINGING TOUR

A SUCCESSFUL WEEK AMONGST GOOD BELLS AND BEAUTIFUL SCENERY

FOR the last six years the second week in August has been the signal for another 'Cannon-Sone' tour in a new county. This year the venue was Oxfordshire, with headquarters at Chipping Norton, and accommodation was booked at the White Hart and the King's Arms Hotels. Both places can be well recommended for future touring parties. Our party consisted of 18 ringers, and transport was provided in the shape of a coach owned by Messrs. Davis and Son, of Hawkhurst, Kent, and driven by 'Mick' Smith.

The purpose of these tours is not only to score peals but to visit a large number of villages with rings of six and five. Reference to Dove's admirable book will show that there are twice as many towers with five and six bells than with the higher numbers, so ringers who do not visit these towers do not get a complete picture of ringing conditions.

FIFTY TOWERS VISITED

During the week we rang ten peals out of 15 attempts, and enjoyed visits to 50 towers, so feel entitled to claim that ours was a successful venture.

Our coach left Paddock Wood, Kent, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 6th, picking up our party at various points en route to Oxford, which was reached at 3.30 p.m. We commenced ringing with visits to Wolvercote (6, 6 cwt.) and Wootton (6, 9½ cwt.) and arrived at Chipping Norton at 6 p.m. After dinner we visited Shipton-under-Wychwood (8, 14½ cwt.) and were met by Mr. Jack Keyte, local Branch secretary. We rang Stedman, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Bristol, but the ropes and bells are beginning to require some attention. Next we went on to Churchill (6, 11 cwt.), where the tower was built in 1826 as a replica of the famous Magdalen College tower in Oxford.

Sunday, August 8th, arrived with the promise of a glorious day, and we were given a hearty welcome by Mr. Reg Jarvis and the local band at Chipping Norton (8, 14½ cwt.). We rang Grandsire, Stedman, Yorkshire and Superlative on a very handy ring cast in 1907 by Mears and Stainbank from the metal of an older bell by John Rudhall in 1826. As usual, we stayed for service, and Messrs. Malcolm Cloke and Philip Mehew were invited to join the choir.

In the afternoon we enjoyed a run into Gloucestershire and a view of the Cotswolds. Our first tower was Stow-on-the-Wold (8, 27 cwt.), where we had the pleasure of being joined by Messrs. R. G. Edwards G. E. Fearn, R. B. Meadows, P. Border and D. P. Jones. Messrs. John Taylor have considerably improved the bells by tuning and they 'go' really well. We rang Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative and London and the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Potts) met us outside the church after the bells had been lowered in peal.

Continuing our journey, we arrived at the isolated village of Blockley (8, 16 cwt.), where the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Ridler) was waiting to welcome us; also Messrs. Jack Keyte and Brian Bladon, who had walked from Blockley station. The ringing chamber is rather bare, but the red sallies gave a touch of colour, and we rang Stedman, Cambridge and Bristol on a fair-going ring.

For Evensong we were due to ring at the very fine church of Chipping Campden (8, 24 cwt.), but owing to delay in finding the key through an oversight we did not commence until 6.5 p.m., so had to content ourselves with half a course of Cambridge, Double Norwich Court Bob, Stedman and Plain Bob. These bells have been a ring of eight since 1683 and their bad 'go' has been overrated. There were at least four people in the tower who were prepared to ring the tenor to a peal! The village is a delightful one built entirely of the typical Cotswold stone and is very popular with tourists generally.

TWO PEALS ON MONDAY

Our first peal tower was at the very fine church of Bampton (8, 25 cwt.). The bells, which hang in a central tower, with spire, are a good-toned ring, but as they are hung on plain bearings some of the back bells run dry. We started for Yorkshire and for two and three-quarter hours had some really good ringing. It was a race between Tom Sone on the sixth and the writer on the tenor as to who would last the longest. Tom Sone won with a course to spare, and although the writer offers no excuses, he would like to remind any critics that there is a big difference between ball-bearing 'freewheelers' and a plain-bearing heavy tenor running dry on a hot day. Those not ringing visited Clanfield (8, 13 cwt.) and Aston Bampton (6, 13 cwt.).

After an excellent lunch we had two comfortable rings available for the afternoon. At Burford (8, 17¼ cwt.) Messrs. Gillett and Johnston made a splendid job of rehanging the bells in 1950. The local captain, Mr. W. J. Dixon, welcomed us, and a good, steady peal of Superlative was scored.

Ann Cox and Stewart Kimber rang well to gain their stars. Another band visited Witney (8, 16¾ cwt.), where Taylors made an equally good job of rehanging in 1938. We scored a good peal of Treble Bob to enable Monica Collins and Daphne Castell to earn a star. This was the 99th peal on the bells. Mr. L. Oliffe met us at the finish and was satisfied with our striking.

An interesting coincidence was that all three peals were attempted in towers with central towers and spires. Statistically minded readers might like to agree that this is another 'first'!

ADDERBURY'S FINE PEAL

The opportunity of attempting a peal at Adderbury (8, 24 cwt.) on Tuesday, August 9th, was very much appreciated, as peals here these days are rare. Mr. H. L. Roper, who had kindly obtained permission from the Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Walmsley), welcomed us on arrival, and we scored a good peal of Yorkshire with a steady beat. There has appeared from time to time in 'The Ringing World' discussions as to the merit of certain rings and even of certain tenors. It is obvious that a modern ring all coming from the same foundry must sound better than an old ring of mixed vintage. But an old ring by **one founder** can sometimes measure up to a modern ring. Adderbury bells were cast in 1789 by John Briant, of Hertford. In 1863 the third was recast by Mears, and in 1927 John Taylors recast the sixth and retuned the remainder. A really fine job was done and in the writer's opinion Adderbury has one of the finest eights in the country. The tenor (1789) in D can hold its own with any tenor of its own weight in the country (Lavenham included). In addition, the other seven give it sonorous support, thus proving that an old ring, skilfully tuned, is the equal of the moderns.

The remainder of our party visited Tadmarton (6, 11 cwt.) and Swalcliffe (6, 13½ cwt.), the latter an old and musical ring dated 1685, tuned and rehung by Gillett and Johnston, 1938.

The afternoon attempt had been arranged at Banbury (10, 17½ cwt.), and Mr. W. Watson, looking as young as ever, met us at the tower. The tower is round and the bells are an excellent ring cast in 1930 by John Taylors.

It was a big disappointment to the band to lose Kent Royal after two and a half hours. However, the local reporter came into the belfry, took our photographs and from particulars given him was able to give us a well-written front page article in his paper, which was appreciated by everyone.

Those of us who were not ringing at Banbury visited the very fine ring at Middleton Cheney (6, 22½ cwt.), with its long draught; Chacombe (6, 14 cwt.), home of the Bagleys; Cropredy (6, 14 cwt.) and Hanwell (5, 7½ cwt.). At the latter tower the tenor rope broke and the efforts of the local ringer to poke it through two holes, not in alignment, caused us much amusement. Mr. Watson accompanied us for the afternoon and was able to direct us around the rural by-lanes.

SCENIC TOUR IN THE COTSWOLDS

As has happened on previous tours, Wednesday, August 10th, was selected for a whole day's tower hunting amongst delightful scenery. Our first call was at Ilmington, Warwickshire (6, 16 cwt.). Here John Taylors made another fine job of rehanging in 1951, as they also have at Quinton (6, 13 cwt.). These are two excellent rings, well worth a visit. At Quinton Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Burton and their daughter, Eileen, joined us for the rest of the day, and we were delighted to have them with us.

The first eight-bell tower of the day was Mickleton (8, 15 cwt.), whose bells have just been rehung by Taylors. Mr. Donald Niblett welcomed us to his home tower, and although we were a little shaky with Yorkshire and Bristol, we did ring a perfect course of Hawkhurst Bob Triples, which is an interesting, new method.

The bells of Moreton-in-the-Marsh (8, 12 cwt.) have long had a bad reputation for 'go,' but we did succeed in ringing Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob in reasonable style. It was a pleasure to meet the Rector (Canon W. B. Ingham) who unlocked the belfry door for us. He recalled ringing peals with the late Robert Sperring, Sam Jones and other Cheshire worthies over 20 years ago, and he also inquired after John Worth.

After lunch we visited Broadwell (5, 8 cwt.), a noisy ring with a tenor very much out of tune. The curate-in-charge (the Rev. K. H. Cheal) welcomed us from the top of his tower and later met us in the belfry. Bourton-on-the-Water (8, 14 cwt.), with its model village and stream running parallel with the main street, is one of the show pieces of the Cotswolds. The Rector (the Rev. J. R. Nettlefold) was especially pleased to see us, as it was St. Lawrence's Day, St. Lawrence being the patron saint of the church. The bells are a mixed lot, which require quite a bit of striking, especially the sixth.

Continuing our journey, we arrived at Northleach (8, 18½ cwt.), which is a splendid church with a fine tower. While waiting for the key of the belfry several of our party got together for hymn singing, to the obvious interest of other visitors. The bells are a good ring, the back six being cast by William Cox, of Aldbourne, and we rang a good course of London as well as Double Norwich and Treble Bob.

Bibury (6, 10 cwt.), reputed to be one of the prettiest villages in the country, certainly lived up to its reputation. Particular attention was paid to the well-kept gardens and the tidy churchyard: it is nice to think that the local people take a pride in their village. The bells are a very handy ring, and Mr. Ralph Wenban, late of Staplehurst, Kent, was pleased to meet ringers from his own county. Our last call was at Taynton (6, 8 cwt.), where the merry little bells are rung from a very small ringing cham-

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OXFORD RINGING TOUR—Cont.

ber. Mr. T. W. Timms met us and we were sorry we could not stay longer, but a punctual dinner awaited us.

ANOTHER DOUBLE

The programme for Thursday, August 11th, commenced with peal attempts at Bicester (8, 15 cwt.) and Ambrosden (8, 20½ cwt.) in the morning. At Bicester we were met by Mr. H. Hatfield and found the really ideal peal ringing conditions. The bells were all recast in 1913 by Gillett and Johnston, their 'go' is admirable and the strip lighting in the middle of the ringing chamber all contribute to a good peal. The first peal of Superlative was successfully brought round and our new tenor ringer, Trevor Cross, rang really well.

At Ambrosden Mr. G. Taylor had everything ready, and it was a disappointment to lose Yorkshire after 1 hour and 40 minutes through a miscall. They are fine bells, rehung in 1928 by Taylors, who added two trebles, and the last time the writer visited this church was while the work was in progress in November, 1928. Very best thanks to Mr. Cyril Kinch, who was unable to meet us, but who had kindly made arrangements for us at both churches. Incidentally, the Bicester peal was the 49th in the tower.

For the afternoon we went to Kirtlington (8, 16½ cwt.) and found another handy Taylor rehung ring (1938) hanging in a splendid Norman central tower. A good peal of Lincolnshire was scored, with Brian Bladon proving that he is as competent on the tenor as he is on a light bell.

Those not peal ringing visited Lower Heyford (6, 7 cwt.) and Rousham (6, 9 cwt.), both churches being held by the same Rector, and only one mile apart. Next came Tackley (6, 14 cwt.), where five youthful members of the local company met us and led us up the unusual approach to the ringing chamber. We were pleased to help them through Bob Doubles. Then on to Weston-on-the-Green (5, 8 cwt.), where permission was kindly granted at short notice to ring on a pleasant five.

TWO FAILURES—ONE SUCCESS

It was a pleasure to meet once again Mr. E. C. Pearson and his son, Edmund, at Deddington (8, 17 cwt.) on Friday, August 12th. The tower is unusual in that the clock pendulum, which is a long one, swings in the centre of the ringing chamber. The first peal of Yorkshire seemed a 'cert,' but with two and a half courses to ring after 2 hours and 40 minutes ringing, the treble rope gave an ominous snap and fell at Stewart's feet.

Another party had gone to Aynhoe (8, 16½ cwt.) just over in Northants and scored a creditable peal of Plain Bob, the first peal here since 1901, and first Major on the bells.

The afternoon peal was fixed for Great Tew (8, 22 cwt.), the method chosen was Superlative, and the services of those two well-known ringers, George Fearn and Ralph Edwards, were enlisted for seven and eight. However, luck deserted them, as a shift course finished the attempt, after 1 hour and 20 minutes ringing.

These bells, rung from the ground floor, are an old ring cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1709, with third and fifth recast in 1785 and 1842 respectively, and the bells retuned and rehung by Mears and Stainbank in 1924. Inside the tower the tone is somewhat 'muddy,' but away from the church and walking towards the entrance to the park in which it stands the effect is much more melodious. Here again it is so much a matter of personal opinion.

The non-pealers, accompanied by Mrs. R. G. Edwards and Mrs. G. Fearn, visited Duns Tew (5, 14 cwt.), a good-going ring, recently rehung. The local constable came to watch our efforts to see we did not disturb the peace too much! At Steeple Aston (6, 11½ cwt.) the ringing is conducted from a ringers' gallery erected in the 17th century by Richard Duckworth. He was Rector here from 1680 to 1706, and was joint producer with Fabian Stedman in 1668 of the famous 'Tintinnalogia.' The bells have a long draught and cannot be hurried.

Finding ourselves ahead of schedule (for a change!) we decided to try out the 'unknown' bells of Steeple Barton (5, 10½ cwt.). Permission was obtained for ringing, but with very low sallies and bad 'go,' 60 changes was sufficient per touch! Our Birmingham friends, having finished at Great Tew, found us here, and the well-known slogan, 'You want the towers—I find 'em,' caused much amusement! Sandford St. Martin (6, 9 cwt.) has a handy ring with a sloping floor to the ringing chamber. The remainder of the Great Tew peal band, who had walked three miles, arrived feeling pretty warm. However, we rang London and Cambridge and then proceeded to Enstone (6, 9 cwt.), where we were welcomed by the churchwarden, Mr. J. E. Hawtin. The bells are noisy but 'go' well. The day finished with a social evening at the White Hart Hotel, at which George, Ralph and their wives were welcome visitors.

FOUR PEALS ON LAST DAY

As usual, Saturday, August 13th, arrived all too quickly. John Morris said farewell as he had a date with a well-known 12-bell tower in London. One party went to Kingham (8, 12¼ cwt.), a very musical ring by Taylors (1924). The Rector (the Rev. Dr. G. C. B. Davies) gave us a warm welcome and we were successful with the well-known 'cert' peal of Double Norwich, this being the 18th county in which the conductor has called this composition. Another party went to Chipping Norton (8, 14¼ cwt.) and scored the first peal of Cambridge on this handy ring. Once again Trevor Cross showed his ability on the tenor.

After lunch Brian and Winnie Warwick departed for Leicester, and we made the short journey to Hook Norton (8, 20¼ cwt.). A funeral in the nearby Baptist cemetery delayed our start until 4 p.m., but it was well worth waiting to hear the really grand recast Taylor (1949) eight ringing Yorkshire. The bells can be heard very clearly in the ringing chamber, but as the only window would not open, it tends to become very warm before the end of a peal in summer. The rest of our party went over to Swalcliffe (6, 13½ cwt.) and scored a good peal in seven methods on the musical ring, rehung by Gillett and Johnston in 1938.

Mr. A. F. Borsberry, local captain, had very kindly provided an excellent tea for us, and after this we visited two Warwickshire towers, Whichford (6, 12½ cwt.), a good-going ring, and Long Compton (6, 12 cwt.), where the third bell rope is well out of the normal circle. This was the writer's 1,916th tower (no prime number here, Dick!).

HOMEWARD BOUND

On Sunday morning, August 14th, we said 'Goodbye' to 'Benny,' Ralph Bird and Philip Mehew, who were returning home by motorcycle and car. Ralph apparently got as far as High Wycombe before his engine went on strike!

We dropped Malcolm Cloke, Fred Wilshaw, Brian Bladon and Daphne Castell at Oxford and continued to Warborough (8, 12 cwt.), where two trebles have recently been added by Mears and Stainbank, and the bells are a very nice little ring. Mr. F. Absalom and his band gave us a friendly welcome, and we rang Plain Bob and Stedman.

All good things, unfortunately, come to an end and we should have enjoyed another week. We would like to say a sincere 'Thank you' to all the vicars and local ringers who met our party, and who so kindly gave us permission to ring. Thank you, Oxfordshire, for your very helpful co-operation, thus ensuring a happy and successful week.

A. P. C.

RELAXATION AFTER EXAMINATIONS

University of Bristol Change Ringers' Tour

MANY and varied are the methods used by students to celebrate the end of examinations. Some take a delight in burning their books and papers; some in challenging a rival hall to a mock battle: some in a grand 'booze up.' The Bristol University Society took another form of relaxation—a ringing and cycling tour.

This year's tour took place in the counties of Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. Towers visited in the three days of the tour ranged from good to indifferent; from good ringing chambers to bad ones; from five bells to thirteen bell towers.

It was most unfortunate that this year's organiser should be such an ardent cyclist, as this meant that 35 miles had to be covered in order to reach the first tower, Long Newnton. However, after a most welcome pot of tea supplied by the Rector, the party was almost willing to forgive even the organiser! The second tower of the tour, after supper at Ashton Keynes Youth Hostel, was South Cerney, where the only clergyman in the Church of England with an engineering degree met the party.

The second day of the tour was a full one with seven towers to be visited. Fortunately, no mishaps occurred and the following towers were visited: Cricklade, with its long draught, Purton, Lydiard Millicent, South Marston, Broad Blunsdon, with its very light six, Castle Eaton and Down Ampney, where the Rector turned out to be a most interesting amateur archæologist. Again the party repaired to Ashton Keynes for the night, where the various members found entertainment and refreshment to suit their tastes.

On Sunday morning the good folk of Ashton Keynes were called at 8 a.m. Communion by their Parish Church bells. The comment of one member of the society that he took a dim view of tower grabbing at 7.30 a.m. probably summed up everyone's feelings! Morning ringing took place at Watermoor, Cirencester, after what will probably remain a record 'washing-up' session at any Youth Hostel for a long time. Ringing in the afternoon at North Cerney introduced to the visitors a most interesting church, beautifully preserved and added to. For evening service the society joined the ringers at St. John the Baptist's, Cirencester, where the twelve bells were rung to rounds and the society rang a touch of Grandsire Caters.

The last half day, Monday morning, started rather badly with a depleted party, and so we were late at each of the three towers. Ringing started on the steel bells at Chalford, a new venture for many of the society, and was followed, after the long climb uphill to Minchinhampton, by an only too short ring on the fine six there. The last tower of the tour, Avening, will probably be remembered for the noise of the bells in the ringing chamber.

Lunch taken in Tetbury ended yet another successful tour, the last one of many very interesting and enjoyable tours undertaken by the society during the academic year. If there should be any ringer who is not yet certain which university to honour next year Bristol can be well recommended—at least so far as the ringing is concerned. Your correspondent cannot really vouch for the academic qualities of this or any other place.

The thanks of the society are tendered to all the incumbents for their ready permission to use their bells and to the several local ringers who met us and joined in the ringing. Methods rung ranged from Plain Bob and Grandsire to London and Cambridge Surprise by way of many methods, both regular and irregular.

C. T. B.

SWINESHEAD CHURCH

An Independent Investigation

The following description of St. Nicholas' Church, Swineshead, appears in 'The Bedfordshire Times and Standard' following the article that appeared in 'The Ringing World':—

'With the permission of the Rector (the Rev. A. Thornton Down), who was appointed to the living in 1950, a representative of this newspaper visited the church—a fine example of early decorated work—and was admitted to the extremely narrow spiral stairway leading to the belfry. There were twigs on every step, as the article stated, but in most cases these were quite easy to see. Nevertheless, the ascent was not without its hazards! Above, past the ancient mechanism of the clock—now quite idle—and the bell, was the chamber.

'Here a sorry sight presented itself. Twigs, which had been carried into the chamber by generations of birds over a period of many years, together with much dust, lay all around and, indeed, two of the five bells were partly covered. Apart from some very elderly duck eggs, however, there was no other rubbish and the general condition did not quite match the "pigsty" description which had been given to it. The bells, one of which dates back to the late 17th century, have obviously not been rung for a great many years. The framework is rotten and the wooden wheels have fallen to pieces.

RECTOR'S REPLY

'When a call was made on Mr. Thornton Down it was found that the assertion that the Rector "could not care less' was far from being true. "I am certainly not oblivious to the situation," he said. "The matter has been under discussion by the Parochial Church Council for some time and is still under discussion."

'Mr. Thornton Down said that before the writer of the article in the bell-ringers' paper had approached him, he had been in touch with a Loughborough firm of bell-founders and had asked them to inspect the bells. This they had done and had now made their report. The cost of putting the bells in order would probably be about £830 and, in addition, work by a local builder would be necessary. This would bring the total cost to about £900.

SHOULD BE LOWERED

'"In a village of about 100 inhabitants," he said, "we cannot possibly raise that amount." That was also the opinion of the Bishop. The alternative would be to lower the bells, the Loughborough firm storing them until such time as the work might be ready to be done. Cost of lowering them would be approximately £70. Although the firm would not say that the bells might fall at any moment, as has been suggested, they were of the opinion that it would be well to lower the bells as soon as possible.

'Then the Rector went on to say that the matter had been communicated through diocesan channels to the Historic Churches Preservation Fund to ask whether or not they would be prepared to make a grant.

'As for the twigs, Mr. Thornton spoke of the difficulty of obtaining labour for such clearance tasks. If the twigs were cleared away, he said, the birds would soon bring more in again. To prevent that happening every opening in the tower and spire would have to be covered with netting, and that would be quite expensive.'

RECTOR NOT INDIFFERENT

Dear Sir—I feel that as a ringer who has lived for over 30 years within two miles of Swineshead Church, I must make some sort of reply to Mr. Amos' allegation.

This gentleman's tactless remarks are well known around Bedfordshire, and it is a great pity that he cannot use his wide knowledge of bells and their founders to the good of the ringing world instead of going around and accusing local priests of something that is not altogether correct.

That the Rector of Swineshead 'couldn't care less' is **not a true statement.** He has been in touch with the Loughborough founders, and the cost of putting the bells in order would be about £830 in addition to some repairs to the tower. The cost of lowering the bells would be about £70.

The population of Swineshead is less than 100.

It cannot be denied that there are some jackdaws' nests in the belfry, but the situation is certainly not as bad as has been suggested.

Mr. Amos should realise by now that interest and attendance at churches everywhere leave much to be desired. In future he would do better not to refer to a church as being like a pigsty, but either to clear up the mess he has discovered in some out of the way place, or to dip his hand into his pocket to pay someone else to do it for him.—Yours faithfully,

KENNETH G. SPAVINS.

Bletchley, Bucks.

A WARNING

Dear Sir,—Forty-five years ago the spirited leader of August 5th would have caused endless correspondence, but to-day it has passed almost without comment. P. A. is to be commended for his diligence, and if many others had his enthusiasm then the story of these ringing chambers would be quite different.

It is useless to blame the clergy for decadent bells and fittings; the responsibility is the churchwardens'. The clergy rarely take much interest in the state of the bell chamber, also the archdeacons do not go up the tower to see if the report presented is true or otherwise.

The sad state of affairs presented by P. A. is just one of the signs of the times. Every Monday we read in the newspapers of main roads into London being choked with cars returning from the coast, and it is much the same elsewhere. It is common to see cars and coaches stretching the whole 16 miles from Blackpool to Preston on Sunday evenings. So it is clear that people do not attend church as formerly. This gradually affects the belfry, and the bells stop for want of ringers. Jackdaws and pigeons take possession and decay quickly sets in.

The only cure is a band of ringers and a good towerkeeper who should be worthy of his hire. Here is where the clergy can help by visiting the ringers occasionally and encouraging them. The tower captain should also go up aloft periodically to see if any repairs are necessary and inform the wardens.

Now where do the Associations come in? Are they going to meet the challenge of stopped bells or remain passive? Most Associations have men who can put the case for ringing to a parish or village meeting. The incumbent would be willing to call such a meeting and it certainly could do no harm. No time must be lost, for the number of stopped bells on Sundays is serious. In due course peal ringers will have less towers to visit, and so the decline will affect every branch of our art. Let everyone think seriously on this matter and let the Editor have their suggestions.

LANCASTRIAN.

AMERICAN PARSON'S INTEREST

Dear Sir,—We in Witney are at present enjoying the visit of an American rector whilst our own Canon Bale is on holiday in the U.S.A. He is the Rev. W. R. Robbins, of St. Thomas' Church, New Haven, Connecticut, and he has become very interested in the traditional English manner of ringing. So much so that he would very much like to see a ring installed in his own tower in New Haven, if this is possible.

Mr. Robbins and I, however, have no idea whether there is any centre of change ringing in the U.S.A. (apart from a few clues gleaned from 'Dove') and we would be very pleased to hear if any of our readers could supply contacts or information that would be of help.

I have heard that some time ago the Oxford University Society sent information to an interested party in the States, but of the accuracy and details of this I am totally ignorant.

If anyone would like to help in this endeavour to break new ground, would they send their information either direct or through these columns. I hope eventually to be able to send in a 'progress report.'—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. SMITH.

Merryfield,
Witney, Oxon.

THE FALLING-OFF OF PEALS

Dear Sir,—The magnitude of importance once attached to peals is becoming less for the following reasons:—

(1). Many are coming to recognise (as the past Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild recently stated) that peal ringing in itself should not be looked upon as a yardstick by which to measure success.

(2). Since peals became 'two-a-penny' little record value can nowadays be attached to them.

(3). Many prefer to concentrate upon the maintenance of a regular Sunday service band, if only for some of the simpler methods, rather than see a crowded belfry on weekdays and a silent one on Sundays.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

St. Mary's, Woodstock, South Africa

'The Outspan,' South Africa's illustrated weekly, contains an informative article on the bells of St. Mary's, Woodstock, Cape Town, with pictures of the band preparing for a quarter peal. James Barwell, of Birmingham, cast Woodstock bells in 1901 and they were delivered the next year. The first method ringing was on December 22nd, 1903, when a touch of 720 Bob Minor was rung. Of that original band, Mr. J. F. Priest died only last year in Cape Town.

The first full peal was on December 15th, 1904—Taylor's Six-Part, Grandsire Triples. One of the ringers, Mr. J. Murray, had 14 years earlier rung the first peal in Australia, and was perhaps the only man of his time who had scored a peal in three continents.

Pictured in the article are J. Wood (tower captain), V. Sheppard, O. Lamb, J. Ernstzen, C. Gardiner and J. Riley. Three of the present ringers are accountants.

Joint Meeting at Bolsterstone

The joint meeting of the Barnsley and Sheffield District Societies held at Bolsterstone on August 13th resulted in a very pleasant and happy afternoon and evening.

Tea was served in a small cafe opposite the church, where about 30 ringers enjoyed a good square meal. The Vicar joined the party at tea and also conducted the business meeting which followed. He assured all of a very hearty welcome. The business was soon disposed of and further ringing followed until about 8 p.m. Good use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening in Minor and Major methods with plenty of scope for beginners.

It is a long time since the last meeting was at Bolsterstone. The visitors enjoyed and appreciated the open countryside. No doubt in midwinter the outlook would be much different when nature changes her cloak. D. S.

TOPIC FOR THE MONTH – VIII.

The Meeting

FOLLOWING the annual general meetings, many a newly-elected secretary is now contemplating his first meeting in office, and probably realising how much of the responsibility for its success will rest with him; and by success is meant, of course, the efficient despatch of business under the control of the chairman, who rightly looks to the secretary to bring up and arrange the material for the agenda of the meeting.

Some new secretaries have first-rate examples to follow while others succeed to office where limited and often misguided function has somehow struggled through the job, lacking the essentials for good business despatch. For the latter these few notes, though elementary, may serve as talking points on efficient service if not as of primary guidance towards that end.

GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The first of these is the **convening** of the meeting, which must be done in accordance with the rules of the Association, and which may be by circular letter to all members, or by notice in the Press, or even by notice posted up in some specific place, depending upon the nature and extent of the Association. Failure to convene properly may invalidate the meeting.

Next comes the preparation of the **agenda**, in which must be found a place for all legitimate business, though some items may not be included unless submitted by their sponsors before a given time prior to the meeting. The order of business on the agenda is of prime importance and though not always followed, through either ignorance or neglect, it is essentially standardised for efficient and legitimate despatch. (This order is detailed below.)

The compilation of his agenda will serve to remind the secretary, apart from other indications, that certain **reports and records** due in from other officers may not be to hand, and these he will then have to 'chase.' His own books and records he will, of course, have posted up in all readiness to bring to the meeting.

Lastly, the **meeting-room**. A preferred arrangement of seating is that of a central aisle, though this is not essential. Facing the main seating is the table for the administrative officers. This should be large enough to accommodate some half-dozen seats behind it, and should be furnished with a sheet of blank paper before each seat and a water glass centrally. A gavel or table-rapper should be provided for the chairman. In ringing Associations he is usually the Master, although if the president or a vice-president be present he is usually invited to preside. In such case the Master should sit on the president's right. Normally the secretary will sit on the chairman's left, and be ready to prompt and inform him as required. The treasurer usually sits on the chairman's right, or, if the Master be there instead of in the chair, then on the Master's right. Other officers at the table sit as most convenient. The secretary will find it useful to have more than one pen and/or pencil and to have a rough notebook, in addition to his minute book, correspondence file and other regulation documents. He should also ensure that he has a copy of the Rules handy, and also of the previously-issued report of the Association.

RULES

Successful administration of any organisation depends, inter alia, on a well-defined **constitution**; in other words, on well-drafted rules; and as mentioned, a copy should be on the table. It is surprising to find, in some few cases, how poorly the rules have been drafted, so as to be of little real use, in fact, to be confusing and provide loopholes for trouble. No attempt should be made to employ 'legal' phraseology, but simple statements should state clearly the Association's requirements. They should deal with matters including such as the following, and in some such order:—

Title and objects of the Association, constitution—officers and membership; affiliation to Central Council and/or any other body; form of government; general meetings and nature of business; election of members; rates of subscription; tower affiliation and representative or correspondent; District organisation; District meetings; District finance; Central or Association finance; special funds and grants; library; instructors and teaching methods; peal reporting; general reports; alteration of rules; etc.

PROCEDURE

The conduct of most well-run meetings—general and committee—follows, in some main respects, the procedure of that mother of all talking places or 'parliaments'—the House of Commons. The example is followed simply because it is the smoothest and most efficient way of despatching the business at hand.

Speakers rise only on indication from the chair, and if not 'down' to speak and thus called upon by the chairman, must 'catch his eye.' On rising, unless in small meetings where all are known (such as in committee) the speaker should first give his name and place of origin. All remarks are addressed to the chair and not across the floor between members of the audience. This ensures control of the proceedings and avoid risk of 'bickering.' Normally no one may speak more than once on any item of discussion, except the proposer, who has the right of reply to any opposition; and here the chairman may often avoid waste of time by announcing a time limit for speakers. No discussion may open on any item unless and until it has been both proposed and seconded, so that if the matter is not thus supported, the chairman may at once proceed to the next item on the agenda. Even when a motion has been both proposed and seconded the chairman has a further routine before permitting discussion: he should, if it is a proposition for discussion, ask if there be any amendment or amendments, and the last of these (all duly proposed and seconded, of course), should be taken first, and so proceed backwards to the original proposition; on the other hand, if it be a proposition for election of an officer or place of visit, etc., he should call for 'any other nominations' and deal with these as duly proposed and seconded on vote. It may be noted that a motion should never be spoken of as a 'resolution' unless and until it has been put to the vote and 'resolved' or 'carried'; until then it is only a 'motion' or a 'proposition.' In recording the nature of the voting it is important to distinguish between 'carried nem. con.' and 'carried unanimously.' Both these phrases refer to voting all of one nature, i.e., for the motion; but whereas the latter strictly means that all present have voted as one (in favour), the former means that (from the Latin) no one has voted to the contrary, though some may not have voted at all.

Some chairmen are 'made or marred' by their secretaries, in so far as their collation and arrangement of matter for the agenda is concerned, and by their giving or not of the judicious prompting and supporting information that is invaluable in all but the straightforward routine business.

THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

As already intimated the importance of the precise order in which business is to be set down on the agenda is not always appreciated; and this order can, in fact, affect the result of voting. (An obvious case is that of the election of an officer to a new office, only if his retirement from the old one has been previously intimated and an election to the new one not yet effected; but other examples may be cited.) In general terms the business of a meeting comes under four heads, and in this order: (a) Initiation or opening; (b) Business of the past; (c) Business of the future; (d) Closure. Each section of business contains at least two, or more, items, and these, even, must come in due order within their appropriate section, for the correct and efficient despatch of the business. Here, then, is the normal order of items on the agenda, and as particularly applicable to ringing meetings:—

Section (a), Opening.

1. Notice of Convention. The chairman calls on the secretary to read or declare the form of notice of convention of the meeting, in accordance with the appropriate rule; and this is done.

2. Declaration Open. The chairman, standing, then declares the meeting open, giving the number of the meeting and stating if annual or quarterly and general or district, etc. He then sits and remains seated for the remainder of the proceedings.

3. Apologies for absence. Until the two former items are over, the meeting is not, strictly, validly in being; but now, being so, if any apology for absence is tendered it must come at this juncture, before any business whatever is transacted.

4. Welcome. This item is not always included, but if it is it should come here. The welcome is addressed to all, of course, but particularly to any special guests and to those having come from considerable distances, etc.

Section (b), Past Business.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting. These are read by the secretary, precisely as entered in the minute book unless, as is sometimes the case, they have been previously published, when they may be voted to be 'taken as read'; but they are still not 'adopted.' Curiously enough, this business of 'adoption' is rarely taken in the correct way. It should be proposed and seconded, and then amendments called for, to deal with any case of objection as to whether or not the actual record is considered a correct report. In any case those entitled to vote or speak on these propositions are only those who were actually present at that previous meeting and **no one else.** (For clearly, only those who were actually present can have first-hand knowledge of the correctness or otherwise of the record.) A meticulous chairman will often remind his audience of this all-important point. A majority vote as to correctness of record suffices to secure the chairman's signature to authenticity.

6. Matters arising out of the Minutes. It is of the utmost importance to agree that the record is correct, for subsequent business stands or falls by the actual record, and not by what may, in fact, have actually taken place. So also, therefore, is it important for matters arising, and these will be accepted by the chairman at this stage only if they are not set down to follow as subsequent items on the agenda; in which case they must, in any event, come within this section of 'past business.'

7. Other items relating to past matters. These will include such important items as 'reports' of various officers, especially such as the Master's report and the treasurer's (audited) statement of accounts.

8. Retirement of officers and election of new officers. This is always the last item of section (b) of the agenda, i.e., past business. The secretary is called upon to recite the offices in turn, stating in each case whether or not the retiring officer is prepared to offer himself for re-election. The preferred way is to start with the junior offices, working up to

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the senior ones, ending with the Master or chairman and finally the vice-presidents and president. In this way retiring officers in any grade may be invited to serve again in a senior grade. As each election is effected, if there is a change the newly-elected officer takes the vacated place at the table, receiving the appropriate books and papers as handed over to him. It is usual for a retiring secretary to remain at the elbow of the newly-elected secretary to facilitate despatch of business in the final sections of the agenda. The newly-elected officers now being in possession at the table, **and in office,** the future business if the agenda is next dealt with.

Section (c), Future Business.

9. Compliments and thanks. Although it does not always appear on the agenda, the first item of this section is devoted to the passing of formal votes of thanks and the making of any presentations to officers who have retired from any given office. Those continuing in office normally receive an omnibus vote of thanks, and it is bad form to omit this item in practice, even though it be not actually included in the written agenda. (The new chairman being enseated, there can be no embarrassment or diffidence in regard to compliments to any retiring officers.)

10. Specific items of future business. Broadly speaking, any matter that is yet unsettled or that is to be effective at any time from then on, will be reserved for discussion in this section of the agenda. Future policy, active and financial, grants, new ideas, revision of rules, notices of motion for next meeting, dates and places of coming events, meetings, etc., are all properly inclusive in this section of the agenda, which usually ends with:—

11. Any other permissible business. The word 'permissible' is important in this connection because certain matters may be admitted only if due notice has been given, in which case they will have been itemised and dealt with. This is typical of the way in whch an alert and knowledgeable secretary may guide his chairman (by reference to rules, if necessary) and so secure purely legitimate discharge of the Association's business.

Section (d), Closure.

12. Courtesies. This means, generally, votes of thanks to all appropriately for participation in and arrangements for the meeting itself; that is, to those permitting use of places and/or equipment, to organisers, patrons, etc. Quite frequently an enormous amount of hard work has gone on behind the scenes to arrange everything for the function, and it is only right that this should be appreciated and duly acknowledged. (It is often overlooked !)

13. Closure—formal. The chairman rises and delivers the only other statement he makes while standing, that is, he formally declares this —— meeting closed.

(No official record may be entered of anything that occurs after such declaration.)

A. Y.-B.

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MIDSUMMER MADNESS OR TWO-IN-A-DAY

On the postcard it said, 'Be at Flint 9 a.m. Tuesday.' It was a lovely morning and I made my way to Flint by bus, arriving a few minutes before the allotted time. The three from Chester made the journey by train and arrived just as our good friend from Flint, the fifth member of the party, drove up in his Hillman van complete with five comfortable seats and a banana box (empty) suitably covered, dead on 9 a.m.

We were soon speeding away along the coast road via Rhyl to our first rendezvous at Bangor, where we arrived a little before 11 a.m. to find waiting for us the remaining three of our band, one from Llandudno, one from Rhyl and the other stationed with the R.A.F. on the island of Anglesey who hails from Hornchurch, and a notice pinned on the door by the clergy on which was written a welcome to St. David's, Glanadda.

Also with us was the Llandudno secretary, John W. Roberts, who had come on ahead to see to the ropes, etc., so that no time would be lost, and as soon as we were started went on to Beaumaris to perform a similar service for us.

We lost no time in raising the bells and were soon away to Grandsire Triples. A good quick beat was struck from the start, but later this slowed down a little and a good peal was brought round in 2 hours 56 minutes.

Our good friend from Flint, who 'knows his way around' in this area and being skilled in the art of gentle persuasion, prevailed upon an almost staffless manager of a local hotel to provide us with lunch. With the help of liquid refreshment (tea), this was soon disposed of and we all piled into the Hillman for the journey along the winding road to Beaumaris.

Everything at St. Mary's was in readiness and this lovely, light and, may I say, refreshing ring of bells was soon going to Bob Major, which came round in grand style in 3 hours.

As we were leaving the church we saw a group of people standing by one of the houses. We thought we were 'in for it' when one of the ladies spoke up and said, 'That was very good ringing. The bells were lovely. Where do you come from?' and 'Can't you come and ring for us on Sunday?' The smiles of relief and pleasure that brightened up our faces showed our appreciation, and it was with regret that we had to tell them it was not possible for us to ring for them on Sundays.

After a light tea we made our way back to Bangor in time for our R.A.F. member, Andrew J. Salisbury, to catch his train back to camp.

Before leaving Bangor we allowed ourselves the pleasure of calling on Mr. Albert J. Hughes, whose interest in ringing is undiminished although he has not been able to take an active part for some time due to ill-health. Nowadays he keeps in touch through the medium of 'The Ringing World.'

We were delighted to find him up and dressed and apparently he and Mrs. Hughes were waiting for us. The 'Grape Vine' had been in action again. He informed us that after a recent stay in hospital he is a little better and would welcome visits from any ringer passing through Bangor.

After bidding them farewell it was with feelings of pleasure and satisfaction that we commenced our journey home. We arrived at Rhyl with only a few minutes to spare for our Chester friends to get their train, and I was taken almost to my doorstep by the Hillman.

There was only one casualty, myself, who collected a lovely bunch of blisters, one as big as a grape, but these were easier to bear than the 'sympathies' of my fellows. And so came the end of a perfect day.

We would like to convey our thanks and appreciation to the Vicars of Glanadda and Beaumaris for the use of the bells and the welcome given us, and to the Llandudno secretary for his services.

D. H. B. M.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

The summer meeting of the Society took place at Tettenhall on August 13th. It was in February, 1950, that the lovely old Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels was, with the exception of the tower and bells, completely gutted by a disastrous fire. The new church, rebuilt on the original foundations, is a worthy successor to the building destroyed in the fire and the outside appearance is little changed.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening was under the direction of the new Ringing Master, Mr. George Hughes. The service was conducted and the address given by the Rev. C. W. Borrett, Vicar of Tettenhall, who had also arranged for his full choir to be in attendance. Under such circumstances it was to be regretted that only 45 members attended the meeting.

A picnic tea took place on the beautifully-situated lawn in the Vicarage garden, where amidst the wealth of green foliage it was difficult to realise that one was within two miles of the centre of Wolverhampton. After tea, the Rev. C. H. Barker, clerical secretary, thanked the Rev. C. W. Borrett for all he had done towards making the meeting so enjoyable.

A sad note on a sunny day was when Mr. F. Bennett called on all present to stand in silence for a few moments as a tribute of respect to the memory of a well-known member of the society, Mr. Jack Luck, of Willenhall, who had recently died.

The next meeting of the society will be at Alrewas in October.

NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA

On July 2nd at St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, the marriage was solemnised between John Cummins, a member of the Cathedral band, and Miss Rosemary Beddoes. On the same day was born Phillip Roderick, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goodyer, both ringers at the Cathedral. Bristol ringers will remember Mrs. Goodyer as Margaret Winter, who left England fo Australia in August, 1952.

To complete the coincidence, Jack and Rosemary announced their engagement on Tom and Margaret's wedding day, so it is fitting that the new Mrs. Cummins should have been Phillip's godmother when he was baptised at St. Mary's Cathedral by the Administrator, the Rev. Fr. Meaney. Edmund ('Chook') Fowell stood proxy for Robert Goodyer, Master Phillip's godfather. 'Chook' is also a Cathedral ringer.

J. S.

A JOINT MEETING

Good use was made of the ten bells at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on August 13th, when a joint meeting of the Middlesex County Association was held with the Essex Association. Several methods were rung, including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent and Bob Royal and Cambridge Major.

After tea, which was kindly provided by Mrs. Fox and her helpers, there was a short service at St. Dunstan's. An adjournment was then made to South Hackney Parish Church, where the bells had been rehung and fitted with new ropes. Touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were thoroughly enjoyed.

Visitors were welcomed from Derby, Newcastle, Leatherhead, Reading, Watford and Beddington. Many thanks to all those who made this such a successful meeting.

The attendance was rather disappointing. These joint meetings are arranged to further good fellowship between associations. All are welcome, whether experts or beginners, and every endeavour should be made to make next year's meeting a 'full house.'

T. N.

OBITUARY

MR. A. J. LUCK

With regret we report the death of Mr. A. J. Luck on August 12th, after a painful illness, aged 57 years. Jack, as he was known by his many friends in the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society and Dudley and District Guild, was a member of the band at St. Giles', Willenhall, where he started to learn to ring in 1935.

His first peal was Stedman Triples on January 20th, 1938, and was the first peal on the new bells. Altogether he rang 23 peals for the Society. He was at one time towerkeeper at St. Giles' and helped to do much useful work in the belfry after the new bells were installed, particularly in regard to reducing the noise in the ringing chamber.

The funeral took place on August 16th at St. Giles', Willenhall, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. B. Ashley). Among the many floral tributes was one from the local band. Ringers present were W. Bayliss, E. Stitch, C. Wallater and Mr. and Mrs. F. Colclough.

A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was attempted the same evening but was lost after 35 minutes through a rope breaking. Afterwards a quarter peal of Stedman Triples was rung by J. A. Roden 1, Stella Hughes 2, C. Wallater 3, A. R. Wright (first quarter of Stedman) 4, Dorothy T. Gardner 5, P. Barker (first quarter of Triples) 6, B. G. Key (conductor) 7, G. W. Hughes 8. H. Knight and G. Stitch stood down. C. W.

HALF-DAY IN SOMERSET

A small company of ringers on August 20th much enjoyed an outing arranged by Mr. Claude Tarr, of Milverton. The first three towers visited were fives—West Quantockshead, Sampford Brett and Monksilver. The organiser very generously acted as host to the remainder of the party, when tea was partaken at the Wayside Cafe, Williton, and this was greatly appreciated by all the ringers.

After tea, ringing took place on the heavy six at St. Decuman's. The final tower of the trip was Old Cleeve, where visitors from Glamorgan and Surrey joined in ringing on the fine eight. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Union and Winchendon Place Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor and Grandsire and Stedman Triples. E. T. P. F.

ERRATA

The handbell peal of Stedman Doubles at Portsmouth on August 12th was rung non-conducted. Mr. R. G. Leale's name being given as conductor of the peal is incorrect. The footnote to this peal is open to misinterpretation, and was in fact Miss Kathleen Knight's first handbell peal and not her 25th 'in hand.'

The peal of Plain Bob Doubles at Isham, Northants, on July 20th, was rung in 2 hours and 35 minutes, and not as sent in. It was also the first peal in the method by all.

LATE NOTICES

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Sept. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Dickenson, 8, High Street, Staveley.—A. B. Cooper. 6886

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Ancaster (5), Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Butchers Arms, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 12th, to Mr. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs.—J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec. 6890

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at St. Oswald's, Guiseley. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. C. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 14th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6889

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BIRTHS

ELLIOTT.—On Aug. 19th, 1955, to Christine and Alan R. Elliott, a future tenor ringer, Robert William. With grateful thanks to the staff of Colchester Maternity Home. 6848

GRABHAM.—On July 22nd, 1955, at Musgrove Hospital, to Edna (nee Bedford) and Andrew Grabham, the gift of a son, William Arthur Knox. 6885

MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.—All ringers coming to Bristol University in October are invited to write to the Secretary, C. T. Blundell, 13, Bridgewood Road, Worcester Park, Surrey, before the beginning of the session. Ringing takes place at St. Michael's, Bristol, on Friday evening, 5.30 p.m., and Sunday at 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Handbell ringing is arranged for most lunch hours. 6825

PUBLICATIONS

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Chatteris, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. J. Housden. 6781

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting at Langham, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western.—Meeting, Woodford, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea. 6835

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District.—Oxhey (8), Sept. 3rd, 3 p.m. Tea to be arranged.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 6859

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—By-meeting, Bekesbourne, Sept. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6800

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—By-meeting at Sundridge on Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. 6805

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly ringing meeting and a committee meeting will be held at Lancaster on Sept. 3rd. St. Peter's R.C. Cathedral bells (10) available from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., and St. Mary's Priory bells (8) available from 6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Committee meeting commences at 4.30 p.m. in St. Peter's Social Centre. Tea in St. Peter's Social Centre 5.30 p.m.—F. Dunkerley, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Stanford-in-the-Vale, Saturday, Sept. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. 6822

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Eckington, Sept. 3rd, at 3 p.m. Cups of tea in Church Hall; bring own food.—N. Chaddock. 6838

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Sparsholt, Sept. 3rd. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Memorial Hall. Crawley (5) after tea.—R. F. Brewer. 6872

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge, Monday, Sept. 5th, 7.15 p.m. **Annual Dinner** and Social, also handbell ringing, Redcliffe Hotel, Fulham Road, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 6.30. (14 bus from South Kensington Underground.) Tickets 15s. 6d. Apply quickly, please. Everyone welcome. Afternoon ringing; details later.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 6865

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Annual Cup Contest and meeting at Thrybergh, Sept. 10th, at 3 p.m. Those requiring teas must notify, not later than Sept. 7th, Miss D. Shaw, Deer Park Farm, Doncaster Road, Thrybergh, near Rotherham.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 6882

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Winsford, Sept. 10th. Tea for number notified by Sept. 6th.—A. R. Tudball, 3, West Close, Dunster. 6866

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Sept. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, in Village Hall, to A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 6850

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3. Tea 5. All ringers welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Hon. Sec. 6851

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Congleton, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Sept. 6th, to A. A. Potts, 132, Great King Street, Macclesfield. 6881

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Brampford Speke, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided: bring own food.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec., 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 6852

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Horningsea, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Fen Ditton (5) after tea. —H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6869

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Ashton Keynes (5), Sept. 10th. Tea. Cricklade bells evening.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Tel. 3936. 6874

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking, Sat., Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Sept. 7th, to D. Munday, 92, High Street, Old Woking. — R. Collins. 6878

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Battle, Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Bells unavailable on Sept. 17th. — G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 6846

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District. — Quarterly meeting, Madeley, Saturday, Sept. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to H. Edge, 10, The Crescent, Much Wenlock, Salop. 6853

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting at East Sutton, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 6817

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at St. Cuthbert's Church, Lytham, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 6880

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Ambrose, Bristol, on Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. St. George's bells (8) available 7-9 p.m. Names for tea, **not later than Wednesday, Sept. 7th,** to Mrs. Bennett, 151, Kingsway, Bristol, 5.—Mrs. de Jong, Hon. Sec. 6871

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James', Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. It is hoped that the Rev. St. John Smith and Mr. F. Dunkerley will be present. Names for tea to J. E. Burles, 2, Rand Villas, North Scale, Barrow-in-Furness. — N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 6879

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at All Saints', Childwall (6 bells). Bells available 2.30. Service at 4, followed by tea and business meeting. It is particularly requested that all members requiring tea (for which there will be no charge) should send their names in, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 7th, to Mr. S. Lawrenson, 81, Rudston Road, Liverpool 16, or to me.—P. W. Cave, Branch Sec. 6854

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Eccleston (Chorley), Sept. 10th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 7th, to M. A. Rigbye, Tannersmith Lane, Mawdesley, Ormskirk.—L. Walmesley. 6883

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Half-yearly meeting, Grantham, Sept. 10th. Bells available 4 p.m., preceded by prayers before ascending belfry, and after meeting. Barkston bells 2.30 to 4 p.m. Tea at Talbot Restaurant 5.15 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by Monday previous, to Mr. J. W. Haw, 61, North Street, Bourne, Lincs. This is most important.—J. Bray, Hon. Sec. 6847

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Llandaff Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Penarth, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—R. E. C. 6834

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wood Green (near Tube station) on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at 3 p.m. Service and business. Bells at Tottenham (opposite Bruce Castle) also available 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. and in evening.—T. J. Lock. 6863

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ringing meeting, Norwich, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Wedding presentation to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow, St. Clement's Parish Room, Colegate. Towers: St. George's (6), St. Miles' (8), St. John's, Ber Gate (8), 2.30 p.m.: Mancroft (12) 6 p.m. Service, St. George's, Colegate, 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Presentation after tea. Names for tea to W. Love, Hon. Sec., 52, Spencer Street, Norwich, by Wednesday, Sept. 7th. Standing Committee meeting 3 p.m. 6842

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wotton Underwood, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Ayris, Pollicott, Ashendon, Aylesbury, Bucks. 6870

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Albrighton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Sept. 7th, to Mr. E. Binnersley, Mayfield Road, Albrighton, near Wolverhampton. Tong bells available after tea. 6837

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Quarterly meeting at Dunstable, Beds, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available: Dunstable Priory (8) and Totternhoe (8) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Dunstable Priory. Tea and meeting 5,30. Both towers open after tea. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 7th, **without fail, please,** to Mr. A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street N., Dunstable Beds.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 6678

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Warsop (6) Sept. 10th. Names for tea, by 6th, to Mr. H. T. Rooke, 8, York Terrace, Warsop, Mansfield.—H. Denman. 6856

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	—	Seale	6
	—	Puttenham	6
	—	Stoke	6
	—	Pirbright	6
	—	Ash	6
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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Lingfield (8), Sept. 10th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Ringing after until 8.30. 6862

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Easebourne (6), 3-5, Midhurst (6) 6-8, Sept. 10th. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 6884

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next general meeting will be held at Marsden on Sept. 10th. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. General committee meet 3 p.m. in Parochial Hall. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea (3s. per head) in Parochial Hall. General meeting immediately afterwards. Names for tea, by Sept. 8th, to Mr. A. Schofield, 86, Brougham Road, Marsden. Frequent trolley-bus service from Huddersfield.—L. W. G. Morris, Hon. Gen. Sec., 65, Lilycroft Road, Heaton, Bradford 9. 6840

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shute, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Numbers for tea, by Sept. 12th, to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 6849

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling (6) on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Names for tea to me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 13th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 6860

LADIES' GUILD. — West Midland District and Midland District.—Joint meeting, Tamworth, Staffs, Sat., Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 14th, to Miss S. Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall, Staffs. All ringers and friends welcome.—S. Hughes and J. S. Simpson, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Frampton, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Moores Arms 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, Sept. 12th, to Mr. J. R. Young, 19, Linton Way, Frampton, near Boston. 6868

MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SOCIETY. — First annual meeting, East Malling, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Members welcome; non-members cordially invited. Names, please, by Sept. 12th to Pamela Butcher, Herne Pound, Butcher's Lane, Mereworth.—P. J. B. 6873

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS.—Annual meeting, Northampton. Saturday, Sept. 17th. Ringing: St. Peter's (8), Marefair, St. Edmund's (8), Wellingborough Road, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. John's (6), Kingsthorpe, 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; St. Giles' (10) 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; All Saints' (8), Town Centre, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Own arrangements for lunch. Business meeting 3.30 p.m., Lecture Room, Borough Police H.Q., Campbell Square. Dinner at Angel Hotel, Bridge Street, 6.30 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets 9s. each, by Sept. 12th, from P.C. C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston, Leicester. 6867

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Seats available in bus to Culworth, Sept. 17th. Leave Kettering 1.15 p.m.—Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell. 6858

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Bradpole on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 12th, please.—Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 6875

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting at Southwold, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. S. Payne, Dis. Sec. 6862

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Numbers for tea by 14th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 6857

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting, Beccles, Sept. 24th. Bells (10) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea, only to those who notify, by 21st, E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles.—C. W. Pipe. 6877

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (13s. 6d.) available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 6876

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The 75th Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone. Tickets 10s. 6d.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Hon. Sec., Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 6855

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VARIETY IN GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

By WILLIAM SHEPHERD

LISTENING outside many towers to touches of Grandsire or Stedman Triples, it has often occurred to me that wider scope could be forthcoming in the selection of touches, especially in the Grandsire method. Many conductors know that with struggling bands they hardly like to make things more difficult by calling touches which strike terror to some of the learners, but with experienced bands who can ring Grandsire well the conductor can have a large and varied selection of touches and quarter peals to suit all occasions, yet we hear some touches oft repeated while others are seldom heard.

How delighted the writer was a short time ago when he listened to one of his favourites, a 251, being rung, and in case anyone would like to try it here it is: 6th in and out, before with double, then singles at 3.1.1. After the last call there are five plain leads before the bells come round at handstroke. At one time those 'call every lead' touches became a novelty and on this plan it is possible to ring a touch of 336, but why not try a 252 by calling SSB SBS SBB repeated by way of a change from the usual type of touch?

In the early days of this century John Carter, the Birmingham wizard, gave me several touches on the course end system, a plan seldom seen nowadays, and here is a 167 on these lines:—

234567	1	2	3
354276		S	—
435276	—	—	
325476		—	—

One could go on producing many touches of varying length by pencil and paper, all of which have found their way into lots of pocket books and collections, but no matter if they have previously been arranged or discovered there is still a fascination in pricking out suitable lengths which might come in handy at a future date. Some might like to try their hand at a piece of Holt's Original; if so, it is possible to ring the first 33 leads, which produces 476532, and then call a single at three, after which rounds at hand appear in three leads. The length of this touch is 545 and the calling by the bells before for the 33 leads is: 5.3.4.5.4.4.4.3D.3D.7, finishing as stated above.

Quarter peals are plentiful, and in many cases the calling is simple, such as the 4th in and out at five and in and out at four, five times repeated, single midway and end. Another six-part one is by bobs at 3.3.1.4.4 with single for bob halfway and end, a quarter with plenty of changes pleasing to the ear. Years ago quarter peals from Holt's Original were popular, and there is a 1,259 commencing 18 leads before halfway. From rounds a bob at two produces 672453 and you proceed with the peal until the plain lead 425376 is reached, then call a single at one, and rounds will come at hand in three leads.

A quarter peal given above contains only 24 calls, but how about having a try for one with the maximum number just by way of a change? The following quarter contains 85 calls out of 90 leads and consists of 60 singles, 25 bobs and 5 plain leads. Experience has shown that care should be taken at the 5 plain leads on account of the sudden absence of a call. The calling of this unique quarter is S.S.S.B.S.S.S.S.B.S.S.S.B. plain lead. B.B.S.S. Four times repeated.

Another quarter with 56 singles, 24 bobs and 10 plain leads might appeal to some conductors as a simpler composition than the one given above, and is best explained by the calling and figures set out in original style:—

234567

B	752634	1
B	467352	1
S	324567	1
S	763452	2
S	427563	1
S	534627	1
S	675234	1
S	246375	1

Nine times repeated. Bobs to be substituted for singles at the 4th and 6th calls in the 5th and 10th parts.

Short touches and quarter peals form the main features of our work, and there are plenty of both available if some pricking out is done, preferably away from the tower. The autumn and winter evenings with pencil and paper can be the means of bringing fresh sets of figures, which will be helpful towards variety in ringing and also add to the conductor's repertoire.

TEN BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

*MAUREEN M. FELLOWS	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	6
*STELLA HUGHES	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
MURIEL REAY	3	FRANK E. HAYNES	8
ALBERT WALKER	4	PETER BORDER	9
HENRY H. FEARN	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Aug. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
*STELLA HUGHES	2	PETER BORDER	6
MURIEL REAY	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

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

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Aug. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5152 XANTHUS SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
First peal in the method.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HARRIS	*Treble*	EDWIN T. NEWBURY	5
G. LENNARD HEWITT	2	LESLIE BARRY	6
VALERIE WILLARD	3	R. GORDON CORBY	7
LESLIE ASTON	4	*DONALD TOWNSEND	*Tenor*

Composed by T. THURSTANS. Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HAMPTON.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*GORDON A. CROPPER	*Treble*	ANTHONY J. BRAZIER	5
†COLIN LONGMORE	2	WILFRED J. NEWMAN	6
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	3	‡R. ROGER SAVORY	7
†HAROLD E. BAXTER	4	GERALD C. HEMMING	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ 75th peal. Tenor ringer has now 'completed the circle.'
Rung as a 51st wedding anniversary peal to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hyde. Mr. Hyde having been people's warden at St. Andrew's for the past 20 years.

XANTHUS SURPRISE MAJOR.
58, 16, 1258, 36, 34, 58, 16, 3. 2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob
Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, August 18th, 1955.

WALLINGFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-MORE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Taylor's Six-part. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*NEVILLE PAGE (16)	*Treble*	JAMES BLOND	5
FREDERICK SMITH	2	ROBERT BLOND	6
HARRY WELLS	3	JOHN CASTELL	7
JACK BERRY	4	ERNEST GARRARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung as part of the celebrations taking place in this town to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the granting of the borough charter by Henry II. in 1155.

BUCKINGHAM, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 27 cwt.

FRANK TOWNSEND	*Treble*	ALAN R. PINK	5
BARRY E. SAUNDERS	2	FREDERICK C. CASE	6
*HERBERT JONES	3	FREDERICK VICKERS	7
*W. CHARLES GOUGH	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
* First peal of Major.
Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. J. A. Hultgen, who is retiring through ill-health.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

JOHN J. SIMS	*Treble*	*W. GWYNNE JONES	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS	2	ROBERT E. COLES	6
GLYN F. JENKINS	3	DAVID J. KING	7
DONALD G. CLARKE	4	†CHRISTOPHER E. SLADE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Donald G. Clarke.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 12¼ cwt

VICTOR NEAL	*Treble*	FRED JACKSON	5
ERIC HORNBY	2	WILLIAM B. ALLMAN	6
CECIL RADDON	3	HENRY O. BAKER	7
WILLIAM E. BIBBY	4	WALTER ALLMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
Rung for the wedding of Harry W. Howard and Miss J. Carter, which took place at Northwich previous to the peal. C. Raddon has now 'completed the circle' at this tower.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 15 cwt.

MAURICE SELBY	*Treble*	ALLAN SIMPSON	5
HAROLD MARCON	2	*JAMES H. PAILING	6
MRS. A. SIMPSON	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	GEORGE R. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
* First peal of Triples, also in the method. First peal on the bells. 500th peal as conductor.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX. — On August 27th, 1,260 Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, G. M. Rouse 3, S. W. Bigmore 4, H. Stebbings 5, K. Everett (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8½ cwt.

James Tomsett	*Treble*	*Sidney Howard	5
Michael H. Sinden	2	Arthur F. Lewry	6
George A. Parsons	3	Maxwell F. Oakshett	7
John W. Euston	4	Edward G. Talbot	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John W. Euston.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since their augmentation in 1927.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Alan Jeremy) to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Sinden, and also to commemorate 30 years' Sunday service ringing at Wimbledon by the treble ringer.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HENLOW, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., July 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

Stanley H. Wallis	*Treble*	Geoffrey Mayes	4
Jill Mayes	2	Philip Mehew	5
Arthur W. Dilley	3	Lewis H. Bywaters	*Tenor*

Conducted by Lewis H. Bywaters.

First peal for Jill Mayes, who is the first lady ringer of Clifton to ring in a peal.

Rung for the wedding of Miss June Dear, a ringer of Henlow, and Roy Measures, of Arlesey.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob and one extent of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

William T. Cook	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis	4
Brian Pratt	2	Derek Latchford	5
Harold J. Hazell	3	William J. Ridgman	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Hippolytus,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

Stanley H. Ashton	*Treble*	Lewis Runnacles	4
George Cherry	2	Alfred C. Harris	5
Roy Head	3	Frank W. Croft	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank W. Croft.

Rung for the Feast of St. Hippolytus.

STAGSDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in G.

Sheelagh Sands	*Treble*	Roy A. Ward	4
Leslie Duffield	2	John B. Long	5
Robert L. Piron	3	Bryan Pattison	*Tenor*

Conducted by Bryan Pattison.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

Stanley Shipp	*Treble*	Harold J. Hazell	4
T. Reginald Dennis	2	William J. Ridgman	5
*Donald E. R. Knights	3	Brian Pratt	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.

* First peal in more than one method.

Rung as a 72nd birthday compliment to T. Reginald Dennis.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven 720's, viz., one each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Ruth Morgan	*Treble*	Cecil Wade	4
James W. Haw	2	Reginald Scott	5
Albert E. Scott	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.

100th peal as conductor.

Rung in honour of the christening of the conductor's daughter (Beverley June). Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor's son, Rodney.

FORNCETT ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents and two 240's Morris' arrangement of Grandsire, 12 extents of St. Simon's and 16 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Frank C. J. Arnold	*Treble*	C. Frank W. Phillippo	3
David Vokes	2	John R. Smith	4
		Leonard G. Tooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Frank W. Phillippo.

Rung as a farewell to Rev. F. E. Vokes, for three years chairman of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents of 120, ten different callings. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Ronald C. Milnes	*Treble*	Frederick G. Hooper	4
Mark W. Lewis	2	F. William Midwinter	5
*John F. W. Read	3	Charles J. Copp	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick G. Hooper.

* First peal.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. E. A. Rigden, Vicar of North and South Muskham since 1946, and a ringing member of the Southwell Guild, who died August 18th, 1955, and was laid to rest at South Muskham this day.

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GREAT EASTON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. JOHN AND GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

HENRY A. PRATT	*Treble*	H. WALTER SMITH	4
JOHN WARNER	2	WALTER ARNOLD	5
TERRY EARLE	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HILDA G. SNOWDEN.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon P. E. T. Widdrington. D.D., Rector of Great Easton for the past 37 years.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 7 cwt.

LINDA R. BINNINGTON	*Treble*	DOUGLAS O. WILKS	4
M. ANGELA CARTER	2	*PETER G. DAVIES	5
ALAN R. PINK	3	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.

* First peal of Minor. † 100th peal.

WHICKHAM, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*GEORGE S. DEAS	*Treble*	STEPHEN THOMPSON	4
MARGARET GIBSON	2	PHILIP DRAFFAN	5
KENNETH ARTHUR	3	†CHARLES N. LEA	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

Rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years as a ringer at this church by Mr. S. Thompson.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 26 six-scores, ten callings, and eight 240's of Morris' arrangement. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*PETER HURCOMBE	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. TRANTER	4
*CLIVE WIXEY	2	LESLIE BARRY	5
†SIDNEY PUGH	3	R. GORDON CORBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Norwich, Bourne, Cambridge, Oxford, Kent, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

JEAN A. BROOKS	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.

* 100th peal.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being one extent each of London, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4
*BRIAN J. HOWARD	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
PETER J. CAME	3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

Ivan Saunders has now 'circled the tower.'

NORTHIAM, SUSSEX.
SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM BUTTON	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	4
ALBERT RELFE	2	WILLIAM R. MANSER	5
*STANLEY G. PONTING	3	*WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* 25th peal together.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

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

GRACE BURCHNALL	*Treble*	*JOHN F. W. READ	4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	F. LEWIS HEMSTOCK	5
KATHARINE BURCHNALL	3	GEORGE E. FOSTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hemstock on the 23rd anniversary of their wedding.

WESTON-ON-THE-GREEN, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Oxford Society.)
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Comprising 12 extents of Grandsire, 10 Bob Doubles, 12 April Day and 8 Reverse Canterbury. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in A flat.

DAVID C. WOODWARD	*Treble*	MALCOLM JOURNEAUX	3
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	*CLIVE HOLLOWAY	4
ALEC GAMMON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.

* First peal 'inside.' First peal by a Sunday service band of ringers of St. Nicholas', Marston.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Madderson, sister of the conductor, and as a farewell to Horace Mair, who has been called up.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 7 lb. in A flat.

CECIL R. LONGHURST	*Treble*	ERNEST J. MUNDY	4
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
IVAN C. BUTCHER	3	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.

PEASEMORE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Cambridge Surprise, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr.

JAMES E. DANIELS	*Treble*	*MICHAEL H. MAISEY	4
*PATRICIA A. GAUNT	2	*C. JOHN CASTELL	5
GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	HAROLD P. REED	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD P. REED.

* First peal of Minor in four methods. First extent of Grandsire Minor for all the band.

HANDBELL PEAL

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Wed., Aug. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SOULS' CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C sharp.

*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	1—2	WILLIAM T. COOK	5—6
JOHN HENRY FIELDEN	3—4	*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal 'in hand.'

QUARTER PEALS

ABERGELE, DENBIGHSHIRE.—On July 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Williams 1, Mrs. J. P. Parkington 2, L. S. Griffiths (cond.) 3, L. J. Evans 4, J. W. Sinfield (Dunstable) 5, P. C. Parkington 6. First quarter for the ringer of the 6th. First for the treble away from the tenor. Arranged for the ringer of the fifth, so as to give him the opportunity of ringing in three counties, Llandudno, Caernarvon and Rhyl, Flintshire, while on a short visit.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.—On August 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (being 60 Grandsire and 1,200 Plain Bob): A. J. Frost (first quarter) 1, P. G. K. Davies (first quarter) 2, P. I. Chapman 3, B. Hendry (cond.) 4, L. G. Toseland 5.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS. — On August 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Wingrove (cond.) 1, J. Harrison 2, Imogen Darrell-Waters 3, R. Buckland 4, G. Swift 5, D. Lamb 6, W. Edwards 7, S. Hatfield 8. Rung to celebrate the 25th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOS. — On August 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Aston 1, Miss S. Parsons 2, Miss B. Beeson 3, Miss C. Eustace (first 'inside' and of Triples) 4, C. Rouse 5, C. A. Wratten 6, L. Aston (cond.) 7, D. Field 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On August 20th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: D. L. Mills (cond.) 1, E. R. Cansdale 2, Mrs. L. Mills 3, J. M. Spurgin 4, C. Bower 5, S. T. Hume 6, A. W. Cansdale 7, L. D. Mills 8. Rung for a wedding.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On July 21st, 1,260 Doubles (2 extents Stedman, 2 St. Simon's, 2 St. Nicholas', 2 St. Martin's, 2 Plain Bob, 60 Grandsire): F. E. Crosier 1, D. W. Janes 2, B. Hendry 3, P. I. Chapman 4, B. S. Cope (cond.) 5.

DUNSTER, SOMERSET.—On August 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. E. Haydon 1, S. Wyburn 2, P. R. Tudball 3, G. Maidment 4, A. R. Jones 5, I. Farmer (cond.) 6, A. R. Tudball 7, J. Tudball 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to T. A. Elliott, a member of the tower since 1886, who was buried on this day.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM, YORKS. — At the Church of St. Stephen, 1,344 Bob Major: Mrs. N. Chaddock 1, Betty Wardill (first quarter) 2, Miss D. J. Shaw 3, F. Brunt (first on 8 bells) 4, George Hiner 5, H. Mortimore 6, G. S. Lee 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On August 28th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Shellard 1, W. J. Chester 2, Miss Betty Mansfield 3, M. Saunders 4, A. Mansfield 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to the ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On August 14th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Rankin 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss A. Lowings (first quarter 'inside') 3, A. W. Beard 4, J. Carrott 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, T. East 7, A. J. House 8.

HORNINGSHAM, WILTS.—On August 24th, 1,260 Doubles (being one extent each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Stedman, Plain Bob, Old Doubles, April Day and 60 changes of Grandsire): R. G. Beck 1, W. J. Phippen 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, E. Naylor 4, E. E. Bray 5, P. Bray 6. Rung for St. Bartholomew's Day. First quarter in 11 methods by all the band.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On August 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Hodgson 1, Mrs. T. Rooke 2, M. Stewart 3, T. Hill 4, L. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss E. M. Patchett and Mr. B. R. McMain.

LAMBOURN, BERKS.—On August 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Dr. G. Roworth (first of Triples) 1, C. J. Gardner 2, Mrs. P. Wilton 3, F. G. Wilton 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, R. G. Townsend 6, E. Sutton (cond.) 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On August 15th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Sweet 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 3, P. Cox 4, J. Taylor 5, H. J. Taylor 6. Rung in honour of the 5th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Anne, as a 23rd birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th and to commemorate the 10th anniversary of V.J. Day

MELBOURNE, VIC., AUSTRALIA.—At St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Gray 1, K. Minchinton 2, Brenda Sheppard 3, Joan Gray 4, J. Spencer 5, A. Bennett 6, J. Roper (cond.) 7, D. Cornish 8. First quarter as conductor. First quarter for 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On August 28th, at the Cathedral, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. D. Harris 1, T. R. Taylor 2, Marion J. Parker (first of Surprise 'inside') 3, R. H. R. Parker 4, A. York-Bramble 5, F. W. Burnett 6, R. G. Leale (cond.) 7, E. N. Harrison 8.

RANDWICK, N.S.W., AUSTRALIA.—On June 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. M. Rowe 1, R. L. Altass 2, R. Edge 3, J. Giddens 4, J. Duncan (cond.) 5, H. Curll 6. First quarter peal in Australia for the ringer of the 3rd.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On August 14th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor: W. Pratt 1, P. Jackson 2, L. Runnacles 3, G. Cherry 4, F. W. Croft (cond.) 5, A. C. Harris 6. Rung for the Patronal Festival.



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BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On August 31st, for practice, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stainthorpe (age 12) 1, F. V. Sinkins (age 90) 2, W. Butler 3, A. N. Other 4, Mrs. A. Butler 5 G. W. Limmer 6, W. Welling (cond.) 7, Miss F. Murkitt 8. First quarter of Triples by No. 1.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 12th, 1,440 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob): G. Fry 1, R. E. Lambert 2, C. A. Tester 3, E. J. Jenner 4, S. Jenner (first quarter in two methods as cond., aged 14) 5, K. S. Hohl 6.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—For evening service, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Shellard 1, Rev. G. F. Hales 2, Betty Mansfield 3, C. Rigby 4, A. Mansfield 5, G. Mansfield (cond.) 6. First quarter-peal 'inside' and first attempt by Rev. G. F. Hales.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.—On August 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: B. K. Lunn 1, T. G. Fox 2, J. Phillips 3, W. J. Rawlings 4, G. W. Cecil 5, J. Chilcott (cond.) 6. A wedding compliment to John W. Stephenson (of All Saints', Fulham) and Blanche Louisa Goodwin, married at Havering this day.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On August 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Strong 1, M. Fray 2, L. Derrick 3, M. Horseman 4, C. Lewington 5, C. Kortright 6, D. Yeo (cond.) 7, H. Hardwidge 6. First quarter of Triples by the ringers of 1 and 2.

MARCHINGTON, STAFFS.—On Aug. 20th, 1,320 Minor (720 Plain Bob. 600 Cambridge Surprise): J. McDonald 1, Miss M. Fellows 2, P. J. Rigby 3, M. G. Morton (cond.) 4, P. J. Morton 5, A. Ager 6. Rung by a band from Erdington Abbey, Birmingham, after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

NAILSEA, SOMERSET.—On August 13th, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 Stedman, 240 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob and 420 Grandsire): R. Strong 1, M. Horseman 2, L. Derrick (cond.) 3, M. Fray 4, C. Kortright 5, R. Gaunt (first quarter) 6. Rung for the opening of the Nailsea annual sports day.

QUARTER PEALS

NEWINGTON-next-FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Aug. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (being 600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): Shirley A. Martin 1, G. F. Gray 2, W. C. Chandler 3, E. J. Walker 4, M. J. Martin (first as cond.) 5, J. F. Soles 6. Rung as a farewell to J. F. Soles, who is leaving the district.

OXHEY, HERTS.—1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. W. Brinklaw 1, F. J. Clark 2, J. E. Rootes 3 J. M. Bentley 4, Miss M. Delderfield 5, D. C. Bartholomew (cond.) 6. Birthday compliment to the ringers of the 1st and 6th. Wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, married at this church on August 27th.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.—On August 28th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: B. H. Onions 1, B. R. Jones 2, R. Nicholls 3, A. E. G. Owen 4, R. F. Davies (cond.) 5, Miss M. V. James 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. Rung after Evensong for the dedication service of the 125th anniversary of the church.

SILEBY, LEICS. — On August 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. C. Payne 1, R. Russell 2, E. Morris 3, Diana Seal 4, E. Payne 5, R. Wilmore 6, B. S. Payne (cond.) 7, H. Matthewman 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Nancy J. Ward, of Sileby.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON. — On August 28th, 1,287 Stedman Caters: Anne Garnett 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Waters 3, C. J. Watts 4, W. J. Rawlings 5, A. B. Peck 6, James Phillips 7, J. Chilcott 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, B. K. Lunn 10.

SOUTH HACKNEY, LONDON.—On August 28th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. S. Bullock 1, W. D. Grainger 2, J. A. Hales 3, L. Battley 4, L. W. Bullock 5, N. G. Hollingworth 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. Rung for Evensong.

STEPNEY, LONDON.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on August 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean M. Powell 1, L. J. Fox (cond.) 2, J. C. Malden (first quarter 'inside') 3, W. A. Hughes 4, A. F. Lewry 5, T. G. Fox 6, J. F. Crampion 7, E. J. Rowe 8. Rung for Evensong.

STOCKBURY, KENT. — On August 21st, 1,680 Doubles (1,200 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob): M. F. H. Lacey 1, E. C. Barton 2, A. J. Dunk 3, T. A. Cross 4, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. David George Filmer to Miss Patricia Anne Wildash.—Also on August 21st, 1,440 St. Simon's Doubles: M. F. H. Lacey 1, E. C. Barton 2, A. J. Dunk 3, C. S. Jarrett 4, T. A. Cross (cond.) 5. First in the method for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for Evensong and the birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At St. Mark's Church, on August 18th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Stella E. Miles (first quarter) 1, P. Anger 2, A. T. Collins (first as cond.) 3, W. A. T. Carter 4, E. Sutton 5, T. R. Collins 6.

WALKERVILLE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—1,260 Doubles (Plain, Old and Norfolk): M. Clift 1, Felicity Eggleton 2, P. Cooper 3, H. Bagot (cond.) 4, R. Lamphee 5, F. Staude 6, First quarter as conductor.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On August 21st, at St. Margaret's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss G. Higgins 1, D. R. Whalley 2, Miss R. Snell 3, Miss S. Collins 4, E. H. Edge 5, R. Barlow 6, P. Whalley 7, G. W. Biddulph (cond.) 8. First quarter in the method for 1, 3, 4 and 7.

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SEVEN RINGERS IN THE SEVERN VALLEY

One car from Frome and another from Bath set forth towards Gloucestershire early on July 30th with a total of seven ringers on board. We hoped to meet the eighth ringer at Wotton-under-Edge (8), but he failed to appear. We rang various Minor methods, and one special touch at the request of a local inhabitant, for the wedding of his son, which was then taking place in Hong Kong.

Our next tower was Stroud (10), where, fortunately, we met several friends who joined us for much of the ringing on the tour. The bells had just struck nicely into Stedman Caters when the rope on the second bell broke, but we had some pleasant ringing on the back eight (although we didn't enjoy the 8-7's, David !). Next we paid a short visit to the light and odd-struck eight at Quedgeley.

Our last tower for the day was Hinton-on-the-Green, where Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas joined the six male members of the band for a peal of Double Norwich. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the lady ringer who was sitting in a cool room near the church—the only cool spot we found that afternoon. After the peal we greatly appreciated the refreshments provided by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas before we left for our headquarters in Worcester.

On Sunday morning we joined the Worcester ringers at the Cathedral (12) and at All Saints' (10), where some stayed to the service while others spent a pleasant time by the River Severn.

After lunch we went to Claines, where most of us enjoyed ringing on the very light ten.

In the evening we paid a memorable visit to Pershore Abbey, where the ringing chamber resembles a bird cage, suspended high above the floor of this wonderful building. The nerve-racking surroundings (or lack of them !) probably made the bells seem more difficult to ring. The remainder of the evening was spent ringing handbells at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, where we were again provided with refreshments before returning to Worcester for the night.

On Monday our first stop was at the excellent ten at Leominster. From there we travelled through Hereford (ringing on the six at St. Nicholas') to Ledbury (8), where the bell tower is separated from the church. Ringing here included a good course of Bristol.

We enjoyed ringing on the nice eight at Upton-on-Severn, and after that the beautiful scenery of the Malvern Hills as we drove to Malvern Priory, a wonderful church with an enjoyable ring of eight. Our last tower for the day was Malvern Link, another pleasing eight. Handbell ringing at our hotel brought the day to a close and almost heralded in the next.

We left our headquarters on Tuesday morning and were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas at Eckington (6), and Bredons Norton, a very light six, before driving to Tewkesbury Abbey, with its light and pleasant 12.

The last tower of the tour was Cirencester, Watermoor (8), where a peal of Cambridge Major was rung. Here we said goodbye to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, to whom we were all extremely grateful for their help and kindness.

We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to David Hoare for organising the tour, and to the incumbents and ringers at all the towers.

Here's to the next time ! H. M. M.

NORFOLK YOUNG RINGERS

On August 20th several young Norfolk ringers, helped by a few older friends, set out to visit some six-bell towers in West Norfolk and South Lincolnshire. Starting with Wiggenhall, St. Mary Magdalen's, a light ring which Taylors restored in 1952 after the bells had been only chimable for 40 years, and where we admired the capable handling of 11-years-old Jane Bridges, we visited next Terrington St. John, where we had to climb on to the church roof to enter the ringing chamber.

At Tilney, All Saints', Mr. and Mrs. Tony Price, of Feltham, Middlesex, joined up with us, and after a picnic lunch we rang on the light six at Lutton—the tenor is about 4½ cwt., and not so long ago Taylors added the treble. Mr. Price rang in turn 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6, the latter pair to London. We look forward to seeing three people ring a peal of Minor here !

A contrast awaited us at Moulton, where a beautiful tower houses a glorious ring with a 16 cwt. tenor. This must surely be the best six in the district. The metal of one bell dates from 1588, but recasting was necessary in 1923 On to St. Mary's, Whaplode, a fine church—some of it Norman— and where, in the tower, the tenor rope has a black sally to remind the incumbent that it is the funeral bell. After tea in Gedney Mr. Price took a hand to ring on the six there before joining the rest of us at our last two towers of the day, St. Peter's and St. Andrew's, Walpole.

Ringing during the day was of fairly good quality and ranged from rounds to London Surprise Minor. We thank all who helped for a successful day, including David Heighton and George Sayer for driving, John Barnes for organising, and all incumbents and ringers who met us. J. S. B

WATFORD AND DISTRICT

That two coaches were necessary to convey ringers and friends on the annual outing on August 20th, this time into Essex, was in itself testimony to the Watford District of the Herts County Association arrangements. At the first tower, Loughton, ringing was restricted, due to a funeral. A mishap occurred here which resulted in the sixth rope breaking during Stedman Triples. On then to Brentwood, where a wedding was in progress. However, it had been agreed that we should commence ringing, and so Bob Major was accomplished, not without some experiencing difficulty with the 'go' of the bells during the actual wedding ceremony. The writer wondered whether a baptism would be encountered at the next church !

After a good lunch at Chelmsford, Great Tey was the venue for the afternoon. The Vicar and a local ringer welcomed the party and a very good course of London was achieved.

Tea was taken at The Barn, Braintree, and the last call of the day was at Great Waltham, a fine ring of eight bells. Here Six Spliced Surprise Major was brought round, ably conducted by Harold Cashmore, and was considered the highlight of the day's ringing. Ringing continued until 7.30, after which most of the male section spent a pleasant hour in the nearby 'house.'

During the journey home the usual batches of balloons were let loose inside both coaches and caused much amusement.

Watford was eventually reached about 10 p.m. and everybody seemed to be well satisfied with the day's outing. Grateful thanks are once again due to 'Steve' Hoare for so admirably arranging yet another successful day. Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge, Bristol, London and Spliced Surprise Major. K. R. D.

WYCHBOLD, WORCS.

On August 27th a happy coachload of Wychbold ringers and friends from various towers, their ages ranging from seven to 97, spent a most enjoyable afternoon, in perfect weather, covering 116 miles in search of country towers.

Mickleton was the first stop, where Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on a pleasing octave. After a brief ring on the six at Shipston-on-Stour the majestic eight at Stow-on-the-Wold were then visited and acclaimed by all to be the plum of the day.

A grand tea at Bourton-on-the-Water made a welcome break and soon afterwards the eight there were in changes.

Off, then, to Great Rissington, where the six bells are pleasing though very noisy and are seldom rung. Local interest was aroused by our invasion. After several touches the coach set out for our last tower of the evening, Bourton-on-the-Hill (6).

Our thanks are due to all those whose efforts made the outing such a success, especially those waiting for us at each tower. After 'medicine' had been partaken by those in need of it, home was the target, Wychbold being reached at 11 p.m. A.D.C.

MEREWORTH, KENT

Mereworth ringers and friends from neighbouring churches had their annual outing on August 20th, when towers in North-East Kent were visited.

The first tower was Milton Regis, with a ring of six in a tower large enough to hold 16 bells. The local band should be complimented on the cleanness of the belfry. Two other towers were visited before lunch, Teynham (6) and Lynsted (5). In the latter village we had lunch in relays while the bells were kept going to various methods, including a spliced 360 of Bob Doubles, Grandsire and April Day.

At Ospringe (8) we were honoured to ring for a wedding. Whitstable provided both ringing and bathing for some of the party. The last tower was Selling (8).

Compliments and thanks are due to Mr. Harry Usborne, captain of Mereworth ringers, for organising the outing and to those who welcomed us. P. J. B.

PINCHBECK, LINCS

The Pinchbeck ringers, along with wives, friends and sweethearts, chose the Norfolk-Suffolk border for their outing this year. Loddon was reached just as the rain decided to pour down, but, not dismayed, the journey was continued to Lowestoft. After lunch, during which the rain ceased, we enjoyed ringing at the Parish Church of St. Margaret. From there along the sea front to Pakefield, where we rang for a bride and bridegroom and were congratulated on falling the bells in peal, which is not often heard in the district.

The glorious ten in the detached campanile at Beccles were much enjoyed. An excellent tea followed, thanks to Mr. Goates for all his arrangements. Off then across country to find Saxlingham Nethergate, the driver trying to impress upon us the beauties of Norfolk. After a pleasant ring on this light eight we set of with a D.R. to guide us to Wymondham, where ringing for the day ended with a good course of Cambridge on this stately octave.

Thanks are due to all who met us, for their generous hospitality, to the incumbents and all who helped to organise such a good outing.

R. C. N.

A DATE TOUCH

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On August 24th, a date touch, 1,955 changes of Minor (being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 156 Plain Bob, 359 Cambridge Surprise): W. Chamberlin 1, M. Dyer 2, J. Spicer 3, F. Baker 4, H. S. Peacock 5, P. J. King (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Back at St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, is Mr. Ronald Barlow after completing his National Service, the bulk of which was spent in Korea and Japan. The congratulatory quarter of Kent Treble Bob Major on August 21st was rung entirely by service ringers and contained four 'firsts.' It is over 20 years since a similar feat was accomplished. The band are now waiting to hear Ronald call a bob in Japanese!

A courageous couple were those who spent a part of their honeymoon with 'Pipe's Pilgrims.'

The bells of Milton-next-Gravesend are temporarily out of action owing to repairs to the tower.

Who are the members of the Southampton University Society who are more at home with a peal than a Scottish reel?

In the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Witney during the recent Oxfordshire tour, reported in our last issue, Miss Daphne Castell rang her first peal on eight bells and Miss Monica E. Collins her first peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

The peal of Minor rung at West Grinstead, Sussex, on August 27th, was a wedding compliment to Mr. T. W. Jackson and Miss J. M. Barratt, who were married prior to the peal. It was also a birthday compliment to Miss A. Rawson, of Horsham, who, appropriately enough, was present during the whole of the ringing.

The peal of Plain Bob Major at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on August 27th, is reputed to be the first on the eight bells. There was ample evidence in the tower that the removal of the present ring of bells for transformation into a heavier octave was imminent. Mr. E. G. Talbot comments: 'Thus the peal we rang could carry the unique distinction of being "the first and last peal on the bells."'

Mr. James H. Musson, of Silk Willoughby, returned on August 20th to Folkingham to attempt his 100th peal as conductor on the same bells and in the same seven methods as he called his first peal on February 7th, 1934. It was a very excited conductor who called 'That's all' after an excellent peal had been rung, and he was warmly congratulated. Mr. Albert Scott rang in both peals and Mr. C. T. H. Bradley, the local captain, who was in the 1934 peal, entertained the band to tea at his home.

'Copper' Coward wishes to thank the West Country ringers for making him so welcome, and the ringing farmers for the refreshment supplied before and after handbell ringing.

While on holiday the Editor visited St. Alphege's Church, Greenwich, to see the excellent restoration after bomb damage. He hopes the prominent notice 'Bell-ringers wanted' will receive an appropriate response and keen learners will be forthcoming. A church with such a history and good bells deserves to have a strong local band. Saturday is practice night.

The London County Association are planning big things for their dinner and social on October 22nd, which it is hoped to make an annual function. The venue, Redcliffe Hotel, Fulham Road, is approached by bus from South Kensington Underground Station. Entertainment will be provided by a male voice choir and there will also be tune- and change-ringing on handbells.

After calling a quarter peal of Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster, on August 21st, Mr. Lewis Head, of Maidstone, had the honour of being elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. He thanks all those who took part, especially Mr. W. H. Hewett for making the arrangements.

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PIPE'S PILGRIMS IN LANCASHIRE

43 Towers Visited and 2,087 Steps Climbed

JULY 31st to August 6th, 1955, will long be remembered by those who took part in Pipe's Pilgrims' tour of Lancashire as being one of the best, if not the best, of the several we have enjoyed.

The Grundisburgh contingent boarded the new coach (afterwards known as 'the jet') at 5 a.m. and made for Ipswich. Cambridge, Huntingdon and Stamford just flashed by. We hoped to reach Oakham at 9.30 a.m. in time to ring for Eucharist, but the surprised looks of those members of the party who had stayed the previous night at the Crown Hotel when we looked into the breakfast room at 8.15 were well worth seeing!—108 miles in 3¼ hours.

We were in the belfry by 9 a.m. and our first touch of the tour—Yorkshire Major—was well nigh perfect. My, oh my! What lovely bells (24 cwt. in E flat). After thanking Mr. Hoy we made for Nottingham, where William Stote and family and Harry Millatt and his pretty new wife joined us. Lunch, and up the steps to St. Mary's beautiful bells (10, 36 cwt. in D flat). Back in 'the jet' and on to Chesterfield to a good tea arranged by Sam Scattergood, then up under the famous crooked spire, where we were joined by Ron Bullen and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lock and family, on holiday at Ron's. Some more good ringing and away on the road to Bolton via the Snake Pass, with its breathtaking scenery of mountains, gulleys and reservoirs. We had a 'quick 'un' at the Snake Inn, although the R.S.M. had to be content with a Double Diamond instead of the customary Bass! The Swan Hotel, Bolton, our H.Q., was reached one minute earlier than the scheduled 9.30 p.m., and we were pleased to see Mr. Joseph Thornley, of Farnworth, who had 'pulled the local strings' and obtained permission for us to ring on all the bells requested.

TOUR OF LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

Monday morning saw us up bright and early for our first tower, St. Helens (10, 22 cwt.), which we found quite pleasing. Off to Liverpool for a short tour of the Cathedral arranged by the Dean, which we would not have missed for anything. Then came the treat of the tour, the new twelve at St. Nicholas' (42 cwt. in C). We were met by Mr. P. Cave, Mr. L. Gray and the locals, and the bells were soon going to Cambridge Maximus, followed by Stedman Cinques, Caters and Bristol Major. This is certainly one of the premier rings in the country.

A grand four-course lunch was enjoyed with Mr. Cave as our guest. Back on the coach we found that two of the youngsters were lost or stolen. As we were due to enter the Mersey Tunnel, Ronald Edwards and Cecil Mayne volunteered to wait outside the cafe and the tunnel entrance. Away we went under the great river, led by Ralph Edwards in his car. Emerging at Birkenhead, we drove round and re-entered the tunnel, truly a magnificent experience. The boys were found, Cecil and Ron picked up and we were soon off to Southport, where a pleasant hour was spent on the sands and by the sea. The newly marrieds and young couples roamed hand in hand, the kids went to the fun fair, Fleming went for a donkey ride and the others . . . well? Ormskirk was our next tower (8, 21 cwt.), followed by tea at Rufford Old Hall. Thence on to two very good peals, Leyland (10, 23 cwt.) and Whittle-le-Woods (8, 21 cwt.), where Spliced Surprise Major went like clockwork. Back to H.Q. for a late snack, the usual chinwag and handbells and a talk with Joe.

Tuesday dawned bright and clear (?) and everyone was ready for a busy day. Wigan was reached on time and we soon had this grand ten (29 cwt.) going to excellent Yorkshire Royal. An advance party moved off by bus to St. James' (8, 24 cwt.) and enjoyed good ringing on these fine bells before the others arrived. Newton-in-Makerfield or Newton-le-Willows (we never did seem to settle which) was next on the programme, where the bells (8, 24 cwt.) are rather better than the 'go.' Then came Lymm, over the border into Cheshire, the famous heavy eight (tenor 30 cwt. in D flat). We were very pleased to see Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lewis, the Beamish family, Uncle Tom Cobley and all, here. After a good course of Superlative the 'big feller' was still thirsty so off he went with the local ringer, Mr. Kirkpatrick. Others, to wit, Stilwell, Wiffen and Co. likewise found the local air infinitely preferable to the small belfry.

SPEEDING TO MACCLESFIELD

By the time the bells were lowered and all had boarded 'the jet' it was discovered that we were some minutes late; we hoped to reach Macclesfield 29 miles ahead in 35 minutes. Arthur Beamish volunteered to show us the way, and with John Mayne in the back seat with Margaret for moral support, we were soon away. Gee whiz! Did we go! Meanwhile Mrs. Lewis offered to telephone the restaurant to say that we were on our way. Arthur did 70, and we, close on his tail all the time, swept what few vehicles there were off the highway. A.D.B. reckoned that we left the ground for some miles after crossing a bridge, but we arrived at Macclesfield before Mary Lewis had got the 'phone message through!

But, terrible news. We were told that a clapper at the twelve-bell tower had broken, so gloom covered the sky. One Blair, famed for his numerous theses, said that he knew of a five-bell tower close where he had not rung; we could go there and ring some Gog and Magog Doubles! C.W.P. roared 'No'! If John Worth was worth the name he reckoned he was worth, that clapper would be repaired by the time we got there. We would stick to the schedule and fiddlesticks (or something like that) to Magog! After a good lunch we boarded the space-ship and dismounted in front of St. Michael's. A great cheer went up as we heard the bells raised. John had done it; he had proved his worth! Cambridge Maximus went well on this mellow twelve (26 cwt. tenor), Jim Morley ringing his first half-course.

Another party went ahead to 'get on with it' at John's local tower, Christ Church (10, 23 cwt.). These bells, in a very slender tower, have been lowered some 30ft. We felt that our ringing did justice to this pleasant ring. Tea was at Stockport, then came a very bold and fine ring, St. George's (10, 29 cwt.), looked after by Mr. Peter Laflin. Ronald Edwards called a very musical touch of Little Bob Royal and more good ringing followed. A rope broke at St. Mary's (10, 23 cwt.), but this was soon replaced, and as it was so hot everyone had a short pull here, the gradual drift to the hostelry opposite becoming very evident!

HALIFAX A GREAT TWELVE

Our first call on Wednesday, an even fuller day with nine towers, was Heywood (8, 21 cwt.), followed by the bright and very noisy octave at Todmorden (23 cwt.). The climb to the tower of long-peal fame of Heptonstall (8, 18 cwt.) was, to say the least, breathtaking. Several of the party 'got the wind up' as we climbed higher and higher, so that we were able to look into the tops of the factory chimneys of Hebden Bridge. A magnificent eight are Heptonstall's and well worth the effort to reach them. After an ample lunch at Halifax, we were met at the Parish Church by the Rev. Mr. Tremayne. This lovely twelve (tenor 28 cwt.) is rarely rung due to the shortage of local ringers. All the bells are audible and they are a great pleasure to ring upon. Vernon Bottomley arranged the next tower, Haley Hill (8, 25 cwt.). Here a local reporter took photographs.

Birstall's (8, 22 cwt.) is another lovely ring in a cramped belfry though. G.R.E. really excelled himself here with a touch of Little Bob Major, containing Queen's, Whittington's, Tittums, Doh-soh-me-dohs, Buff Orpingtons, etc. After another excellent tea at Huddersfield we made for Ashton-under-Lyne (12, 26 cwt.), always remembered for the 15,312 Cambridge Maximus. Then came an awaited treat, Oldham (12, 25 cwt.). We had been warned that the front bells required more handling than the big 'uns, so we set our band accordingly and rang a reasonable half-course of Cambridge. Ted Jenkins joined us here and rang the tenor to Surprise Royal. On the whole, we made a good job of this beautiful twelve, spoiled only by the tiny, swaying tower.

BLACKPOOL'S OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Preston bells (10, 24 cwt.) were going well before 9 a.m. on Thursday, prior to our visit to Blackpool. This proved our downfall! Half an hour was allowed at the fun fair. All returned but six, at 10.40; we guessed they had gone tower-grabbing. Then some wanted to go to the 'Tower,' so the coach left without them to look for the others. Fatal! Nearly everybody finally got astray. In the end, though, the coach returned to the fair and the whole party just 'turned up' from seemingly nowhere!

Off to Lancaster, to the R.C. Cathedral (10, 25 cwt.), followed by lunch and a ring at the Priory (8, 31 cwt.), where W. Norman Park met us. A pleasant run followed to Clitheroe for tea and ringing on the delightful octave (18 cwt.). Here eight of the fair sex showed us how to do it! Mesdames Barker, Pipe and Millatt and the Misses Clarke, Matthews, Bourne, Fellows and Parkinson. Another first-class eight (22 cwt.) was found at Whalley, an excellent, all-round ring. We were met at Blackburn Cathedral by many of the locals, including Arthur Tomlinson and Joe Thornley. Inside and out these bells (10, 25 cwt.) are magnificent. We had some good ringing, too.

Friday morning was local, ringing taking place at Bolton St. Peter's (8, 15 cwt.), All Souls' (8, 23 cwt.), Deane, a lovely new octave (12 cwt.), The Saviour (8, 20 cwt.) and Holy Trinity (8, 17 cwt.). Even then another tower or two was grabbed by the enthusiasts, but we were all ready for the splendid lunch at the H.Q. In the afternoon visits were made to Walkden St. Paul (8, 18 cwt.), a very fine eight, and Swinton (8, 22 cwt.), spoilt by the swaying tower. A tea for gourmands followed at the original Eccles Cake Shop, with fresh salmon salad and as many iced cakes as we could eat. The last tower of the day was Worsley, where the ringing was a disgrace. A rope broke here and nothing seemed to go right; we blush to think what Mr. Percy Derbyshire thought of us. In the evening Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Pipe were presented with a coffee table in appreciation for all the hard work they had put into the tour, and Leslie Woods, the driver, with a thermos jug; altogether a convivial evening.

Up bright and early once again on Saturday morning for the long journey home. A long ride in beautiful countryside brought us to Burton-on-Trent, via Glossop, Bakewell, Buxton, Matlock and Belper. We enjoyed some good ringing on the noble ten at St. Paul's (tenor 28 cwt.), met by Barney Key, who unfortunately joined us at lunch. Our last tower was Lichfield Cathedral (10, 31 cwt.). Words cannot express these wonderful bells, although all our ringing wasn't quite up to standard. We were pleased to see Henry Fearn and George Oliver here and many other friends.

Then came the customary farewells and handshakes to some of the party, the sad part. And so ended another Pilgrimage. We rang in 43 towers in seven counties and the majority of us climbed 2,087 steps! The scenery was good and the towers, hotel, people, food, etc., couldn't be bettered. Thank you, 'Northerners,' for making us so welcome! 'PILGRIM.'

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL

THE Chelmsford Cathedral Festival, once again arranged by the Friends of the Cathedral, was this year marked by the special interest shown in the bells, the Essex Association having been invited to arrange for the bells to be rung each evening during the Festival Week and also to provide items of interest for inclusion in the exhibition held in the Chapter House.

The exhibition handbook, 'The Singing Church in Essex,' produced by the Succentor, the Rev. J. Hughes, contained much of interest in regard to church music as it was in bygone days, and the following is an extract:—

'To complete the picture, something must be said about that specialised form of church music, change ringing. Essex churches have some fine bells and a worthy history of ringing them. In this brief space, no more than an outline can be given, for indeed the history of England during the last few centuries might be told by the "bell" entries in Churchwardens' Accounts. Examples in the Chelmsford Accounts could be multiplied all over the diocese:

1561 It(e)m paid to the ryng-gares when the quene cam thorowe the towne vis. viiid.
It(e)m paid for drynk for them xiid.

'It would seem that it is very thirsty work, bellringing, because the last item is a very frequent one! Some of the old Essex ringers' jugs are still in existence.

1642. It(e)m given ye Ringers on gunpouder treason da(y) 00:03:06

'And this delightful entry in 1805:—
Pd Ringers on accot of Admiral Lord Nelsons Victory off Trafalgar, when he most gloriously defeated the Fleets of France and Spain of superior force and took 19 sail of the Line!!! but unhappily lost his own Life in the Action 1. 0. 0.

'And entries concerning the purchase of new bell ropes and clappers, of cubbis and cach and trundle, of oiling and repairing, are too numerous to count.

'The Thaxted Accounts for 1617 include numerous items which together give us an almost complete picture of the work of an itinerant bellfounder. There is the purchase of bricks for building the furnace, the clay for packing it, the metal for the bell, the food and clothing of the bellfounder and the labourers. Altogether an expenditure of something like £50, which was a considerable sum of money in those days.

'Itinerant founders were quite common, but Essex had its own foundries at Colchester. There, the foundry is pre-eminently associated with the Graye family, though at an earlier date the founder there was Richard Bowler; 1587-1603 are the dates which cover his known workmanship. But it is Miles Graye operating during 1600-1649 who is known as "the prince of founders"; his masterpiece, the tenor at Lavenham, weighed over a ton. Over 400 bells cast by Miles Graye remain to-day, 130 of them in Essex. Some of these were cast by Miles Graye junior and some by a third Miles Graye, probably grandson of the first. Again and again in Essex towers there can be found inscribed on bells in square well-formed letters "MILES GRAYE MADE ME." The foundry of Miles Graye appears to be the only Essex foundry of any note, but over seventy bell-founders are represented in the County by its two thousand bells. Of these about nine per cent. are pre-Reformation, some of them dating back to the fourteenth century or earlier. The two long-waisted bells at Little Braxted are certainly among the earliest in the county, probably being 13th century in date.

'Among the ancient bell customs must be related the practice at Great Bromley Church, of hanging up the hat of a ringer when he died. These hats are hung on the wall above the arch leading into the nave. The earliest is dated 1716 and the latest 1935.'

The Association produced many of its treasures to be shown in the exhibition and ringers throughout the county loaned their own treasures and items of interest. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank sent a number of exhibits, all of which helped to make a very comprehensive and valuable contribution.

In accordance with the wishes of the Provost, the Very Rev. G. E. Gordon, the Cathedral bells were rung every evening with one exception during the period of the Festival. The Cathedral band opened on Friday, June 3rd, with touches on twelve in various methods. On Saturday, the 4th, the following members from the North-Western District rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples on the back eight in 55 minutes: Frederick C. Whitby, Robert C. Heazel, Reginald H. D. Hayden, Henry A. Bird, Benjamin C. Burton, William H. Wheeler, Stanley F. Clark (conductor), Alfred J. Eley (tenor).

On Monday, June 6th, the Northern District members rang a quarter peal, 1,259 changes of Grandsire Caters, in 51 minutes: *H. G. Felton, Lewis W. Wiffen, *Frank Claydon, *Allan Syder, *Ronald Suckling, *John Warner, Frank B. Lufkin (conductor), *Terry Earl, Miss Hilda G Snowden, Walter Arnold (tenor). * First quarter peal of Grandsire Caters.

On Tuesday, June 7th, a peal of Plain Bob Maximus (recorded in the peal columns) was rung by officers and members from all the Districts, Wednesday the bells were manned by ringers from the North-Eastern District, and on Friday by ringers from the South-Western District. To round off the week members of the South-Eastern District rang a quarter peal, 1,264 changes of Bob Major, in 59 minutes: Arthur H. Everett (conductor), Miss Mary Dowsett, L. P. Joslin, Edward W. Roast, Ivan Saunders, Peter Came, Joe E. Roast, Denis Symonds (tenor),

The Cathedral ringers, under their Master (Mr. Leslie J. Clark) supported the country members in every way, filling in the vacant places when required. The Provost visited the tower to thank all those who had assisted with the ringing and with the exhibition.

AN ESSEX MASTER'S WEDDING

The bells of St. Peter's, Colchester, rang out merrily on July 23rd for the wedding of Mr. Harry J. Millatt (Master of the N.E. Division of the Essex Association and captain of the St. Peter's ringers) and Miss Pauline Nice, a member of the St. Peter's ringers. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. H. Hollingdale (Vicar of St. Peter's).

At the reception held in St. Peter's Hall the guests included many Essex ringers. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. R. C. Heazel (Master of the Essex Association), while the toast to the bride's parents was proposed by Mr. E. P. Duffield (a former Master of the N.E. Division).

The first part of the happy couple's honeymoon was spent at Matlock, and for the second part they joined 'Pipe's Pilgrims'—a team of East Anglian ringers who toured Lancashire and rang on many famous bells in the north-west. The presents included an oak chiming clock from local ringers.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Dorchester Branch at Preston

The ringers of Preston welcomed their colleagues of the Dorchester Branch to a quarterly meeting at the Church of St. Andrew (6).

The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Isdell-Carpenter), the lesson being read by the branch chairman (the Rev. Canon A. Wilkinson Markby).

Tea was served in the Scutt Memorial Hall, and the business meeting which followed was conducted by the chairman. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Wyke Regis on Nov. 5th (subject to confirmation) to coincide with the 500th anniversary of All Saints' Church.

Branch practices were arranged for Cattistock, Sept. 10th; Puddletown, Sept. 24th; Piddlehinton, Oct. 8th; St. Peter's, Dorchester, Oct. 22nd.

The chairman thanked all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

Towers represented were Abbotsbury, Charminster, Dorchester (St. Peter's), Fordington, Preston, Wool, Wyke Regis and Yetminster, with a visitor from Nottingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Bicester Deanery Branch

Ringing at the quarterly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch at Brill on August 27th included Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

The branch service was conducted by the Deputy Master (Mr. F. Sharpe), with the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Elkerton) as organist. The sermon was preached by the Vicar.

Tea was served on the Vicarage lawn and was kindly provided by Mrs. Elkerton and the wives of the ringers.

Mr. F. Sharpe presided at the business meeting and Souldern was selected for the October meeting. The branch outing was fixed for early May, 1956.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Brill, Mrs. Elkerton and the ladies who provided the tea, Mr. F. Sharpe, Mr. C. H. Kinch (branch secretary) and Mr. A. Crozier.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

Hertfordshire ringers have a new ringing friend in the Rev. A. Marshall Taylor, who welcomed the Northern District to their successful meeting at Graveley (6, tenor 9 cwt.) on August 27th. He conducted the service, and Mrs. Taylor and helpers provided tea in the Village Hall, the profit going to the restoration fund.

Dr. D. Gullick presided at the business meeting, and the election of Mr. W. J. Ridgman, of Arrington, Cambs, was confirmed. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Ashwell on September 24th, with Aston as an alternative. Ringing continued until 8.30 with Weston also available for an hour. After ringing the Rector invited those that were left to coffee and bissuits, which was very much appreciated.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HYMNS INSPIRED BY BELLS

Dear Sir,—Everybody knows that some hymn tunes may be chimed on bells, but in view of the fact that in music you may often recognise the instrument meant to be used in playing it, notably bagpipes, it appears to me that there must be some hymn tunes which were consciously or otherwise inspired by the bells, and the Exercise at large might like to find out a few.

For example, Salisbury Cathedral was anciently famous for bells, which might explain E.H. 624 (Sarum Processional).

The tune 'Charity,' A. and M. 210, sounds as if Sir J. Stainer was used to hearing a ring of 12. More obvious is the once well-known 'Kenilworth,' A. and M. 575, in which bells are mentioned in the text.

Bells might have also been at the 'bottom' of Shakespeare's dialogue in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream':—

'We will have such a prologue, and it shall be written in eight and six.'

'No, make it two more: let it be written in eight and eight.'

When you remember that Bottom was a weaver, and that psalms were the traditional music of weavers, and were all written metrically, at a time when bells were becoming popular, and that you may manufacture any number of psalm tunes out of six or eight bells, there would appear to have been some connection.

It was a mystery to me why a certain clocksmith should have taken 1-4-3-6 for the quarter chimes of the church at Frome, and there may be some other explanation for it, but the same notes occur in 'Jesus Lives,' A. and M. 140, first tune, by H. J. Gauntlett.

Whatever useful purpose may be served by the above I do not know, but I seem to be a natural centre for the recondite, and perhaps others may be interested in following up. I claim no honours, except perhaps for coining the word 'clocksmith.'—Yours faithfully,

F. A. CLUETT.

Gravesend.

JOHANNES DE STAFFORD AND JOHN TAYLOR AND CO.

Dear Sir,—I was hoping that a correction may have come from Loughborough to the one historical inaccuracy that marred the useful article reproduced from the 'Jenolite News' on August 5th.

The Eyres started founding at Kettering about 1717, and although they may have claimed business descent from the Watts, of Leicester, it has never been proved. Therefore neither Edward Arnold's nor his successors' claims to 'trace their descent directly from a business established in Leicester as long ago as 1360' (as stated in the article) holds water. —Yours sincerely,

GEORGE P. ELPHICK

Lewes, Sussex.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE TOWERS

Dear Sir,—I should like to express appreciation to Mr. E. H. Edge for his most enjoyale articles on Staffordshire, its bells and a little of its history and geography, and not least of all the illustrations provided. Such articles do much to brighten our journal, provide interesting reading for the layman and ideas for next year's outings.—Yours, etc.,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorks.

FIRST QUARTER AT ST. MATTHIAS', RICHMOND

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest the little insertion in last week's 'Ringing World' (August 19th) re the 97th dedication festival of the Church of St. Matthias, Richmond, Surrey. While I must congratulate the band who rang a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major at Richmond Parish Church for the commemoration of this festival, I feel loath to disappoint them by mentioning that their claim for it being the first quarter on the bells for over 25 years is not correct. I myself took part in an excellent quarter peal of Stedman Triples rung to; Sunday evening service during the winter of 1947; it was conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender. I am afraid I cannot give you the exact date of the quarter peal, but the year is most certainly correct.

It is interesting to note that at least four members of the choir of St Matthias' Church are ringers. Are they doing anything about a ring of bells in their church sometime in the future? —Yours faithfully,

OLIVE L. ROGERS.

Isleworth.

NOMENCLATURE DUPLICATED

Dear Sir,—May I send to Mr. G. E. Feirn and his band my congratulations on ringing 106 Minor methods 'in hand.' I would like to point out to him, however, that extent number six in his peal was rung at Copt Oak in the 126-method peal there, and that Gosberton and Sibsey were then rung as Copt Oak and Charnwood Alliance. I understood that Gosberton and Sibsey were only suggested names and that they need not be adhered to.—Yours, etc.,

Coalville, Leics. ROLAND BENISTON

A Letter From a Real Learner To An Imaginary Learner

My dear Jim,—Thank you for thinking about the learners, and for your obviously sincere desire to help them. I particularly wish to commend your advice not to waste the time of instructors and their devoted bands should the learners feel uninspired after having given bell ringing a trial.

There is, however, another picture, as seen through the eyes of a real learner. Life is quicker in the jet-age than it was in the horse-and-buggy age, and many young learners feel frustrated when their progress is to be slowed down to the pace of that of some of the older tower captains, such as Mr. F. in 'Bill's Progress' and 'Old Bob,' in the two articles by William Shepherd in 'The Ringing World' for May 13th and July 8th this year.

May I tell you of my experience? My interest in bells was first aroused one week-day when I heard the bells in the city church near the place where I worked. I climbed the tower to find out how the ringing was done and by whom. I came upon a band about to start a peal. They were courteous and friendly but obviously did not want me there and then, nor did they suggest I should come back on a practice night. Good bands tend to become self-satisfied, and it is an interesting coincidence that there is now a silent tower at that particular city church.

Some time later the Rector at the village church where I lived invited the choirmen to help the ringers, who were shorthanded. On arrival in the tower the captain eyed me, and beyond inviting me to sit down did not say much. I noticed the front six of the octave were being rung to call changes. Practices were irregular for lack of attendance. We often went home after having waited outside for half an hour to one hour, the captain not deeming it worth while going up until everybody had arrived. After four months I was promoted to Sunday ringing. By then I had discovered that the captain could not ring 'inside,' but only drummed behind, and that the rest of the band only knew the work of their own particular bell in Grandsire Doubles Plain Course, no bobs or singles were called.

I realised I had to go outside my own tower in search of greater knowledge; I also bought text books, pencil and paper. One of the troubles which confronted me was the strange vocabulary. 'When you go **in** you dodge in 3-4 **down**' seemed confusing, and when once told to 'run out to the back' I wondered whether it was to spend a penny. I thought I detected annoyance in the experienced ringers whenever I lost my place, because several of them shouted on top of one another, as it there were three or four conductors of the same touch.

On one occasion three ringers standing behind me told me what to do next, but I failed to carry out at one and the same time the three different directions given to me. I began to suspect that some of the experienced ringers in neighbouring towers were not quite so experienced as I had at first thought.

One day I attended a meeting as a place where I was not known. I boldly took hold in a Plain Course of Stedman Caters, which I had not rung before. I wasn't specially watched, nobody shouted at me, nobody stood behind me, and I did not lose my place! I know now that some experienced ringers are loath to admit their mistakes, and cover them up by admonishing the learners. I have seen an experienced ringer break a stay, and heard him remark 'I don't know what happened, the stay must have been cracked. Perhaps the learners bumped it last time they had hold.' I have a feeling that you may perhaps agree with me to some extent, because you advise us learners 'Don't be put off if curious little squabbles break out from time to time,' and 'If you notice some of your seniors intolerant of criticism, you needn't imitate them in their touchiness.'

Perhaps one day I shall no longer smart under the indignity of being 'only a bob-caller,' but be a real ringer and conductor, and I have the ambition to learn and call a peal of Duffield Maximus as a compliment to my maternal grandmother, who by all accounts was a persistent and determined lady, because such qualities are needed by any learner who feels himself inspired.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES.

MR. MALCOLM CLOKE'S FIRST HUNDRED

Mr. Malcolm S. Cloke, who is now living at Harwell, Berks, completed his first hundred peals on August 23rd. Details are appended:—

Maximus.—Plain Bob 1.

Royal.—Plain Bob 1.

Caters.—Grandsire 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 18 (cond. 12), Regina Bob 1, Double Oxford Bob 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 8 (2), Kent Treble Bob 7 (1), Oxford Treble Bob 1.

Surprise Major.—Superlative 5, Cambridge 3, Yorkshire 3, New Cambridge 1, Pudsey 1, Ashtead 1, Lyme 1, Southwell 1, Gainsborough 1, Rutland 1, Lincolnshire 1.

Triples.—Plain Bob 1 (1), Grandsire 9 (4), Stedman 1, St. Edmundsbury Bob 1 (1), Oxford Bob 2 (2).

Minor.—Plain Bob 12 (9), three methods 1, seven methods 5 (2), eight methods 2, eleven methods 1.

Doubles.—Two methods 3 (2), three methods 1, four methods 1 (1), ten methods 1.

RANDOM THOUGHTS ON TREBLE BOB MINOR

By H. CHANT

(Continued from page 542)

IN order to demonstrate the use of the table given in a previous issue, here are the four lead-ends that can be produced by using the B section (inverted) together with its associated links:—

'B' SECTION LEADS

2nd Place Lead-ends		6th Place Lead-ends	
541263	541632	541263	541632
514623	514623	514623	514623
156432	156432	156432	156432
516342	516342	516342	516342
153624	153624	153624	153624
156342	156342	135264	135264
513624	513624	312546	312546
153264	153264	132456	132456
512346	512346	314265	314265
521346	521364	341625	341256
6th Place-link (Chadkirk)	4th Place-link (Cambridge S.)	6th Place-link (Nelson T.B.)	4th Place-link (Waltham D.)

Notice how thoughtful it was of me so to arrange the rows that regular lead-ends turn up!

And so observe that with 14 Frontworks and 36 Backworks it is possible to devise all Treble Bob Minor methods, whether regular, Irregular, Refragable or Irrefragable. But it can so be arranged that the Frontworks and Backworks are welded together in 36 methods so that in order to be able to ring any Treble Bob Minor method one has only to remember 36 methods—not an insuperable task if one groups them in their 'natural' grouping order.

The difficulty that arises is the mental ability to change over from 'Frontworks' to 'Backworks,' an accomplishment effected in the 2nd and 5th sections. This may be assisted by the injunction sometimes given, 'Ring so-and-so above the treble and so-and-so below.' This can be abbreviated. Say one has already learned Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise, a pithy description of York Surprise would be 'Cambridge and London.'

This knack is fairly easily acquired like drying the best china, driving a car, riding a bicycle or ringing Spliced Surprise Major. (In descending order of difficulty!)

Here is a list of the 36 methods from which all other Treble Bob methods may be formed:

1. Oxford
2. London Scholars
3. Kingstone
4. Sandal
5. Capel
6. Burton
7. Coventry
8. Killamarsh
9. Conway
10. Snowdon
11. Ludlow
12. Morning Star
13. Berwyn
14. Skipton
15. Chepstow.
16. Balmoral
17. Fotheringay
18. Nelson
19. Woodcock's Victory
20. Dunedin
21. Chiltern
22. Merton
23. Braintree
24. Annable's S.
25. Warkworth S.
26. Norwich S.
27. Westminster S.
28. Cambridge S.
29. Hull S.
30. London S.
31. Wells S.
32. Coldstream S.
33. Kelso S.
34. Munden S.
35. Chester S
36. Whitley S.

This list, then, contains 14 different lead-ends and 36 different 'backwards.' Notice that I say it is a list, stressing, like a well-known panel, the indefinite article; many other lists can, of course, be compiled and if the reader is not satisfied with this one he can always make his own.

Certain old favourites are conspicuous by their absence; this does not mean that they should be ignored. Kent, for instance, will be learned by most people immediately after (in some cases, before) Oxford. There is no harm in thinking, or speaking, of Killamarsh as Kent lead-ends, nor of Morning Star as College Exercise lead-ends. In my own case, for instance, I think and speak of numbers 14, 15, 16 and 17 above as New London lead-ends, Dunedin as Tulip lead-ends, Annable's Surprise and Warkworth Surprise as Woodbine lead-ends, and Hull Surprise as Duke of York Bob lead-ends, whilst Killamarsh is still in this locality regarded as 'Kent and College Pleasure'!

But a list like the one above, culled as it is from the Central Council Collection, is more likely to be of service to a band of ringers who are starting to climb the hill, than one similar to my own notebooks, cluttered with odd bits of information collected from various sources, and consequently containing methods, with appelations thereof, that in many cases have passed out of current coinage.

Here, then, are the tables. Asterisks denote 'regular' methods and may be found in the Central Council Collection. Alternative names in brackets.

*OXFORD (No. 1) LEAD-ENDS

Backwork		Method
*London Scholars	(2)	London Scholars T.B.
*Kingstone	(3)	Kingstone T.B.
*Sandal	(4)	Sandal T.B.
*Capel	(5)	Capel T.B. (Overton T.B.)
*Burton	(6)	Burton T.B.
*Coventry	(7)	Coventry (Evening Star) (Carlisle)
*Kelso S.	(33)	Richborough D.
Nelson	(18)	Snowdrop
Merton	(22)	Coll. Youths Pleasure
Munden S.	(34)	Blythe D.
Berwyn	(13)	Cawthorne
Cambridge S.	(28)	Morning Exercise
Chester S.	(35)	Pilsey
Whitley S.	(36)	Wellington
London S.	(30)	Worcester
Wells S.	(31)	Chichester

*KILLAMARSH (No. 8) (KENT LEAD-ENDS) and:—

Backwork		Method
*Oxford (No. 1)		Kent
*Conway	(9)	Conway Castle
*Snowdon	(10)	Snowdon (S. Hindley) (Geranium)
*Ludlow	(11)	Ludlow Castle
*Westminster S.	(27)	Wath
*Cambridge S.	(28)	Oswald
*Chester S.	(35)	Edinburgh Castle
*Berwyn	(13)	Waterford (Shamrock)
*Munden S.	(34)	Kentish Delight (Kenilworth)
*Coldstream S.	(32)	Carisbrooke (Howard)
Skipton	(14)	Staveley
Chepstow	(15)	Selby
Balmoral	(16)	Boston
Fotheringay	(17)	March
Dunedin	(20)	Woodgrove
Coventry	(7)	Repton
Woodcocks V.	(19)	Stockbridge
Warkworth S.	(25)	Ardsley
Norwich S.	(26)	Dove D.
Morning Star	(12)	Evesham

*MORNING STAR (No. 12) CUMBERLAND EX.) and:—

Backwork		Method
*London Scholars	(2)	College Exercise (Islington)
*Kingstone	(3)	Norbury
*Sandal	(4)	Duke of Norfolk (Grandsire T.B.)
*Capel	(5)	Ockley (Trowell)
*Burton	(6)	Rochester (Lond. T.B.)
*Hull S.	(29)	Disley
*Kelso S	(33)	Conisborough
*Coventry	(7)	Evening Star (Coventry)
Chester	(35)	Nostel
Munden	(34)	
Coldstream	(32)	Hadfield
Westminster	(27)	London Delight
Conway	(9)	Houghton

*SKIPTON (LINDEN) (No. 14) and:—

Backwork		Method
*Chepstow	(15)	Chepstow
*Balmoral	(16)	Balmoral
*Fotheringay	(17)	Fotheringay
*Nelson T.B.	(18)	Nelson T.B. (Denton T.B. : Lytham T.B.)
*Whitley	(36)	Cambridge D.
*Woodcocks V.	(19)	Woodcocks V.
*Dunedin	(20)	Pevensey (Leytonstone)
*Warkworth	(25)	Belvoir Castle
*Norwich	(26)	Dover Castle
Oxford	(1)	New London Pleasure
London Scholars	(2)	Royston
Kingstone	(3)	Penistone
Sandal	(4)	York Minster
Capel	(5)	Bolton Abbey
Hull S.	(29)	Walsh's Delight
Morning Star	(12)	Nelson's Victory
Burton	(6)	Ecclesfield
Kelso	(33)	Strathmoor D.

*DUNEDIN (BRISTOL) (No. 20) and:—

Backwork		Method
*Whitley	(36)	Francis Genus (Tulip)
*Woodcocks V.	(19)	British Scholars Pleasure (Cambridge T.B.)
*Nelson T.B.	(18)	Chadkirk
*Skipton	(14)	Knutsford
*Chepstow	(15)	Rostherne
*Balmoral	(16)	Wilmslow
*Fotheringay	(17)	Bogedone
*Coventry	(7)	Ely
London Scholars	(2)	Gladstone
Kingstone	(3)	Hemsworth
Sandal	(4)	Campanulla
Capel	(5)	Crofton
Coldstream	(32)	Staines
Merton	(22)	Slaithwaite
Braintree	(23)	Thurton
Chiltern	(21)	Hasley
Wells	(31)	Lichfield
London	(20)	Bristol

*BERWYN (BLUEBELL) (No. 13) and:—

Backwork		Method
*Killamarsh	(8)	Trinity Sunday (Coventry : Sandiacre)
*Coldstream S.	(32)	Donottar (Lily)
*Munden S.	(34)	Berkley Castle (Killarney)
*Ludlow	(11)	Warwick Castle
*Westminster S.	(27)	Pontefract Castle (Vulcan)
*Cambridge S.	(28)	Barham D. (Kent D.) (Kent Ex.) (Wellington)
*Chester S.	(35)	Pembroke (Tavistock)
*Conway	(9)	Caernarvon Castle
*Snowdon	(10)	Quantock (Dahlia)
London Scholars	(2)	South Kirkby
Kingstone	(3)	Felkirk
Sandal	(4)	Barnsley
Capel	(5)	Havercroft
Kelso	(33)	Rawmarsh
Coventry	(7)	Ranskill

*CHILTERN (FUCHSIA) (No. 21) and:—

Backwork		Method
*Braintree	(23)	Cheviot (Daffodil)
*Ludlow	(11)	Castleton
*Annable's S.	(24)	Stirling Castle
*Conway	(9)	Bucknall
*Killamarsh	(8)	Pennine (Marigold)
*Burton	(6)	Cotswold (Foxglove)
*Skipton	(14)	Beeston
*Chepstow	(15)	Melandra (Waterloo)
*Balmoral	(16)	Pevril
*Fotheringay	(17)	Leasowe
*Woodcock V.	(19)	Mendip (Hyacinth)
*Dunedin	(20)	Chelsea
*Snowdon	(10)	Norton-le-Moors
Merton	(22)	Longwood
Morning Star	(12)	Almondbury
Wells	(31)	Gloucester
Chester	(35)	Beauchief

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Random Thoughts on Treble Bob Minor — Cont.

*MERTON (No. 22) and:—

Backwork		Method
*London Scholars	(2)	St. Albans (College Bob IV.)
*Kingstone	(3)	Wragby
*Sandal	(4)	Neasden
*Capel	(5)	Charlwood (Grove D.)
*Braintree	(23)	Braintree (Newhall)
*Chiltern	(21)	Humber (Hull)
*London S.	(30)	Rossendale S. (Lancashire S.) Immanuel)
*Wells S.	(31)	Stamford S.
*Annable's S.	(24)	Annable's (London S.)
*Warkworth S.	(25)	Warkworth S.
*Norwich S.	(26)	Norwich S.
*Kelso S.	(33)	Bacup S.
Oxford	(1)	Woodbine
Killamarsh	(8)	Tanners Pleasure
Conway	(9)	Billingly
Ludlow	(11)	Whiston
Munden	(34)	Sutton S.
Chester	(35)	Northorpe S.
Berwyn	(13)	Markham
Cambridge	(28)	Royal Bob

*WESTMINSTER (No. 27) and:—

Backwork		Method
*London Scholars	(2)	College Bob IV. (Bocking) (Norwich)
*Kingstone	(3)	Willesden (Grove)
*Sandal	(4)	Old Oxford (modernised)
*Capel	(5)	Newdigate (Poynton)
*Braintree	(23)	Marple
*Merton	(22)	Bedford
*Chiltern	(21)	Taxal
*Coldstream S.	(32)	Allendale S.
*Kelso S.	(33)	Bamborough S.
*Annable's S.	(24)	Netherseale S.
*London S.	(30)	Lightfoot S.
*Wells S.	(31)	Wearmouth S.
Skipton	(14)	Thorne S.
Chepstow	(15)	Ripley S.
Balmoral	(16)	Luton S. (College Bob V.)
Fotheringay	(17)	Rhyl
Woodcocks V.	(19)	Paddock
Dunedin	(20)	Linden
Coventry	(7)	Nocton

*CAMBRIDGE S. (No. 28) and:—

Backwork		Method
*Merton	(22)	Burnaby
*Berwyn	(13)	Burslem
*Morning Star	(12)	Kirkstall (Middlewood)
*Nelson	(18)	Elston (Woodside)
*Munden S.	(34)	Surfleet S.
*Chester	(35)	Beverley S.
*Hull S.	(29)	Bourne S.
*Whitley S.	(36)	Ipswich S.
*London S.	(30)	York S.
*Wells S.	(31)	Durham S.
Ludlow	(11)	Darfield
Chiltern	(21)	Kimberworth
Skipton	(14)	Hatfield S.
Chepstow	(15)	Redcar S.
Balmoral	(16)	Beighton S.
Fotheringay	(17)	Appleby S.
Braintree	(23)	Midhope
Annable's S.	(24)	King Edward S.
Woodcocks V.	(19)	Berrybrow
Conway	(9)	Goldthorpe
Dunedin	(20)	Eastwood

*HULL S. (No. 29) and:—

Backwork		Method
*Cambridge S.	(28)	Primrose S. (Ringers)
*Munden S.	(34)	Hexham S.
*Chester S.	(35)	Berwick S.
*Whitley S.	(36)	Norfolk S.
*Nelson	(18)	Clarence (Armley)
*Morning Star	(12)	London V. (Sutton)
*Berwyn	(13)	Waltham (Shelly)
London Scholars	(2)	Queen Bess
Kingstone	(3)	Hoylandswaine
Sandal	(4)	York D.
Capel	(5)	
Annable's S.	(24)	Primrose S.
Warkworth S.	(25)	Woodhead S.
Norwich S.	(26)	Stretton S.
Coldstream S.	(32)	Monsal S.
Kelso S.	(33)	Coverleigh S.
Braintree	(23)	Flouch
Chiltern	(21)	Scholes

*LONDON S. (No. 30) and:—

Backwork		Method
*Wells S.	(31)	Wells S.
*Coldstream S.	(32)	Coldstream S.
*Kelso S.	(33)	Kelso S.
*Westminster S.	(27)	Lincoln S. (Southwell)
*Annable's S.	(24)	Cunecastre S.
*London Scholars	(2)	Vale Royal
*Kingstone	(3)	St. Werberg
*Sandal	(4)	Combermere
*Capel	(5)	Crowland
*Braintree	(23)	Abbeyville
*Merton	(22)	Southwark
*Chiltern	(21)	Canterbury D.
Skipton	(14)	Spalding
Chepstow	(15)	Retford
Balmoral	(16)	Dronfield
Fotheringay	(17)	Minehead
Dunedin	(20)	Brampton
Coventry	(7)	Gainsborough
Whitley S.	(36)	Dearne Valley
Woodcocks V.	(19)	Langsett

*MUNDEN S. (No. 34) and:—

Backwork		Method
*Chester S.	(35)	Chester S.
*London S.	(30)	Alnwick S. (Canterbury)
*Wells S.	(31)	Newcastle S.
*Cambridge S.	(28)	Carlisle S.
*Hull S.	(29)	Sandiacre S.
*Whitley S.	(36)	Northumberland S.
*Morning Star	(12)	Tewkesbury
*Merton	(22)	Marsden
*Berwyn	(13)	Glastonbury (Cuckney)
*Nelson	(18)	Fountain D. (Langland)
Annable's S.	(24)	Lindley
Chiltern	(21)	Wortley
Braintree	(23)	Fulstow
Conway	(9)	Melton
Skipton	(14)	Chester-le-Street
Chepstow	(15)	Sleaford
Balmoral	(16)	Bangor
Fotheringay	(17)	Grantham
Dunedin	(20)	Netherwood
Woodcocks V.	(19)	Deepcar
Killamarsh	(8)	Kirkheaton
Burton	(6)	Kirkburton

*WHITLEY S. (No. 36) and:—

Backwork		Method
*London S.	(30)	Canterbury S. (Alnwick)
*Wells S.	(31)	Morpeth S.
*Hull S.	(29)	Wooler S.
*Nelson	(18)	Melrose (Mumbles)
*Morning Star	(12)	Evesham
*Merton	(22)	Sherborne
Oxford	(1)	Hepworth
Killamarsh	(8)	Farnley

Memorial To Mr. Thomas Werrett

A memorial plaque to Mr. Thomas Werrett, of Norton, Herts, was unveiled on July 17th by the Vicar. It reads: 'In affectionate memory of Thomas Werrett, captain of the ringers of this church, whose enthusiasm brought about a complete peal of eight bells. Erected by his friends, who also contributed towards a bell fund for a new church in the centre of the parish.' Mrs. Werrett sent this note, published in the parish magazine: 'My family and I wish to express our thanks to all who have taken part in presenting the tablet which has been placed in the church in memory of Thomas Werrett as an appreciation of his untiring work in connection with the bells. Thank you all very much.'

OBITUARY

THE REV. E. A. RIGDEN

It is with deep regret that we received the news of the death of the Rev. E. A. Rigden on August 18th. An ex-naval chaplain, he had been Vicar of North and South Muskham, Notts, since 1946.

A kindly man of good cheer, the late Vicar was a staunch friend of ringers, and the revival of ringing at the North Muskham tower was due largely to the enthusiastic support he gave to any plans that were made. He was a ringing member of the Southwell Diocesan Guild and set a good example by attending practice nights whenever he could and often joined in service ringing.

A half-muffled peal was rung to his memory by a local band at North Muskham in the evening following the funeral at South Muskham. F. W. M.

MR. T. A. ELLIOTT

Through the death of Mr. T. A. Elliott, of Dunster, the Bath and Wells Association has lost one of its oldest members. He was elected a member of Dunster Branch in December, 1886, and continued as an active Sunday service ringer until four years ago, when an accident which entailed a broken hip prevented him ascending the belfry steps.

He rang his first peal in 1890 and rang over 40 during his lifetime, the last being in 1931. He was a member of the band which rang the first peal of Stedman for the Bath and Wells Association at Dunster in 1895.

A quarter peal to his memory was rung on August 24th, the day of his funeral.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The peal at North Muskham on August 22nd was rung at the request of the conductor, Mr. F. G. Hooper, as a tribute to the late Rev. E. A. Rigden, but the band also had in mind the conductor's father, who died suddenly three weeks ago.

Ingworth, eight miles from Cromer, has a thatched roof to the church but unfortunately there is no tower—only a west end gable with one bell. We should be pleased to hear of any other thatched roof churches, especially with tower and bells. Another sight in Norfolk, unusual in other parts of the country, writes our correspondent, is the many churches with short, small, round towers, resembling from a distance the stump of a chimney.

The tribute by the peal at Great Easton, Essex, on August 23rd, to Canon P. E. T. Widdrington, D.D., who has been Rector of this parish for the past 37 years and is retiring this month to live at Lichfield, was one of the many high regards for his outstanding personality. Nineteen tributes appeared in the Dunmow Deanery Magazine in July, and there were others in 'The Church Times.' Of those taking part in the peal three were present officers of the Northern Division and two past officers.

Those who took part in the recent 'Sussex' tour of Somerset will be interested to learn that a young lady of South Wales has developed a keen interest in change ringing after having been content to ring rounds and call changes for many months. Within a week of hunting the treble to an extent of Grandsire Doubles she persuaded her uncle to arrange a quarter peal attempt, in which she rang faultlessly. It is thought that her progress is a result of tuition received at The Ancient Gate House, Wells, together with further lessons received from a Hertfordshire member of that party who has twice travelled the considerable distance to South Wales in order to continue them.

SOMERSET INVASION OF CORNWALL

THE five Somerset ringers who attended the Truro Guild practice at the two eights of St. Austell and St. Stephen-in-Brannell on August 6th formed the nucleus of a band which was to do considerable ringing in Cornwall during the following week.

On Sunday one of the five enjoyed service ringing at Redruth, whilst the others rang at St. Budock, St. Gluvius and St. Keverne, all eights.

On Monday all the towers visited were sixes, the first being Mabe, followed by Stithians, where a lady member of the local band joined in the ringing; then on to Perran-ar-Worthal and Gwennap, with its detached tower. After a short break for lunch, a move was made to Illogan (another detached tower), where a welcome and pleasant surprise was the provision of tea and cakes by Mrs. Morrish, wife of one of the locals, to whom the band expressed suitable gratitude. The next call was at St. Agnes, where is one of the few spires in the Duchy, and finally to Perranzabuloe, where after a few touches a quarter peal of Minor was rung (as has been reported elsewhere).

Tuesday was an 'off day' until the evening, when the five joined in the weekly practice at Truro Cathedral (10).

Wednesday morning the band arrived late at Veryan, the first of the sixes for the day, and after a short ring the convoy proceeded to St. Michael's, Caerhays. The bells here go well, but the tenor has a most peculiar note as it sounds rather like 'plop'! A ring on the nice six at Gorran completed the morning's programme, and a welcome meal of hot pasties was partaken in the 'local.' Next place to be visited was St. Ewe with its spire and very light, well-going bells in an extremely cramped ringing chamber. St. Mewan provided the first setback of the week, for a rope suddenly broke and had to be replaced. This was officially the last touring tower of the day, but after a conference and a telephone call, permission was obtained to ring on the nice six at St. Erme. Four of the party then went to the weekly practice at Crantock and the others to Redruth.

BELFRY DOOR COLLAPSES

The first tower, St. Mawgan-in-Meneage (6), on Thursday, was not a happy start to the day. First it was found that one bell was 'over,' and on attempting to get to the bell chamber to turn it the belfry door collapsed! Soon after starting to ring the visitors were informed that there was matins, and when the bells were halfway down the Rector requested the ringing to stop 'at once.' Gladly the band proceeded to St. Hilary, with a spire, a nice six, but very dark ringing chamber. Ludgvan, the next six to be visited, completed the morning programme. After a good lunch at the Cape Cafe, St. Just-in-Penwith, a move was made to Sennen, with a very light six and the most westerly bells in the country. A drive along the coast road with its wonderful views led to Zennor (6) and Towednack (8). Finally, after a brief break, the band made for Kenwyn (8), where great hospitality was received from the locals despite practically monopolising their practice.

Friday was another rest day until the evening when some of the band visited the two eights of Phillack and Tuckingmill.

Saturday was the finale with a visit to the three sixes of Botus Fleming, Antony and Maker, the last tower being reached after a mystery tour-cum-trial provided by a signpost arm having been reversed! The band were very pleased at Antony and Maker in having with them Alan Carveth, president of the Truro Guild, and two of his Kenwyn lady ringers.

So ended a very happy tour, in which the five originals were joined at various towers by ringers from their own county, Cornwall,

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BIRTHS

MEYER.—On Wednesday, Aug. 10th, 1955, to Gwendoline and Charles Montagu Meyer, of Westminster, a daughter, Caroline Helen Elisabeth. A sister for Peter. 6909

PRICE.—On Monday, Sept. 5th, 1955, at Colwyn Nursing Home, Hayes, Middlesex, to Sheila and Frank Price — God's gift of a daughter—a granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. Tony Price and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coles. 6926

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Meeting, Staplegrove, Sept. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Numbers for tea, in Village Hall, to A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 6850

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Congleton, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 6881

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District. — Monthly meeting, Staveley, Saturday, Sept. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Dickenson, 8, High Street, Staveley.—A. B. Cooper. 6886

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Meeting, Brampford Speke, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Cups of tea provided; bring own food.—F. Wreford, Hon. Sec., 24, Normandy Road, Exeter. 6852

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Horningsea, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Fen Ditton (5) after tea.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 6869

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Devon, Hants, Herts, Kent, Warwickshire and Staffs.

Excluding those at local practices, the following were rung: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Winchendon Place, Stedman and Union Doubles; Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court, Grandsire, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Cambridge Surprise Minor; Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

All arrangements except for the last day were made by Ron Short and the tourists are grateful to all incumbents, local ringers and others who contributed to such a happy time in the friendly and delectable Duchy.

E. T. P. F.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Old Woking, Sat., Sept. 10th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. Collins. 6878

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Battle, Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2.30 p.m. Bells unavailable on Sept. 17th. — G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 6846

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District. — By-meeting at East Sutton, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 6817

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Wood Green (near Tube station) on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at 3 p.m. Service and business. Bells at Tottenham (opposite Bruce Castle) also available 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. and in evening.—T. J. Lock. 6863

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wotton Underwood, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Ayris, Pollicott, Ashendon, Aylesbury, Bucks. 6870

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Rowde (6), Sept. 10th. Usual arrangements — F. Slatford, North Bradley. 6903

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Quarterly meeting at Dunstable, Beds, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available: Dunstable Priory (8) and Totternhoe (8) 2.30 to 4.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Dunstable Priory. Tea and meeting 5.30. Both towers open after tea.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 6678

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Lingfield (8), Sept. 10th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. Ringing after until 8.30. 6862

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting, Butcombe, Sept. 17th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 6917

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Practice meeting at Moorlinch, Sept. 17th, 6.30 p.m. Look up something.—R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 6920

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Goostrey, Sept 17th, **not Sept. 10th.** Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, **by Sept. 14th,** to Mr. R. J. Ongley, The Villas, Station Road, Goostrey.—W. Kerr, Hon. Sec. 6898

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — East Devon Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Shute, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business after. Numbers for tea, by Sept. 12th, to W. Webb, Oakwell, Millhead Road, Honiton. 6849

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting to be held at Ault Hucknall on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 6913

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Winwick (5), Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6921

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6923

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Combined practice, Tarrington (turn off main Hereford-Ledbury road at Foley Arms) on Sept. 17th. Bells (6) available 6-8.45 p.m.—R. H. Stickley (for A. Wingate, Dis. Sec., on holiday). 6888

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Hope Bowdler, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. 6907

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Michael's, St. Albans (8 bells), Saturday, Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 6925

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling (6) on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Names for tea to me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 13th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 6860

LADIES' GUILD. — West Midland District and Midland District.—Joint meeting, Tamworth, Staffs, Sat., Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 14th, to Miss S. Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall, Staffs. All ringers and friends welcome.—S. Hughes and J. S. Simpson, Hon. Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Cups of tea.—F. Pritchard. 6904

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Long Clawson, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. **Names must be sent, by the 14th,** to Mr. Ed. Tinsley, Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray.—J. H. Cook. 6912

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Billesdon, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by the 15th, please, to Mr. G. Geary, 1, Leicester Road, Billesdon. All members and friends welcome.—B. Stedman Payne. 6901

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Frampton, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at Moores Arms 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, Sept. 12th, to Mr. J. R. Young, 19, Linton Way, Frampton, near Boston. 6868

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Ancaster (5), Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting, Butchers Arms, 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Monday, Sept. 12th, to Mr. G. Vickers, Ermine Street, Ancaster, Grantham, Lincs.—J. W. Haw, Hon. Sec. 6890

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 17th, Christ Church, Poplar. Cubitt Town (8) 3-4.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business meeting and further ringing till 8.30. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6915

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Sept. 17th. Ringing at Hampton (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea available locally. Ringing at Sunbury (8) 6-8 p.m.—J. D. Rock. 6906

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS. —Annual meeting, Northampton, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Ringing: St. Peter's (8), Marefair, St. Edmund's (8), Wellingborough Road, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; St. John's (6), Kingsthorpe, 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.; St. Giles' (10) 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; All Saints' (8), Town Centre, 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Own arrangements for lunch. Business meeting 3.30 p.m., Lecture Room, Borough Police H.Q., Campbell Square. Dinner at Angel Hotel, Bridge Street, 6.30 p.m., followed by social evening. Tickets 9s. each, by Sept. 12th, from P.C. C. H. F. Knight, Hon. Sec., 51, Oadby Road, Wigston, Leicester. 6867

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch. — Monthly practice at Mapledurham on Saturday, Sept. 17th, 6 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 6894

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Waltham St. Lawrence on Sept. 17th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 6896

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Meeting at Bradpole on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by 12th, please.—Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 6875

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—Meeting at Marnhull, Sept. 17th. Visitors welcome.—Write Rev. William Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 6887

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Thorpe Bay (8) on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own eats. Cups of tea provided. More ringing to follow.—B. C. Sadler. 6922

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.— Meeting at Southwold, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. S. Payne, Dis. Sec. 6862

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division—Quarterly meeting, Burgess Hill, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 14th, certain.—C. W. Linington, 11, Queen's Drive, Hassocks. 6895

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Christchurch District. — Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 17th, at Bournemouth. St. Peter's bells 2.30 p.m. Tea, St. Peter's Hall, 5.15 p.m. Meeting, St. John's, Surrey Road. Bells, evening.—Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 6908

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Southampton District. — Quarterly meeting at Bishopstoke on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Arrangements as usual. Names for tea, definitely by Sept. 14th, to M. J. Butler, 8, St. Peter's Road, Southampton. 6905

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. Numbers for tea by 14th, please.—Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 6857

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at St. Oswald's, Guiseley. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Names for tea to Mr. A. C. Walsh, Dunster, Oxford Avenue, Guiseley, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 14th.—A. E. Marsh, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6889

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Easingwold (8 bells), Sept. 17th. All welcome. Names for tea, by Sept. 15th, to Edward Hudson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lister Cottages, Sharow, Ripon. 6902

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Drayton (8), Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify—T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 6914

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in Sunderland on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells: St. Andrew's, Roker, 11-12 and 1.30-2.30; Parish Church 2-3.30.; St. Ignatius' 3-4.45 and 8-9; Bishopwearmouth 3.30-5 and after Evensong. Committee meeting 4. Tea (price approx. 4s.) at 5 with business meeting to follow tea, all in Bishopwearmouth Church Hall. Service, Bishopwearmouth, 7. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 21st, to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 6918

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD, Long Sutton, Sept. 24th. Usual times. Names for tea, before Sept. 19th, to Mr. H. Harrison, Roman Bank, Long Sutton. 6892

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept 24th, at Bedwellty. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. Evans. 6897

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Childrey, near Wantage, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 3.30. Tea at 4.30 for those who advise me by the 20th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, 6911

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM. — Meeting at Ruddington, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Church House 4.30 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, Sept. 21st, to Mr. S. Adams, Wilford Road, Ruddington. Frequent buses from Broad Marsh. 6891

SOUTHWELL AND LINCOLN GUILDS.— Joint meeting of Newark and Lincoln Districts, Sept. 24th. Newark Parish Church (10) 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. Balderton (6) also open from 6 p.m. 6899

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Ewell (8), Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Room at 5. Names, by Sept. 21st, to Mr. J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, Epsom. —W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6910

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 24th, Goole (8), from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 6893

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (13s. 6d.) available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 6876

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Dinner at King George Hotel, Barnsley, October 8th at 6 p.m. Tickets 8s. each from me.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 6918

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch.—Meeting, Monks Kirby, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct 12th, please, to J. L. Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 6916

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. Accommodation limited to 100. Early application and stamped addressed envelope, please.— F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6900

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — **Annual Dinner** and Social, also handbell ringing, Redcliffe Hotel, Fulham Road Saturday October 22nd, 6.30. ((14 bus from South Kensington Underground.) Tickets 15s. 6d. Apply quickly, please. Everyone welcome. Afternoon ringing; details later.— Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 6865

ROTHERHAM RINGER MARRIED

The bells of Rotherham Parish Church pealed out merrily for the wedding of Mr. Fred Fisher to Miss Clara Ann Oliver on August 20th. Mr. Fisher is a ringer and sidesman at Rotherham Parish Church, and Miss Oliver comes from Brampton, near Barnsley.

The bride wore a gown of white French brocade with train and full-length veil, and headdress of orange blossom. She carried a bouquet of yellow tea roses, white stephanotis, white heather and fern.

The bells were rung to Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and Little Bob Major prior to the wedding, and for about 20 minutes afterwards, the local ringers being joined by friends from neighbouring towers. On the previous Tuesday Mr. Fisher was presented with a silver cruet set from his fellow ringers as a token of their good wishes.

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TWO VOICES

THE history of change ringing is told to us in many voices and in many a mode. Since the year of the first Jacobite rebellion, when the bells of St. Peter Mancroft rang out the first true 5,040, men have recorded in prose, verse, diary and letter anecdotes of ringers and stories of notable feats. The critical writings of Hearne, the doggerel verse of Laughton, the intimate portraits of John Day, the homely peal notes of Washbrook, the vivid phrases of William Willson, these and a vast quantity of matter of all kinds and quality go to make up the yet unwritten history of change ringing. The bare record of performances forms but the framework of this remarkable story, and the dry bones of the peal book need the breath of warm humanity if they are to be clothed and live before us as real human achievements.

This infusing of life and movement and colour into statistical records is by no means a matter of fine words or noble prose; on the contrary it is often achieved by humble means, and this is illustrated clearly in the short and simple annals of John Martin and Giles Mansfield.

John Martin was composer to the Leicester Scholars towards the end of the 18th century, and his peal book, in addition to bearing witness to his skill as a composer, gives also an insight into his character and outlook. His style is unadorned and homely, but here and there he strikes a felicitous phrase, and then his expression becomes almost poetic. Of the pleasure of the Tittums he writes: 'Once a person has got that Beat in is ear he Sails Before the wind with pleasure and his Ear will never be satisfyed with the Beat of Good Tittoms.' And again he says, writing of musical values: 'The Ear and Not the eye is to be considered, what think you Brother String of this method?' It would seem that old John Martin knew quite well that courses that look well on paper may not always be so satisfactory when rung.

In 1777 the Leicester Scholars rang 10,080 Grandsire Caters after several attempts. Success came at last, and of this John Martin says: '. . . In ye afternoon of ye same Day they compleated the Great Peal of 10,080 Grandsire Cators in ye Tittoms, in Seven hours and Twelve Minuets, the Next Day the Society Met and Chear'd (Chaired) Three of the Oldest Members Through the principle streets of the Town, and the inhabitants of ye town Made a Subscription and it Ris to the Eight of Thirty Trree pounds and upwards, which names are wrote hereunder.' He then tells of the guinea from Mr. Watts for ale, the half-crown from the Combshop, and of the way the collectors went round the next day to see if anybody had been missed.

In this rather breathless account all the immediate excitement of the great occasion is reflected. It was, as the peal book shows, written soon after the event, and the wave of exultation following upon the success of the peal was still exhilarating the writer.

Giles Mansfield's account of the 12,312 Grandsire Caters at Painswick in 1817 is somewhat different. Mansfield wrote at the age of eighty, fifty-seven years after the great peal, and in the glow of the sunset of his years the old man looks back proudly upon a wonderful day and upon a feat that stamped its details on the tablets of his mind.

'Whe Painswick ringers ad rung a peale of Grandsire Cators before of ten thousand and then the Bristol Ringers rang a peal of Grandsire Cators a few changes more than whe at Painswick and beat us then whe went to work again and beat them with the 12,312. . . . Whe advertised in a great many news papers in the Kingdom as we was goying to attempt to do it and whe did it in a verey masterley style and it Drade a greate many Ringers from all parts and a great deal of money chainged hands and when whe ad finished thear was thousands of people thear one mite ave walked on thair Heds it tis thought thear nevver was so maney in the Churchyard before nor sence and there was a first rate band in Painswick at that time and thay plaid before us when whe left the Church.'

There is something astonishingly vital in this picturesque account. One pictures the opening of the door of the tower, the appearance of the first ringer, the surge of people and the roar of many voices punctuated, perhaps, with the booming of a drum. And yet Mansfield writes deliberately, bluntly and proudly. 'We was goying to attempt to do it, and whe did it,' he says roundly, and in his eighty-third year he speaks with an assurance built upon indelible memories. He lived for some thirteen years more, passing away at the age of ninety-five, and doubtless to the very end the sights and sounds of the churchyard at Painswick on May 7th, 1817, remained clearly before him.

In the extensive field of literary expression it is a far cry from the scholarly formality of Thomas Hearne to the crudities of Mansfield and Martin. And yet it is in the homely pictures of the latter two that we find the more vivid picture and, it might be said, the greater and truer reflection of the social side of bell ringing. E. C. S.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD TOUR

The following three peals were rung for the Cambridge University Guild:—

CAMBRIDGE.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 31 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 32 cwt.

J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare)	*Treble*	W. T. COOK (Jesus) ..	5
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens') ..	2	*J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	6
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's)	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	7
R. LEIGH (St. Cath's) ..	4	P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.)	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.
* 50th peal.

BARKWAY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	*Treble*	*R. LEIGH (St. Cath's) ..	5
MISS G. A. SMITH (Newn.)	2	W. T. COOK (Jesus) ..	6
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.)	3	C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	7
J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	4	F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's)	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by W. J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 34 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 27 cwt. 13 lb.

J. H. R. FREEBORN (Clare)	*Treble*	*W. T. COOK (Jesus) ..	7
MISS G. A. SMITH (Newn.)	2	W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	8
F. E. HAYNES (St. Cath's)	3	B. D. THRELFALL (Trinity)	9
*R. J. W. HOUSDEN (Selwyn)	4	*C. M. P. JOHNSON (Selwyn)	10
P. K. WILLIAMSON (Trin.)	5	P. A. F. CHALK (Selwyn)	11
*J. H. FIELDEN (St. Cath's)	6	*B. D. PRICE (Emmanuel) ..	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by F. E. HAYNES.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. This was the first twelve-bell tower peal by the Guild.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 39 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.
A PEAL OF 5115 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt.

FRANK E. HAYNES ..	*Treble*	RICHARD J. BOWDEN ..	7
FRANK E. DARBY ..	2	ROGER O. FRY ..	8
SELWYN H. DEARDEN ..	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON ..	9
JAMES PHILLIPS ..	4	GEORGE E. FEARN ..	10
BRIAN D. A. WOOLLEY ..	5	HENRY H. FEARN ..	11
JOHN CHILCOTT ..	6	WILLIAM HIBBERT ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

TEN BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 2 Hours and 37 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*†B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Treble*	*HUGH MATTHEWMAN ..	6
HAROLD MARCON ..	2	ALAN CATTELL ..	7
*MARY C. PAYNE ..	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS ..	8
*ROYSTON WILMORE ..	4	COLIN P. WALKER ..	9
SAM SCATTERGOOD ..	5	FREDERICK A. ADAMS ..	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALAN CATTELL.
* First peal of Royal. † 100th peal for the Guild.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 24 cwt.

*EDWARD W. ROAST ..	*Treble*	*JOHN WARNER ..	6
ROBERT C. HEAZELL ..	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN ..	7
*FRANK CLAYDON ..	3	*JOE E. G. ROAST ..	8
*PETER J. CAME ..	4	*TERRY EARLE ..	9
ERNEST W. PYE ..	5	*WALTER ARNOLD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by RICHARD E. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 6, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15½ cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN ..	*Treble*	IVOR JENKINS ..	5
JOHN WHEADON ..	2	*SYDNEY SAGE ..	6
LEWIS H. JENKINS ..	3	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN ..	7
ERIC SIMPSON ..	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a compliment to the conductor on gaining the degree of B.Sc. (Nottingham).

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 22, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.)

*SYLVIA WICKENDEN	*Treble*	JOHN SCHOFIELD ..	5
S. KATHLEEN M. KNIGHT	2	DEREK W. STONE ..	6
ROGER BALDWIN ..	3	*GEORGE COUSSINS ..	7
FREDERICK R. SCOTT ..	4	ERNEST WILLCOX ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROGER BALDWIN.
* First peal of Major.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 10 cwt.

GEOFFREY KIRBY ..	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD ..	5
STEPHEN IVIN ..	2	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ..	6
ERIC SHARP ..	3	COLIN D. MANN ..	7
RONALD J. SHARP ..	4	DESMOND R. BRAZIER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
Rung half-muffled as a token of deep respect to the memory of the Rev. Colin Millington, Rector of Maulden, 1944-53, who was cremated this day.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ..	*Treble*	JOHN FREEMAN ..	5
NORAH M. BIBBY ..	2	*GEOFFREY PAUL ..	6
EDWIN A. BARNETT ..	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES ..	7
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER ..	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal in the method.

NEW ALRESFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15¼ cwt. in F.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	*Treble*	*PETER NASH ..	5
*ADRIAN J. TUMBER ..	2	PETER R. SANDERS ..	6
†GEOFFREY PONTON ..	3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN ..	7
*ROY F. BREWER ..	4	PETER DICKINSON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F.

G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	*Treble*	STANLEY W. COPLING	5
DAVID HEIGHTON	2	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ARTHUR G. MASON	3	BERT GOGLE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 20¼ cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS	*Treble*	*KENNETH ROBERTS	5
JACK KAY	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
PETER CROOK, SEN.	3	REV. R. D. ST. JOHN SMITH	7
WILLIAM TYSON	4	ROBERT E. EASTMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.

Rung for the wedding of Leyland Golley, of Cornwall, and Alice Brenda Gorton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gorton, chief ringer at this church. The wedding ceremony took place at this church just prior to the peal. The bride was also a former ringer.

ARKSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK J. JACKSON	*Treble*	DENNIS A. CHAPMAN	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	GIBSON JACKSON	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*BETTY SMITH	*Treble*	J. HARRY COOK	5
MRS. P. A. CORBY	2	SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
MRS. S. J. HAINES	3	HARRY CLAYTON	7
†ALFRED E. HINMAN	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

WALTER ELSEY	*Treble*	CHARLES R. CATCHPOLE	5
ERNEST WHITING	2	HARRY MOSS	6
BETTY SYRETT	3	FREDERICK C. ROPER	7
ALBERT G. HARRISON	4	THOMAS FORD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Clement J. More.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

MRS. A. DISERENS	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	*T. MARK WHITE	6
JOHN N. DISERENS	3	FREDERICK A. MUNDAY	7
RONALD F. DISERENS	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* 50th peal on the bells.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5088 SCOTHORNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	JOHN WALDEN	5
NORAH M. BIBBY	2	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	6
GEOFFREY PAUL	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	4	†JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 100th peal for the Guild. † 100th peal. The first peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	*Treble*	THOMAS E. SONE	5
FREDERICK S. MACEY	2	PETER CARTER	6
LEONARD MANNERING	3	WILFRED W. RING	7
COLIN A. TESTER	4	MARK W. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. ROBERTS (C.C.C. 12). Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.
A wedding compliment to Anthony Beeching and Betty V. Vidler, who were married at the above church that day.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*MARION J. PARKER	*Treble*	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
*RUSSELL H. R. PARKER	2	*ROBIN G. LEALE	6
*RUTH M. JACKSON	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
†E. WINIFRED KEYS	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Superlative. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

SCOTHORNE SURPRISE MAJOR.
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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

*Robert C. Kippin	*Treble*	Adrian J. Tumber	5
Nelia M. Leahy	2	‡Roydon Davies	6
Jessie M. Kippin	3	Maurice J. Butler	7
†Margaret E. L. Beamish	4	J. Michael Lakin	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
* First peal on eight bells. † 150th peal. ‡ First peal in the method. The first peal of Yorkshire Major on the bells

WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Regular Six-part. Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*Audrey Butler	*Treble*	William Butler	5
*Frederick R. Scott	2	*Kenneth Buckingham	6
*Brian L. Taylor	3	William Birmingham	7
A. James Glass	4	*Ernest F. Willcox	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Parker. Conducted by William Butler.
* First peal in the method. A farewell peal to the Rev. Hylton Sykes (curate) on his departure for Scarborough.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

EAST WOODHAY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5040 SOUTHREPPS PLEASURE BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

William Kewell	*Treble*	Maurice J. Dodd	4
C. John Castell	2	Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
Phillip E. Dodd	3	Michael H. Maisey	*Tenor*

Conducted by Geoffrey K. Dodd.
First peal in the method and the first peal on the bells.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. Wickens and Miss N. Dodd, which took place the following Saturday at Highclere.

WALPOLE ST. ANDREW, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 St. Clement's and six 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

Mrs. J. E. Fox	*Treble*	Walter Hammond	4
Tom Bush	2	John E. Fox	5
M. Roland Reed	3	Harry Follen	*Tenor*

Conducted by John E. Fox.
Rung for the wedding of Mr. W. R. Wiskin (local ringer) and Miss M. Hicks, Sunday School teacher.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's College Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

*Joyce Evans	*Treble*	Cyril Wright	4
*Freda Robinson	2	Herbert T. Rooke	5
George Challans	3	Douglas H. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal in five methods.
Rung for the marriage of the Rev. John Garside Fethney, senior curate of West Hackney Parish Church, and Miss Valerie Ann Eastwood, of Warsop; also for the marriage of Mr. Peter Glover, of Mansfield, and Miss Mollie Marshall, of Warsop.

FLITWICK, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being forty-two extents in eleven methods, viz.: 240 each of New Bob, Stedman, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Union, St. Nicholas', St. Simon's; 480 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Winchendon Place and Plain Bob; 960 of St. Martin's; and 1,200 of Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt.

Roger M. Lennard	*Treble*	C. Michael Orme	3
Peter Shipton	2	Derek P. Jones	4
Stephen Ivin	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
First peal on the bells. First peal in 11 Doubles methods by all, in the county and by the Association. The conductor has now rung peals in all numbers of Doubles methods from one to twelve.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

*Bridget Mutimer	*Treble*	G. Anthony Sutherland	4
John S. Barnes	2	David Heighton	5
Miriam A. Higdon	3	Thomas R. Simmons	*Tenor*

Conducted by David Heighton.
* First peal.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Denis,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Oxford and Single Court and three of Plain Bob.

Kenneth S. B. Croft	*Treble*	Walter Weston	4
Henry P. Collin	2	Reginald Scott	5
Donald H. Mettam	3	James H. Musson	*Tenor*

Conducted by James H. Musson.
This peal was arranged for Mr. Kenneth S. B. Croft, Southampton, on holiday in the district.

WINCHESTER, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Maurice,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Surfleet Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¼ cwt. in A flat.

*Peter R. Sanders	*Treble*	‡Peter Nash	4
†Robert C. Kippin	2	*Geoffrey K. Dodd	5
*Adrian J. Tumber	3	‡J. Michael Lakin	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal. ‡ 25th peal together.
A birthday compliment to Charles H. Kippin.

WESTONING, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs. Sept. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: London, Wells, Durham, York, Stamford, Rossendale and Ipswich (C.C.C. Nos. 112, 102, 28, 29, 114, 115 and 103). Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*Peter J. Shipton	*Treble*	††Andrew C. Sinfield	4
†Ronald J. Sharp	2	Stephen Ivin	5
Derek P. Jones	3	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of Treble Bob and 'outside.' † 200th peal together. ‡ 200th peal for the Bedfordshire Association.
Rung for the feast of St. Giles.

CLEWER, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in F.

*WILLIAM BUTLER	*Treble*	†JOHN SCHOFIELD	4
*FREDERICK R. SCOTT	2	ERNEST F. WILLCOX	5
WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	3	JAMES BROOKS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM BUTLER.

* 25th peal together. † First peal of Bob Minor. 75th peal as conductor. The conductor has now 'circled the tower' twice.

BLYTHBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

CLEEVE F. FINCH	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4
WINIFRED MELLIN	2	C. JACK GIBSON	5
WILLIAM H. MELLIN	3	JOHN W. BLYTHE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. BLYTHE.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In six methods, viz.: Two extents of Double Court and one each of Single Court, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 19¼ cwt.

WILLIAM CLARKE	*Treble*	THOMAS R. COOPER	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	CHARLES E. BLACK	5
ALBERT SCOTT	3	W. ALLEN RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the eve of his 74th birthday.

SEAL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12½ cwt.

STANLEY G. PONTING	*Treble*	JOHN T. MEDHURST	4
KEVIN H. HOHL	2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	5
STANLEY JENNER	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

SWAVESEY, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK ELSOM	*Treble*	OLIVER NORMAN	4
DONALD PEACOCK	2	E. JACK PARISH	5
*ALBERT LEGGETT	3	ALAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JACK PARISH.

* First peal.

THRYBERGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 26 lb. in B flat.

MISS M. ROGERS	*Treble*	N. CHAPEL	4
F. R. HINER	2	MISS D. J. SHAW	5
F. BRUNT	3	H. MORTEMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. MORTEMORE.

Rung half-muffled for Canon F. H. C. Bowen, later Rector of Thrybergh for 43 years.

HANDBELL PEAL

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

EDWIN A. BARNETT	1—2	JOHN FREEMAN	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	JACK BRAY	7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.



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ABBEY DORE, HEREFORDS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, T. J. Gundy 2, A. J. Probert 3, L. H. Colcombe (cond.) 4, I. Jones 5, R. A. Colcombe 6. Rung for a choral service.

ALVASTON, DERBYS. — On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Skinner 1, S. Walklate 2, E. Johnson (first quarter) 3, D. Shakespeare 4, D. K. Walklate (cond.) 5, F. Disney 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Page, Vicar of St. Michael's, Derby, who died the week previous.

ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann S. Parvin 1, M. J. Bray 2, Doris A. Banks 3, D. W. Nuttall (first quarter 'inside') 4, H. A. Nobles (cond.) 5, F. G. Barron 6, G. E. Verrill 7, J. Hedges 8. Rung to celebrate the 85th birthday of Mrs. Alice M. E. Verrill, the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chase, the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Barron, the pearl wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Banks and the cotton wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sturgess.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: T. Jones (first quarter) 1, S. A. Read 2, E. Bray 3, E. Naylor (cond.) 4, W. F. J. Cope 5, G. J. Hawkins 6.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Aug. 28th, 1,328 Plain Bob Major: D. Thompson 1, P. J. Shipton 2, D. Houghton 3, G. Amor 4, B. Pattison 5, R. A. Lennard 6, P. I. Chapman 7, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 8. Also 720 Combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, on the front six: R. A. Lennard 1, S. Foskett 2, S. J. Ivin 3, B. Harlow 4, G. Amor 5, C. E. Jeffries 6. Both rung for Evensong.

BEXLEY, KENT. — On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Doubles (an extent each of Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Grandsire, Original and 60 of Stedman): D. Beresford (cond.) 1, Miss M. R. Andrews 2, Miss B. Thompson 3, J. L. Morris 4, P. P. Brown 5, R. Rugman 6. First in 11 methods for all except the conductor. Rung for Evensong.

BILTON, WARWICKS.—On Aug. 27th, 1440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): Mrs. W. Vann 1, Miss D. V. Elson 2, J. G. Underwood 3, R. Wilson 4, M. F. Amos 5, E. G. Orland (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. J. A. Tole and Miss P. Burnell, both ringers at this church.

BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.—On Aug. 28th, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Craig 1, W. Carter (cond.) 2, J. Berry 3, H. Bishop 4, W. Daniell 5, T. Townsend 6, P. Anger 7, J. Durham 8.

DERBY.—On Aug. 28th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Fletcher 1, W. Lancaster 2, W. Steen 3, S. Merry (first in method) 4, F. R. Lowe 5, M. Barker 6, A. Mould (first in method as cond.) 7, B. Barker 8. For Evensong.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—At the Parish Church of St. Peter, on Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. E. Kemp (first quarter) 1, Mrs. M. M. Godley 2, Miss O. L. Rogers 3, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 4, R. H. Duke 5, Miss B. J. Dyke (first of Grandsire Triples) 6, P. H. Tocock 7, P. J. Kemp (first quarter) 8. Before evening service.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. F. Samler 1, D. Lawson (cond.) 2, D. Jordan 3, W. Gilks 4, D. Bosley 5, Miss M. Luker 6, W. Corderoy 7, A. E. Gee 8. Rung for evening service with 7, 6 and 8 covering, and as a compliment to the conductor on his engagement to Miss M. Samler.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Cragg 1, D. A. Smith 2, Miss D. K. Saunders 3, Miss J. M. Clements (first quarter as cond.) 4, H. C. Weaver 5, B. W. M. Cowper 6, C. Wood 7, R. R. P. Wood 8.

QUARTER PEALS

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. Before morning service.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Biggs 1, A. Foxall (first quarter 'inside') 2, Doreen Coker 3, A. E. Cox 4, D. Cornwall (cond.) 5, K. Biggs 6, I. Biggs 7, N. Cornwall 8.

IFFLEY, OXON.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Adams (cond.) 1, C. Bennet 2, Miss V. Naylor (first quarter) 3, W. Fern 4, H. Mair 5, M. Harding 6. Rung for Evensong, also as a 21st birthday compliment to D. Woodley, now in hospital.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.—On Aug. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering: P. T. Pilcher 1, Miss C. Chambers 2, Mrs. C. A. Critchley 3, E. H. Chambers 4, G. W. Critchley 5, A. R. Agg 6, B. L. Marks (cond.) 7, P. Wells 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth ('Georgie') Robinson, a member of the local band, to Mr. Alun Roberts.

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET. — On Aug. 31st, 1,800 Plain Bob Minor: W. Mills 1, Eunice D. Overend 2, W. J. Phippen 3, E. E. Bray 4, D. Hoare 5, G. W. Massey (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Cook (first quarter of Major) 1, J. Stimson 2, Mrs. P. A. Corby 3, R. E. Manton 4, T. Templeton 5, J. Day (first quarter of Major) 6, H. Clayton 7, P. A. Corby (cond.) 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. H. G. Bailey and Miss S. E. Wise, members of the local band.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,320 Doubles (being 360 Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 480 Grandsire): H. Allen 1, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 2, W. E. Eveleigh 3, F. J. Matthews 4, E. H. Eveleigh (cond.) 5, N. Small 6. First in three methods for 2 and 4. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Giles, on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): H. O. Capell 1, P. Lawrence 2, R. A. Eldridge 3, J. Vears 4, G. F. Roome 5, T. Hammons 6. Rung for the festival of St. Giles.

PAWLETT, SOMERSET.—On Aug. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of St. Simon's, Stedman, 480 Plain Bob and 300 Grandsire): D. Miller 1, J. Hobbs (first quarter in more than one method) 2, R. Short 3, M. Stone 4, C. Clarke (cond.) 5. Believed to be the first quarter on the bells.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. R. Wixey 1, P. Hurcombe 2, F. E. T. Tranter (cond.) 3, C. F. Wixey 4, W. C. Wixey 5, S. Pugh 6. Rung practice night for visitor on 2nd. Also on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 6, 7, 8—7, 6, 8, alternate covering: C. Pugh (first quarter) 1, A. M. Wixey 2, F. E. T. Tranter (cond.) 3, P. Hurcombe 4, W. C. Wixey 5, S. Pugh 6, C. F. Wixey 7, J. Cobb 8. Rung for morning service with two visitors, No. 4 and tenor.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Lofthouse 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Shelagh K. Seery 3, C. Barber 4, H. Spencer 5, E. Hudson 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, G. Beach 8.

SHERE, SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Coward 1, Margaret Brown 2, Mrs. M. Egerton (longest length of Triples) 3, A. P. Cannon 4, G. L. Grover 5, B. G. Grover 6, T. Setter (cond.) 7, H. Arthur 8.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.—On Aug. 28th, 1,274 Grandsire Triples: G. Vincent 1, R. Woodley 2, Miss M. Davis 3, F. W. Richardson (cond.) 4, C. Woodley 5, J. Arbury 6, G. Retter 7, J. Hayns 8. Rung for the visit of F. W. Richardson and J. Hayns.

SOMERSHAM, HUNTS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Lord 1, A. Clements 2, Rev. B. Freer Sheppard (cond.) 3, E. Wakeling 4, C. Goodger 5, W. Ransom 6. Rung as a farewell by the local band to the Rev. B. Freer Sheppard, who is leaving after 17 years as Rector of this parish. Also on Aug. 26th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, Rev. B. Freer Sheppard 3, H. S. Peacock 4, G. D. Whitehead 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. B. Freer Sheppard (president, Hunts District), upon his departure from Somersham, by Hunts District members.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Gratton 1, Stella Allen 2, G. Jeanes 3, Mrs. L. Crocker 4, F. J. White (cond.) 5, B. Bown 6. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Phyllis Matthews (niece of the conductor) to Mr. Brian Hunt.

TICKNALL, DERBYS.—On Aug. 21st, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob): Mrs. T. J. Marriott 1, W. G. Soar 2, L. Warren 3, T. J. Marriott 4, P. Marriott 5, A. J. Marriott (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of E. R. Banton, for many years a ringer and chorister.

WALMER, KENT.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hawkins 1, Miss F. Westwood 2, Miss M. Hawkins 3, F. Rye 4, J. A. Hales 5, J. Penfold 6, J. Hales (cond) 7, H. E. Axon 8. Rung for Evensong and a birthday compliment to Miss M. Hawkins.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, H. Belcher 4, B. K. Lunn 5, T. Setter 6, John Phillips (cond.) 7, H. M. Page 8.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: June Bullivant 1, Joyce Evans (first quarter 'inside') 2, Freda Robinson 3, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 4, F. Flint 5, D. H. Rooke 6.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Naphine 1, W. Kerrison 2, Miss M. Thompson 3, C. J. Gibson 4, R. J Darch 5, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled as a last token of respect to the Rev. J. Castle, a former Vicar, who died in New Zealand.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Mecham (first quarter) 1, D. A. Smith 2, J. R. Wilson 3, B. W. M. Cowper 4, Miss J. M. Clements (first of Doubles as cond.) 5, Miss D. K. Saunders 6.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—On Aug. 31st, 1,260 Minor (720 Double Court and 540 Childwall): Jill Mackintosh 1, A. S. Richards 2, Mary Fuller 3, R. W. Stephens 4, R. Bird (cond.) 5, J. E. Cannell 6.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonus 3, D. Mortlock 4, M. Ginn 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service.

WILTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. W. Hayward 1, A. H. Reed 2, W. T. Clarke 3, H. E. Causley 4, A. W. Heyward 5, F. Avery 6, S. G. Coles (cond.) 7, A. J. Grant 8. Rung as a golden wedding compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and a silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the 3rd (both anniversaries were on the same day).

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Prescott 1, H. A. Price 2, Miss E. Grime 3, S. A. Read 4, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 5, W. F. J. Cope 6, E. Naylor 7, E. A. Price 8. The tenor ringer has now 'circled the tower' in quarter peals.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD

The 1954-1955 Session Reviewed

Ringers who were interested to learn in March that the newly-formed Ringing Society of Southampton University had rung its first quarter peal may like to know a little more about its progress and activity up to the end of its first session.

Apart from the two normal weekly meetings —one for handbells and one in the tower— there have been several organised excursions. On May 25th Reading and Southampton Universities Societies held a joint meeting at the towers of Sherborne St. John and St. Michael's, Basingstoke. The Society has had three ringing outings, one on Whit Monday—the first of what is hoped will be an annual event—visiting nine towers in the Winchester area, another visiting seven towers in the Meon Valley, and the other, as guests of North Stoneham ringers on their annual outing, to Arundel, Brighton, Henfield and Haslemere. In addition, the policy has been established to ring from time to time for a Sunday service at one of the churches in the neighbourhood of Southampton, and for this purpose the Society has visited North Stoneham, St. Mary's, Southampton, Curdridge and Romsey Abbey.

The Society as a whole attended the annual general meeting of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild at Basingstoke, and ringing meetings at Stockbridge, Titchfield and Upham, and has been represented at other meetings. Altogether 16 towers have been visited this session.

All members have made considerable advances in change ringing. Those who were beginners at the time when the Society was founded are now conversant with the two best known methods, Plain Bob and Grandsire, whilst those proficient continue to pursue the policy of delving into some of the lesser-practised methods. On the University's Commemoration day (May 18th) a quarter peal of 1,260 mixed Doubles was rung at North Stoneham in six methods. Other methods rung have included Stedman, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, London Surprise, York Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Surfleet Surprise and Double Norwich.

The average age of members is 20 years five months and all have taken part in at least one of the three quarter peals that have been rung. The Society's first annual general meeting has been held, when a constitution was drawn up and passed, and officers were elected: President, Mr. D. C. Jackson; vice-president, Miss Margaret E. L. Beamish; secretary and treasurer, Mr. P. W. M. Jones; committee members, Miss Ann Sweeney and Mr. R. E. Finch. Provisional plans for next session include a ringing week in Somerset at Easter, a joint meeting with another University, and at least one peal attempt.

A hearty welcome is extended to all freshers entering the University in October, who are either ringers or interested in taking up ringing. Those who would like information of any kind are invited to contact the secretary, c/o the University.

The Society would like to record its grateful thanks to its ringing friends from Peter Symonds School, Winchester, to the Rector and captain of St. Nicholas', North Stoneham, for the use of the tower for practice and for their constant hospitality both inside and outside the belfry. P. W. M. J.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Formation of Hereford District

The quarterly meeting of the South Wales District was held on September 3rd at Eardisland, Herefordshire, and the new Hereford District of the Guild was formed.

A large number of ringers attended, including a coachload from South Wales, and everyone enjoyed ringing the fine bells.

The service was conducted by the Rev. P. Rock, who welcomed the Guild to Eardisland. The organist was Miss Dorothy Atwell. Tea was prepared in the nearby schoolroom, and afterwards the vice-president, Miss Lily Temlett, thanked the Vicar and the ladies.

At the business meeting many new members were elected, together with the officers and committee of the Hereford District. These were: Vice-president, Mrs. Chandler; secretary, Miss Rosemary Jarritt; committee, the Misses J. Green, M. Tilbury, R. Bray and M. Williams. The first meeting of the new district will be held jointly with the Hereford Guild.

The next meeting of the South Wales District will be held jointly with the Llandaff Branch, probably at Aberavon. J. S. E.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly corporate Communion of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Yatton on August 28th. Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung before the ringers attended the service at 8 o'clock, at which the celebrant was the Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Beechey).

Twenty-six ringers afterwards sat down to an excellent breakfast prepared by Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Knight. The Vicar said a few words of welcome and exhorted everyone to attend the quarterly meeting at Yatton on October 15th. Those ringers who did not have to return to their own towers then joined the local band to ring for matins. M. J. H.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

As far back as 1950 a peal attempt at Silk Willoughby, Lincs, was arranged for Mr. Kenneth Croft, now of Southampton. It was finalised on August 31st and was much enjoyed by all participating.

The price of tickets for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths dinner on October 1st is 13s., and not 13s. 6d., as inadvertently stated in our last issue.

A silver-plated lapel badge of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was found on Sunday, September 4th, in the Hero of Inkerman, Bagshot, Surrey, car park. Will the owner please communicate with Mr. H. Hunt, St. Brelade's, London Road, Bagshot, Surrey.

Mr. Tony Setter, who is on holiday at Dorking, participated in a quarter peal at Shere on September 7th. The confident way Miss Marian Egerton, of the local band, rang her first quarter of Triples was a matter for congratulation.

The 'Model Engineer' exhibition at the New Horticultural Hall, Westminster, contains a model bell hung complete with all fittings, one-eighth full size. The exhibit is the work of Mr. Cyril D. Nichols, of St. Leonard's, Streatham, band.

Eighty-three-year-old Mr. John Wheadon earned the congratulations of the band who rang in the peal at Mottram, Cheshire, on August 6th. His friends in Kent and elsewhere will doubtless be pleased to hear that he is still going strong.

The peal at Wimbledon recorded last week was the second on the bells, the previous one being in 1886. According to a correspondent, the peal aroused a crop of complaints, including one from the police! It seems unlikely that a peal attempt will be made again for some time.

The peal at Northiam Sussex, on August 27th, nearly did not come to a happy ending. After two and a half hours' ringing, the proprietor of a hotel in the shadow of the church charged in and demanded that ringing should stop. The Vicar, however, happened to be in the church and he managed to lead the irate hotelier away. It appears that some of the hotel guests had come down from London for a 'quiet week-end.'

The peal of Minor rung at Henlow, published in our last issue, was rung on August 20th, and not as stated.

The B.B.C. are broadcasting the bells of South Molton Parish Church before evening service on Sunday, September 18th. They will be heard on the London, West, North and Midland Home Services.

Cambridge University Guild have a new method known as 'Boatrace Delight.' It consists of Cambridge in front and Oxford behind! Perhaps next year the Dark Blues will be ringing 'Reverse Boatrace Delight'!

We regret to hear that Mr. Wilfred Williams entered Westminster Hospital (St. Mark's Ward) last Tuesday for an operation which will probably keep him out of active ringing for about six months. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.

Cranford, Northants, lost its band some ten years ago owing to a dispute with the Rector. About two years ago Mr. C. H. Newell, the tower captain, assisted by Mr. H. Willis, started teaching a young band from scratch and they have rung several quarters of Doubles. The first 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung by the new band on August 21st:—T. Sampson (11) 1, Molly Crosier (12) 2, C. H. Newell 3, H. Willis 4, D. W. James (conductor, 16) 5, F. E. Crosier (17) 6. It was rung for evening service and also as a birthday compliment to Molly Crosier.

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BISHOP DEFENDS CHURCH BELLS

Reply to Letters of Protest

Dedicating a new ring of bells at Ruishton Church (Som.), the Bishop of Bath and Wells (Dr. H. W. Bradfield) told the congregation, 'I often get pathetic letters from people who protest to me about the ringing of bells on Sunday morning an hour before they wish to get up. They say, "Why should our sleep be disturbed by this unseemly noise?"

'They give themselves away completely in writing letters of this sort. They surely make the biggest mistake in the world if they think I am going to take any action whatever to prevent men from being called to worship in the presence of God and in fellowship one with another.'

The Bishop said he often met those who asked whether in these days the Church ought to spend such large sums on its bells.

'After all, we are confronted with problem after problem in restoring our ancient churches and handing on our heritage unimpaired,' he went on. 'We are called upon to make substantial sacrifices to retain the ministry in our countryside and to train new men for the ministry. There is also the responsibility for the Church overseas and for those new areas of population with no church at all.

'So it is said that we ought to put first things first and to devote our resources to those purposes which are vital and essential to the Church. Indeed there is something most cogent in that argument and it would spell disaster for the Church if we did not pay proper attention and fulfil our responsibilities in those directions.

'On the other hand, I am sure that something of real value would pass from the life of the Church if our bells remained silent. The ringing of the bells is something almost peculiar to the life of the English Church.

'The bells are not in the church tower merely to provide amusement and healthy exercise for those drawn to the art of campanology; they are a reminder of those invisible things of God upon which the whole of our life must inevitably be based. They are there to remind us of man's highest duty—to offer himself in worship before God.'

Referring to the solemn responsibility resting upon ringers, the Bishop said, 'I am sometimes disturbed at the attitude of those who are ready enough to come to the tower and call people to the worship of God, but who, once their ringing is finished, absent themselves from that same worship.

'I hope that that may not be so here. For you who are called to ring these bells are messengers of God to His people and you have a responsibility to ring the bells to the best of your ability and power and to ring them in such a spirit as may carry conviction and appeal to those who hear.'

The three existing bells have been retuned and three new ones added at a cost of £1,200. All except £200 had be raised when the bells were dedicated

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham District

A practice meeting was held on August 27th at Crayford and Bexley, the bells of the former being put to good use before tea with ringing ranging from rounds to Cambridge Major. The service was held at Bexley, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. F. Hooper), and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett.

A high tea, provided by Bexley ringers, was then enjoyed, and further ringing under the direction of Mr. J. Cannell in various standard methods up to London Major concluded the programme for the day. M. R. A.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD

Annual Tour, 1955

THIS year's tour was held in Cambridge in accordance with the tradition that it should be held there every fifth year. Our headquarters were at 19, West Road, at which place and at Saxon Barns—two hostels of Selwyn College—the members were very comfortably accommodated. Numbers were somewhat reduced by marriage, completed or pending, and by the counter-attractions of foreign parts, but we had enough to ring while peals were in progress.

The week officially opened on Sunday, Aug. 28th, at 5.30 p.m., soon after which time six members were pulling the bells at St. Andrew's for evening service. Here we were introduced to a method known as 'Boatrace Delight'—Cambridge in front and Oxford behind. Thankful that we were not going to ring there again during the week, great singleness of purpose was shown by the members in waiting in the rain till a 'nearby hostelry' should open. We returned to the West House Hotel, where we dined excellently every evening, and then some more time was spent in conviviality until throwing-out time.

Monday's ringing began on the pleasant six at Harston, where we were told that new stays had been fitted against our coming. Some good ringing was had here before we moved on to Meldreth, where a framed list of founders and weights assured us that the fourth weighs 6 cwt. 4 qr. Here Kentish Delight belied the second half of its name—at least, we couldn't get it round. Before returning to lunch in Cambridge we snatched the six bells of Melbourn.

After lunch, a band of the more serious-minded had the privilege of ringing a peal of Yorkshire at the Roman Catholic Church, while others, less ambitious, rang on the sixes at Swavesey and at Willingham. After tea there was ringing on the five bells at the thatched church of Rampton. The Cambridge Youths were joined at their practice in the evening at Great St. Mary's, which finished just before a power-cut plunged the town into darkness, thereby delaying many members in obtaining their refreshments.

A DIP IN THE UPPER CAM

Sunshine greeted us on Tuesday, when a band went to Barkway to ring a peal of Rutland. While this was in progress the rest rang at Anstey, where the six bells, tuned in a scale unknown to most musicians, are heaved from the middle of the church. Wendens Ambo proved to be a pleasant contrast, and a further unofficial visit was paid to Newport. We lunched in Saffron Walden and, after losing precious time in key-hunting, we rang the bells there to Stedman Caters and Cinques and Cambridge Royal. Tea was taken at Thaxted, after which the bells, which are well in keeping with the glories of the church, were put to good use and greatly appreciated. After returning and dining in Cambridge, the handbells and the public houses were in great demand. At 11.30 p.m. three members could have been seen finding that the waters of the Upper Cam were decidedly cold!

Wednesday began with the corporate Communion at Selwyn College Chapel. The first tower of the day was Longstanton, where memories of past ringing were revived for several members. The next call was at Over, where the gargoyles were much admired: one member wanted to take literally a sign requesting ringers to remove the clock hammers before ringing, but in spite of this some good ringing was had here. A curious coincidence occurred before lunch; all the cars ran out of petrol just in front of various public houses! We lunched in Huntingdon before going to Godmanchester, where another key-hunt was just getting under way when a local ringer arrived with it, so that we were able to enjoy some good touches on these bells.

From here we went to St. Neots, where the heavy-bell ringers worked up a good appetite for tea, which was had in a nearby cafe. After the organiser had toured the town twice to make sure that everyone was safely back in their cars, we made our last call of the day at Bourn; here we rang Spliced Surprise and a number of other methods. Before getting back to dinner, several cars again ran out of petrol at a convenient place, thus enabling a representative team of the non-residents to be beaten by the residents at darts. After dinner some more Boatrace Delight was rung at St. Bene't's, while others soon found they couldn't ring Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

FULBOURN TOWER IN DANGER

A letter arrived on Thursday morning intimating that the tower at Fulbourn was in danger of collapsing, so we went to Duxford instead. Of the six bells here, the third is the lightest and the fifth the heaviest. After ringing a variety of methods, we went on to Ickleton, a splendid Norman church with a central tower containing eight good bells. The entire party had to refuel just opposite the church before lunch. In the afternoon came the highlight of the week—a peal of Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, for which we imported some other members to do some work for a change. The non-pealers took a hand in the organising for the afternoon, and instead of sticking meekly to the programme, rang at Stapleford and Cherryhinton. After the dinner we had the business meeting, at which it was decided to go to Worcestershire next year, and at which that hardy perennial, the Guild History, once more appeared on the agenda.

On Friday it was reported that a well-known comedian appearing at the Arts Theatre had expressed his gratitude for having the bells rung in his honour. We did not like to disillusion him, so we went to Littleport, where we lost a peal of Cambridge, and then joined the non-pealers at Ely, after they had rung at Wilburton and Stretham. After we had lunched in Ely, the wear and tear of the week began to show, and at Newmarket occurred the phenomenon of a party of ringers arriving late and leaving early. Tea was taken at Mildenhall, where we spent an hour or so ringing on the pleasant ten, Grandsire Caters being the most successful touch. Thanks to some fast driving, the writer was able to lose a game of darts before dinner, in one of Cambridge's 163 public houses. After dinner almost the entire party were 'with one accord in one place' testing the relative merits of Bass and Worthington, which may very well have accounted for the low standard of handbell ringing, and the desire of one member to sing, when we got back.

The more sensible members went home on Saturday morning, but a band of incorrigibles went out to Braughing, intending to go for a peal. Unfortunately, a reorganisation(?) of the Cambridge postal services meant that we met without having picked up the member who had left London soon after dawn. With the aid of a local ringer and of one who had come to listen to the peal, we had a short ring before we adjourned for refreshment. The missing member arrived shortly after we left, which was even more unfortunate. Thus ended another Guild Week, although several members were still to be found later in the day ringing in a peal at Mildenhall, which finished just too late for your correspondent to get his train home. W. T. C.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SUMMER TOUR

500 Miles Amid Suffolk Roads and Lanes

THE University of London Society chose Suffolk for this year's summer manœuvres, which were to be held in the week July 23rd to August 1st. The Victoria Hotel, Ipswich, was commandeered as headquarters and, as the twenty or so members who turned up for annual training completely filled the hotel, the embarrassment of having 'Gentiles' in our midst was avoided.

The tour, which was to cover 40 towers and a large area of Suffolk, began late on Saturday afternoon at St. Matthew's, Ipswich (6). As this tower was a first tryst for many long parted friends, little of the available reminiscing time was set aside for ringing. On Sunday members joined with local bands for service ringing in nearby towers, and they also made themselves welcome at one or two churches where there was no regular band.

The week's work began in earnest on Monday with visits to seven towers during the day and finishing with a local practice after supper by way of a nightcap. This energetic pace was maintained steadily for the rest of the week. In spite of the heavy ringing programme, most members found time to indulge in morning coffee, afternoon tea and other such worldly pleasures, much to the concern of our organiser who had a carefully planned time-table to keep to.

OUTSTANDING TOWERS

I shall not attempt to catalogue all the towers visited—there were so many—but a few remain specially in my mind. On Wednesday morning we rang on the handy little eight at Cotton. Here the ground floor ringing chamber is open to the elements on its west side with iron palings as the sole protection from the weather. We found open-air ringing an exhilarating experience, however, as we had a fine day. The discomforts of winter ringing were fortunately left to the imagination. That evening we visited Grundisburgh, where we were made very welcome by Cecil Pipe and family, and some of the best struck ringing of the tour was to be heard here. As a result, no doubt, of expert instruction from the local band, we found that the bells knew Grandsire Caters by heart and that even Cambridge Royal did not seem to offer them much difficulty.

No tour of Suffolk would have been complete without a pilgrimage to the magnificent Perpendicular church and tower at Lavenham, and accordingly we spent a very pleasant hour there on Tuesday morning. We had a very nasty moment when a slider 'jumped,' but luckily no damage was done save the loss in valuable ringing time and the shattered nerves of the ringer involved. Much has been written about the fine ring of bells at Lavenham, and I shall add no more save to say that it came up to our expectations.

On Sunday afternoon we went to East Bergholt to see the famous five, which are hung in a wooden cage at ground level. The bells have no wheels or ropes, but are rung by handling the bells and the headstocks themselves. Unfortunately it was not possible at the time to arrange a demonstration of this hazardous sport by the local exponents, and so we had to be content with peering through the bars of the cage with the rest of the tourists. From East Bergholt we descended in force upon Flatford Mill, immortalised by Constable in his famous painting. Not wishing, however, to shatter the peaceful seclusion of the mill for the several hundred people who were already enjoying it, we soon crept unobtrusively away to take our tea in quieter surroundings.

SKILLED NAVIGATION

This year the Society was fortunate in being fully equipped with mechanised transport, a necessity considering that the tour covered a good 500 miles of road. The narrow tortuous lanes of the Suffolk countryside frequently called for skilled navigation, especially in the case of one car whose owner economised in tyre wear by using only two wheels at a time round corners. On one occasion a carload of ringers took a wrong turn and shortly found themselves lost in the middle of an aerodrome, unable to find which way they had come in! Such mishaps, however, were few and the time-table was adhered to with fair punctuality.

Methods rung during the week ranged from Bob Minor to Cambridge Royal and Stedman Cinques, and they included the now traditional course of London Scholars Pleasure. Two peal attempts were made: Cambridge Major at Henley and Bob Major at Ufford. The Bob Major was abandoned at the half-way point because of a shift course, the Cambridge was lost on account of the intricacy of the method (I can find no better excuse).

The success of the tour was due chiefly to the masterly organisation of Ronald Clouston who, in addition to attending to all the previous arrangements and making tireless efforts to get the Society away from breakfast and to the right towers at the right times, also saw to it that members behaved themselves and that a satisfactorily high tone was maintained at all times. Our thanks are also due to all incumbents for the use of their bells. N. D. R.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

The half-muffled peal at Diss on September 3rd coincided with the birthday of Mr. Harry Moss. The usual good wishes of the company were extended to him.

When the local news reporter stuck his nose into Deeping St. James' belfry with a flashlight camera at the conclusion of the peal at Deeping St. James', Horace was heard to exclaim, 'What's all the fuss about. I shan't ring another peal for my 74th birthday.' To make matters worse the photographer traced Horace to the George and Dragon at West Deeping and there caught him in the act of cutting a birthday cake complete with a bell and frame for decorations. At Market Deeping Horace is the sole member of the band—although he always seems to get six for Sunday mornings. To show off on the morning of his 74th birthday he broke a rope!

Before World War II. Haslemere Parish Church had a fairly good band of ringers. On Sunday last, with only two of the original ringers in the company, the bells were rung for service to Grandsire Caters for the first time since the war by all local ringers. Many quarter peals of Triples have been scored but it has been a terrific task to get the ten going again. This beautiful ring will always be associated with the name of the late Major J. H. B. Hesse, who was actively connected with their provision.

Account Of A Peal Attempt — Only Partly Factual

After due consideration the method chosen was Grandsire, partly because it was the only one which could be safely rung, and partly because there was no one capable of conducting any other.

All went well until after twenty changes the ringer of the second decided that a triple dodge in 7—6 was expected of him. This he proceeded to do, to the consternation of the conductor, who was also worried because he had missed a bob!

Rounds were called in an expressive monotone by the conductor, whose attention was then diverted to the tenor ringer. This stout fellow's head had been permeated by the ridiculous idea that the method was Cambridge, due to the fact that he had been 'briefed' in a frivolous manner by an ill-intentioned member of the band. Having heard 'Go' called, it had taken him twenty changes to extract his 'Ringer's Diary,' and (ringing with one hand) determine the start. Upon finding it, he commenced places in 5—6 down, announcing imperiously, 'treble should be with me now.'

The treble ringer, a droll, stumbling type, gave a dexterous heave and set his bell to wait for the tenor. The ringer of the second was under the fond impression that he was O.K. so far, but one could see he was worried, as he had never rung Cambridge in his life. He knew, however, that the sixth should take him off and (eager to impress the rest) barked the instruction, 'Lead and dodge now, six.' This was received doubtfully by the honourable gentleman navigating the sixth, who disputed the command, and said that as far as he was concerned the second was too close at hand. The tenor ringer now made a further generous contribution to the melee by informing the conductor (still endeavouring to ring rounds) that he should 'still be at the back.'

This rather ambiguous remark utterly cowed the poor fellow and, in a very thin treble voice, he squeaked 'Stand.' The tenor ringer (an aggressive type) immediately rounded on the seventh, who, he alleged, had made long eighths. What the devil we thought we were doing the tenor man didn't know. Upon hearing 'long eighths' mentioned, the conductor (slightly dazed) presumed that the rest of the band must have been ringing an illicit extension of Union Triples. On hearing this, the studious ringer on the fourth timidly inquired whether this was a sevenths or eighths place method. This remark was treated in a disparaging fashion by the third ringer, who asked in a superior voice whether or not the miscreant had 'ever digested Standard Methods.'

The aforesaid studious ringer made an astounding confession, in which he said he was not a postal subscriber to 'The Ringing World' and did not know the address from which to obtain the book 'Standard Methods.' The idea of not being a patron of 'The Ringing World' caused unrestrained indignation among the more rabid peal exponents, who immediately threw down their ropes and refused to ring with him. The penniless student assumed a very penitent air and quietly remarked that he always paid his association's annual sub. and sixpence when he rang a peal. This innocent remark was laughed to scorn by the said peal maniacs, who brandished half-crowns before him and boasted of their large voluntary contributions to various ringing 'charities.'

The discourse was interrupted by the ringer of the second, who, having been troubled with a short backrope, had utilised the time available during the rather turbulent interval to adjust it. When he tested the alternative in a very ham-fisted fashion, he broke the stay.

The writer's vocabulary is extensive enough adequately to describe only the emotions of ordinary people. He cannot, therefore, put into words the sensation of deep personal affection shared for the ringer of the second when the conductor announced that due to this incident there would be no peal.—D. B. P.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SWINESHEAD BELFRY

Dear Sir,—As I have already pointed out to the editor of 'The Bedfordshire Times' in an open letter, their investigation would have painted a different picture and carried more weight had their reporter been a person with bell knowledge and had also visited Swineshead steeple several weeks earlier, before I moved aside and threw out of the windows some of the decomposed birds, twigs and other rubbish so as to get up the steps to see the inscriptions on the bells. Anybody can be second on the scene!

Their remarks and those of Mr. K. G. Spavins—'it did not quite resemble a pigsty'—may be because neither has yet seen a clean pigsty. Nevertheless, I know many a pig breeder who would be ashamed to have a quarter of the rubbish lying about or to see his sties in anything like the filthy condition in the above belfry.

In my letter to 'The Bedfordshire Times' I pointedly asked Canon Thornton Down if he would tolerate that rubbish behind the altar, under the pews, behind the organ or in his vestry? And if not, why in the belfry? Is this not as sacred as the rest of the building? So far there has been no reply.

The statement of the Bedfordshire reporter about one of the bells being 'late 17th century,' shows either lack of knowledge or lack of a thorough investigation, **for none are late 17th century**—as my article correctly pointed out. One is by John Dier, cast between 1580 and 1597, the other four are all dated 1629.

The Rector and people of both Swineshead and Pertenall would have a case for their belfries had the conditions only recently arisen. But they have been known for the best part of a century, and neither Canon Thornton Down nor Mr. Spavins will convince me that even 100 people could not have done something to their belfries in so long a time! Lillingstone Lovell **(also of only 100 people)** rose to the occasion to restore its bells, and now its tower, with but very little outside help. Marston Trussell, with less than 150, did the same, and many more parishes of a similar size could be quoted.

Boys at Kislingbury have just wired up their tower and spire at a cost of under £5. All this talk of 'impossible' for 100 people is just a get-out.

Mr. Spavins, too, if he had the future of ringing at heart with any seriousness, would not defend, hamper and encourage complacency but would rather attack it.

From down the ages, the man who speaks his mind where malpractices and maladministrations are concerned is generally unpopular, called 'tactless' and so on. I was reminded of that only the other night seeing a film on the life of Martin Luther. Because he dared to take a stand against the malpractices of Popery and the brasshats of Rome he was called 'tactless' and abused by fellow monks.

This is my reply to Mr. Spavins' statements that 'I should clear up the mess at Swineshead and dip my hand into my own pocket.' For his benefit I might tell him I already do—only yesterday I gave back 12s. wedding fees to my own church's upkeep, and in fact give back all wedding fees. This is in addition to collections every other week at ringing meetings, twice every Sunday in my own church, to missions of various kinds and other causes. I consider I already do my share towards helping others. If Mr. Spavins wants to stifle free speech he should clear off to Russia or join the Roman Church.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

RINGING IN KOREA

Dear Sir,—I should like, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to welcome any ringers of H.M. Forces who are about to serve in Korea to our church here at '55.' Our Church of St. Martha has a ring of five bells (tenor about 20 lb.), and ringing commences on Sundays at 9.30 a.m. sharp. Practices are held weekly by arrangement or per Regimental Part I. Orders. At the moment the band is up to strength, but visitors are, of course, always welcome.

The bells were dedicated on July 31st as a ring of four, but we are now fortunate in having another bell (a 'gift' from a neighbouring camp), so we may yet score our first 120 this year.

For the information of anyone interested the church and camp are situated about five miles from the 38th Parallel, three miles from the Imjim River and 40 miles from Seoul, and the squadron forms part of the 1st Commonwealth Division. At present the Lincolnshire, Bath and Wells and the Gloucester and Bristol Associations appear to be well represented, the remaining two-fifths are probationers. For further information please write to me and I shall be only too pleased to be of some assistance. I believe this is the only ring in the north-east hemisphere and district.

Finally, we send greetings and best wishes to all ringers at home, and especially those serving in the Royal Engineers. — Yours sincerely,

PETER MINCHIN,
(Hon. Sec., St. Martha's Church, Korea).

Note.—If any reader would like to contact Peter, his address is: 22960335, Spr. Minchin, P., 3 Troop, 55 Ind. Fld. Sqdn. R.E., B.A.P.O. 3.

VARIETY IN GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—Mr. W. Shepherd's excellent leader in your last issue will be read and studied with great interest, not only by young conductors, but by leaders of those many companies who, though various circumstances, never are able to get beyond this stage.

I am personally interested in the multi-bob and single touches and quarter peals as I believe I am the only ringer who has conducted peals of Grandsire Triples with the least number of calls (Parker's one-part, with 90) and the greatest (one by A. J. Pitman, with 340). The latter I found most interesting and tricky, and it was not rung at the first attempt (at St. Saviour's, Leicester) but was successfully rung at the second (at Gilmorton). In this peal there were only 20 plain leads and, as Mr. Shepherd warns, great care has to be taken on account of the sudden absence of a call.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

NOT ORIGINAL

Dear Sir,—Surely Mr. Lakin does not make any claim to the originality of his compositions of Double Norwich? If so, he would do well to glance at the Central Council collection of peals in this method, published some 50 years ago.

Mr. Lakin obviously possesses some ability (the courses in which the second and third are in sixth place have been most cleverly concealed from the casual reader). Might I suggest that he, in company with others whose names have appeared recently above some rather unoriginal compositions, delays publishing his elementary exercises until something really original and worth while ringing has been obtained? The field of composition is still very wide open for those sufficiently interested. — Yours faithfully.

D. W. BEARD.

East Ham, E.

AN UNKNOWN BENEFACTOR

Dear Sir,—I should like to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' the gentleman who kindly returned the 'Ringer's Diary' which I left in the ringing chamber at Wiveton, Norfolk, while on tour. Unfortunately he omitted to include his name and address in the parcel for me to write and thank him privately.—Yours, etc.,

Arnold, Notts. JAMES H. PAILING.

FIRST PEAL SINCE 1886

Dear Sir,—Referring to the peal rung at Wimbledon on August 27th, this was claimed, quite rightly, to be the first on the bells since augmentation to eight in 1927.

I am advised by the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead that it is in fact the first peal on the bells since the initial one in the year 1886.

As Mr. Felstead states, a little history has been made, for hardly any other tower has been silent as long as this, a period of 69 years.—Yours truly,

J. TOMSETT

Surbiton

SWANSEA AND BRECON

Southern District

The weather perhaps was not quite what was required for ringing but it was a perfect day for a social gathering and the quarterly meeting held at Gorseinon on August 27th was all that. About 30 attended, and represented Carmarthen, Llanelly, Gorseinon, Sketty, Neath, Cadoxton, Aberavon and Porthcawl.

Under the direction of the Master, Mr. E. Morris the bells were kept ringing to various methods until the service, at which the Vicar, the Rev. Sidney Morris, conducted a shortened Evensong and gave an interesting address.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, where everyone enjoyed the good things provided by the ladies and Mr. Dobbins, of Gorseinon.

Before the opening of the meeting, at which the Vicar presided, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. T. M. Roderick, Chris Hawkins, J. A. Hoare and E. Morris. It was proposed to hold the joint meeting with the Llandaff Branch at Aberavon next December, subject to being accepted at the next Llandaff meeting.

Six new members from Gorseinon and five from Llanelly were elected. A suggestion of a joint meeting with St. David's Guild in the near future was referred to the December meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting, and to the ladies and Mr. Dobbin for providing the tea.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Some sixty members and friends attended the Leeds and District Society's monthly meeting held at Collingham on August 27th. Throughout the afternoon and evening various touches in the standard methods were attempted on this light eight with varying degrees of success.

At five o'clock an adjournment was made to the Memorial Hall, where an excellent tea had been prepared by the local company. Here the gathering was joined by the Vicar, who also stayed for the business meeting, at which Mr. T. W. Strangeway took the chair in the absence of the president, who was on holiday.

During the course of the meeting six new members were elected, from Wetherby, Thorner, Headingley St. Michael's and Collingham.

In proposing the vote of thanks on this occasion Mr. P. J. Johnson spoke of his past connection with Collingham, and noted with pleasure the number of young people attending the meeting. This was seconded by Mr. F. Gibbard and carried with applause.

The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on September 24th.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS

75 Towers in 1955 Tour

EVERY year, during the first week of August, the St. Christopher's Society has a tour of some part of the country: this year the route was from Oxford, up to Northampton, then across to Saffron Walden, calling at many villages and towns on the way. The ringers were drawn from nine different towers, representing the Portsmouth area, Chichester and Itchingfield, Sussex, North-West Kent and Bedwellty, Mon.

The party met at Chilton, Berks, on the afternoon of Saturday, July 30th, and, after ringing on this light six, proceeded to the excellent eight of Harwell, where a peal attempt of Yorkshire regrettably collapsed after very little ringing. On the way to Oxford, where we were to spend the night, we stopped at the famous tower of Drayton, where the Rev. F. E. Robinson called so many peals: we soon realised how they managed to ring such fast peals, as the bells tapped round to Stedman and Bristol.

Sunday morning was spent ringing for service at Oxford. First a ring on the 12 of Christ Church College for the Cathedral 10 a.m. service. It had been hoped to ring on the light eight at St. Ebbe's, but as this was not possible, Mr. Walter Judge kindly let us ring at St. Martin's for the 11 a.m. service, which most of us attended. A notorious tower-grabber then said that there was only one tower he wanted to complete Oxford, St. Thomas's. On application to the churchwarden, we were given a very warm welcome to ring on this light six.

CONDITIONS AT DORCHESTER ABBEY

In the afternoon a peal attempt of Stedman Triples at Dorchester Abbey had been arranged. When we climbed up to the belfry, deplorable conditions greeted us—filth everywhere and most of the ropes needing splicing. However, when all was in order, a start was made, but unfortunately the attempt did not meet with success; a quarter peal afterwards did come round. After tea we returned to the tower and rang a well-struck, musical touch of Bob Triples for Evensong. During the afternoon the non-pealers rang at the village of Berrick Salome and on the recently augmented eight at Warborough. Back in Oxford, permission was granted for a ring at St. Cross after Evensong.

We arose on Bank Holiday morning to find that one of the motor-cycles was out of action. Consequently the ringing on Yarnton's 25cwt. six left something to be desired. Afterwards we rang on the light six at Bladon, Woodstock's eight, where a course of Woodstock Surprise came unstuck after five leads, then two similar sixes, Wootton and Enstone. We had some difficulty in finding any lunch in 'the prettiest village in Oxfordshire'—Great Tew—and had to be content with liquid refreshment and potato crisps. We were, however, keen to get on to ring on the church's bells, which proved to be one of the best eights of the whole week. Reluctantly we had to leave the church in its park surroundings to ring on the five at Swerford, which added a bit more noise to the local festivities then in progress. Another superb eight awaited us at Hook Norton. Then, after a short visit to the church at Bloxham, with its magnificent spire, where ringing is impossible at the moment, on to another heavy eight, Adderbury, and a pleasant little five at Bodicote. After a long-awaited meal, we left our luggage at the hotel, and then went to Tadmarton, where Mr. Lines gave us permission to ring. Here the ascent to the ringing room is by a vertical ladder, which is enclosed in a tall wooden cupboard.

BALSCOTT'S FARM BELLS

The following day began with a visit to Balscott, to ring Mr. Jarvis's six bells (tenor 1cwt. 22lb) at Home Farm. Despite the weight we soon discovered how musical his bells are, and, when we had got used to them, we rang creditable Plain Bob Doubles and Minor and a well-struck 120 of Grandsire, much to Mr. Jarvis's surprise and enjoyment.

Regretfully, we had to continue our journey to ring on Banbury's excellent ten and the heavy six at Middleton Cheney. After lunch we rang at Brackley, Whitfield—where the ropes fall right next to the wall, so that we had to stand facing it—and Towcester. Then, a short break for tea, and on to Cold Higham and Pattishall (where the curate conducted a short but enjoyable service), Gayton and Rothersthorpe.

In the evening we were very lucky in that Mr. Eric Nobles had arranged a visit to the old church of Harlestone, and here the Vicar gave us an extremely interesting account of the church and invited us to tea and sandwiches after the ringing. We had to leave all too soon to spend the night in Northampton.

Wednesday gave us the only rain of the week. The morning's programme offered visits to all the rings in Northampton, but we had to cancel St. Sepulchre's as the spire was being repaired. However, we rang at All Saints', St. Edmund's, St. Giles' and St. Peter's before lunch. By 1.30 p.m. we were on the road again, to Ecton's six, which we found to need a little attention, unlike the light eight in the fine Saxon tower of Earls Barton. Wilby has a very musical, backward six, and these were soon set going, before our last afternoon tower, the 28½cwt. eight of Wellingborough. Another heavy eight at Finedon was available after tea and a good 45 minutes was spent on these fine bells. The two remaining towers for the day were Irthlingborough's eight and Stanwick's pretty five, then back to Wellingborough to stay the night.

HIGHAM FERRERS' OSCILLATING SPIRE

Thursday morning provided us with three grand rings of eight—Higham Ferrers, Rushden and Irchester. At the first tower we arrived to find one of the spire's pinnacles missing and the spire in splints, but we were told that ringing could proceed. However, one of our party left a book there, and, on returning later, found that the Vicar had noticed the spire oscillating very badly during our visit, with the result that he has forbidden the bells to be rung for six months.

On arrival at Irchester, we discovered these bells were unusual, in that, while the tenor weighs about 21¼cwt., the seventh only weighs 12cwt. Here we rang a fairly good course of Irchester Surprise, and afterwards Grandsire Caters was rung on the tower's handbells. Easton Maudit provided a very pleasant spot to have a picnic lunch and, after a ring on this five, we had another pull on a slightly heavier five at Bozeat. On again to the 25cwt. eight of Olney and the lighter eight at Turvey. A short run brought us to another church in a park, Bromham, where the stay of the 5th was missing: nevertheless we had some good ringing. At Biddenham we were fortunate enough to be met by Miss Evelyn Steel, who joined us in a course of London Minor. After an evening meal, we had an hour's ringing on one of the country's finest tens, St. Paul's, Bedford.

The next morning we rang at St. Peter's, Bedford, and Bedford Surprise went quite well on this 12¼cwt. eight, and proved to be a musical method. The ascent at Kempston gave several larger members of our party considerable trouble, but we all managed to reach the belfry for a good course of Painswick before leaving for the historic detached tower of Elstow, where John Bunyan learnt to ring. The grand eight at Cardington made a good start after lunch, and Painswick Surprise was rung again here. There followed three sixes—Copie, Willington—where we had some of our quickest ringing—and Northill, until recently Bedfordshire's heaviest six. Here, after our ring, we were invited to a most enjoyable tea by the Rector, the Rev. P. J. Nixseaman, who asked us to notify him of any one-handed clocks we knew of, for his list.

During a course of Double Norwich on the pleasant eight at Biggleswade, the clapper of the seventh fell out, so that further ringing was not very musical. A warm welcome awaited us at Hinxworth, where the bells ran very nicely indeed, and the Vicar invited us all round to the 'local' afterwards. The last tower of the day was Norton, where methods rung included Lincolnshire, for which Mr. Philip Mchew stood in. Then back to Biggleswade for the night

Saturday was our last full day, the start being on the 26cwt. eight of Baldock. Then to Ashwell, where we rang for a music festival at 11 a.m., Litlington, and the five at Bassingbourn (an extra tower). After lunch in Royston, we rang at Barley, Whittlesford and Duxford, where the list of weights is of interest: the third is the lightest bell and the fifth is 4 lb. heavier than the tenor. We followed this ring with a pull on a very pleasant eight at Ickleton, where the ropes here fall in the middle of the church; a course of Ickleton Surprise only got as far as three leads. The bells of Littlebury provided a little amusement, as the treble of the six is rather flat; before supper we rang on one other six, Wendens Ambo. In the evening we visited the magnificent church of Saffron Walden for an hour's ringing on this fine twelve.

The last day, Sunday, August 7th, was begun by ringing at the fine church of Thaxted for the service of High Mass, which the majority of our party attended. On the way home we were fortunate enough to ring on the grand eight at Great Dunmow, and again, after lunch, at Hatfield Broad Oak for a special afternoon service.

Thus ended a very enjoyable week's ringing, the success of which was largely due to the incumbents and tower captains who met us and helped in the arrangements: to them we extend a hearty vote of thanks. We are grateful to Winnie Keys, who managed to accommodate us all despite many difficulties, and Peter Bond, who arranged the superb programme of 75 towers. Part of our gratitude to him and Winnie Keys was shown by a small presentation. Now we look forward to next year's tour, when it is hoped to visit the Leicestershire area. O.

Mr. G. R. Parker's 100 Peals

Mr. Geoffrey R. Parker, of Nettleham, Lincoln, has just completed his first 100 peals, of which he conducted 25. Details are appended:

Maximus.—Yorkshire 1.

Royal.—Yorkshire 1, Oakham 1.

Caters.—Stedman 1, Grandsire 1.

Major.—Plain Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich Court Bob 1.

Surprise Major. — Cambridge 3 (cond. 1), Wembley 1, Yorkshire 1, Lincolnshire 2, St. Giles 1, Withyham 1, Evington 1, Rutland 1, London 2, Bristol 1, Spliced in six methods 1, Ealing 1.

Triples.—Stedman 1.

Minor Surprise.—Cambridge 4 (3), London 8 (7), Bourne 1, York 1, Lincoln 1, Annable's London 1, Wells 1, Ipswich 1 (1), Norwich 1 (1), Wragby Delight 1.

Minor.—Two to sixteen methods 44 (7).

Doubles.—Nine (5).

PEAL RINGING IN SHROPSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

ALTHOUGH it cannot be said that there has been any great enthusiasm for peal ringing in Shropshire during the past 70 years (only nine towers have had more than 25 peals in that time), the county has a very ancient tradition for the art. Thus there is the record of a peal at Oswestry as early as 1731, and St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, and Shifnal were well known change ringing towers in the 18th century. One of the most famous ringers of that time was Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, also reputed to be the second heaviest man in England, apparently weighing more than 32 stones! Mr. Ernest Morris gives more details in his 'History and Art of Change Ringing.' So Shropshire has no mean history as far as the Exercise is concerned.

In the past 75 years, since 'Bell News' commenced publication, the number of peals rung in the county has not been large compared with most other counties, for only 843 have been recorded in that time. Only one tower has reached the century mark—Coalbrookdale with 102. It is one of the two 10-bell towers now, although it had eight bells until 30 years ago. I find that it is one of the very few towers which had a peal or peals each year of the first world war (I think it is the third I have come across), and peals are spread fairly regularly over the whole period, with a slightly better average since it had ten bells than before. Thus 41 peals were rung from 1890 to 1924 (the 1890 peal says first since 1849), then, after augmentation, 31 from 1926 to 1940, with 30 since 1943. The other 10-bell tower is St. Mary's, Shrewsbury. There have been only three peals there in the period—in 1913, 1952 and 1953, although I have 'collected' ten peals prior to 1880, the earliest in 1776.

St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, is the only 12-bell tower. Its name appears every year or two in the peal columns. Thirty-four have been rung there since 1881—11 prior to 1914, ten from 1917 to 1926, then a silence to 1945, after which we find 13 peals, so it is doing better now.

EIGHT-BELL TOWERS

Having mentioned the towers with higher numbers of bells, we come now to those with eight bells. Market Drayton has had most peals in this category, its 77 peals being spread fairly evenly through the years from 1893. Then comes Shifnal, already mentioned above. There are 56 peals here, but only two (last year) since the war. There were 18 from 1897 to 1914 and 36 from 1916 to 1939 (this tower only missed one year in the 1914 war). Only three towers have had more than 50 peals. Fourth comes St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, with 40. Thirty-two of these came from 1887 to 1914 and the remaining eight from 1925 to 1938, so it will soon have been silent for 20 years. St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, is actually fifth on the list for peals, and is followed by a 6-bell tower, Stokesay, with 32. The first was rung in 1908, then came 21 from 1920 to 1939, and there were ten from 1944 to 1952 (none since).

A crop of 8-bell towers follows again. Hodnet has 28. As a 6-bell tower, seven peals were rung in the 30's and five immediately after the war. There have been 16 since augmentation in 1947—except for Market Drayton, the highest number for the post-war period of any 8-bell tower. Oswestry has 27, commencing in 1885 and appearing every two or three years in the peal lists. Five have been rung since the war, the last in 1951. Church Stretton had six from 1891 to 1915, 11 from 1928 to 1938 and eight since 1947—total 25. Ludlow's 24 include nine prior to 1914, one in 1917, 12 from 1920 to 1935 and two in 1947 and 1948. Condover, Wem and Whitchurch all have 21. All started towards the end of the last century, but they had most peals rung at different times. At Condover, the best time was just before 1915, when nine peals were rung from 1909. At Wem, the emphasis is on the present period, for 11 have come since 1946. Whitchurch has not been heard since the war and appeared most often in the peal lists between the wars—12 times from 1924 to 1939. The only 8-bell tower in Dove's book which has not had a peal since 1881 is Shrewsbury, Holy Cross Abbey. I have come across old peals here, but I gather the bells are no longer hung for ringing, unfortunately. Several towers have not been heard since the last war, and two—High Ercall and Shrewsbury, St. Alkmund—not since the first war. The only peal at the former was in 1910 and the last at the latter in 1913.

TWELVE SIX-BELL TOWERS UNCONQUERED

As for 6-bell towers, 12 of the 51 are still unconquered. Stokesay (above) has had twice as many peals as any other such tower, for Malins Lee, with 16 peals, comes next to it. Four of these were rung between 1908 and 1914, ten between the wars and two (in 1944 and 1953) since the last war. Cound has 14—nine since the war and all since 1925: Shrewsbury, St. Michael 13—the first in 1913 and eight since 1947; Brompton and Stanton-on-Hine Heath 12—in each case seven between the wars and the first just before 1914: Clive 11—six since 1946 and the first in 1915; and Moreton Corbet and Stoke-on-Tern 10 each—mostly since 1946.

Only three of the 11 possible 5-bell towers have had a peal so far. They are Leaton (one in 1922): Little Wenlock (two, in 1932 and 1949) and Willey (three, in 1931 and 1951 (2)). Burford, in Dove's list, is now, apparently, a chime and is not included, and Stottesdon, amongst the sixes, is really a four.

So much, then, for Shropshire. Peal totals include all published to July 22nd.

RYE RINGERS' CYCLING OUTING

On July 9th the Rye ringers set out after lunch for an afternoon's ringing on the Sussex-Kent borders. Seven of the ringers travelled on cycles and two on motor-cycles. The first tower visited was Bodiam (5), a charming little church in one of the hop-growing villages. The idea was that those on motor-cycles should raise the bells for the others, but somehow they missed the turning and the cyclists arrived first. At Bodiam we were joined by John Cooper, of Ashford, an addition to our motor-cyclists.

At Hawkhurst (8), where we were met by Mr. George Billenness (who was formerly a Rye ringer) we were also joined by Miss Ruth How, of Epsom (another ex-Rye ringer). Owing to bomb damage this church is just a shell and only the tower is intact; however, the bells go well and the ringing was quite reasonable.

The next tower was Benenden (8), where Mr. Brown met up and joined in the ringing.

Methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Triples and rounds for the learners, who acquitted themselves very well on the strange bells. R. C.

WESTMINSTER, S.W.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on Aug. 21st, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. T. Grice 1, H. Belcher 2, J. Chapman 3, W. R. Manser 4, W. H. Hewett 5, L. Head (cond.) 6, R. Sanders 7, A. B. Peck 8, B. Baker 9, W. J. Rawlings 10. Rung in honour of Princess Margaret's 25th birthday.

OUTINGS

MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

The Chester and North Wales district was planned by Manchester Cathedral ringers for their annual outing on August 13th. A 41-seater coach, regularly used by Manchester City F.C. for their away matches, provided excellent accommodation for the 38 ringers and friends.

Chester Cathedral was reached at 10.15 a.m., where Mr. Griffiths met the visitors. The Cathedral bells provided plenty of hard graft and even Mr. Percy Cave, of Liverpool, had a tough time when he turned the tenor in to a course of Cambridge Major. Cambridge Major and Kent Treble Bob Royal were the only methods to be brought round; Grandsire and Stedman Caters would not go.

The top road through Mold was taken to Rhyl, where an excellent lunch was had at the Queen's Hotel. Afterwards Mr. Jack Evans, the tower captain, made the party very much at home and the bells of the Parish Church were rung to standard methods, a touch of Stedman Triples being worthy of note. Holy Trinity, Llandudno, was the last tower. All the bells except the treble were up on arrival, and ringing lucluded Grandsire, Little Bob, Stedman and Oxford Treble Bob. After tea at the Crescent Hotel the homeward journey was started at 7 p.m.

Ringing was not of a very high standard due to a very mixed band, but the day was thoroughly enjoyed and thanks are accorded through 'The Ringing World' to the Dean of Chester and the two vicars and ringers who met the party for their hospitality.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE

Albert Crawley, although now living at Barrow-in-Furness, came over for Wistaston's outing, which included in the 30, ten or a dozen 'B.Y.P.s' and one or two 'N.S.B.s': they are a grand lot of up-and-coming ringers of both sexes that any guild would be proud of.

Pat Cannon in his report of the Oxfordshire tour mentioned that there were as many again five and six-bell towers as those with higher numbers. We chose four out of five 6-bell towers in Shropshire, and were thus able to get a 'more complete picture of ringing conditions.'

Our first call was at Ightfield: some rounds for the less experienced N.S.B.s; P.B. Doubles, Grandsire, and P.B. Minor, and Cambridge—full justice being done.

Calverhall on the 'Lonsdale' estate was another squat tower with stair-turret at the top of the tower stairs. Six methods were rung, including Stedman. Our next tower was Stoke-on-Tern, yet another stair-turreted tower. Then, time pressing and stomachs calling, away we went to Newport for tea.

Refreshed and regaled ready for the second half, off we went to Chetwynd, a lovely modern church and a good six, but the 'circle' was more of a rhomboid: 'a parallelogram, the adjoining sides of which are not equal and which contains no right angle.' Here we had the first touch of P.B. Minor and April Day for Stedman. A three-quarters of an hour's run led to Broughton, over the Staffordshire border, and, like the parable of the wedding feast at Cana, we certainly left the best wine till the last. Broughton, the most squat tower ever seen, contained a magnificent eight, tricky on account of the very short draught. Full justice was not done to the bells until the last touch of P.B. Major, and a very good fall.

After a drop of liquid refreshment at Market Drayton, Wistaston and Crewe were reached well before midnight.

We were met at every tower, for which we gratefully thank the ringers, also the clergy for the use of their bells: our coach driver and his assistant pilot, who was having a real 'busman's holiday,' and, last but not least, the organiser, Derrek. J. D. S.

OBITUARY

MR. CLEMENT JOHN MORE

With regret we report the death at Ipswich Hospital on August 28th of Mr. Clement John More, of Palgrave, Suffolk, aged 78 years.

'Clem' was Ringing Master at Diss and Palgrave for many years and was well known in ringing circles throughout Norfolk and Suffolk. His peal total was 153, of which he conducted several. Of his peals, 151 were rung for the Norwich Association and two for the Suffolk Guild. He was also a well-known handbell ringer.

'Clem' last rang at Diss on Easter Sunday morning this year, and a week later was taken ill with a stroke. For the last few weeks he had been living with his daughter at Ipswich.

The funeral service took place at Palgrave Church on September 1st. Handbells were rung over the grave by H. Moss 1-2, W. Elsey 3-4, C. Catchpole 5-6, A. G. Harrison 7-8, E. Whiting 9-10. Miss Betty Syrett and Mr. Tom C. Ford were also present.

In the evening half-muffled touches were rung on the bells of Palgrave Parish Church by members of the Norwich Association and Suffolk Guild.

A half-muffled peal was rung at Diss Parish Church on September 3rd. Among the many floral tributes was one from the Diss and Palgrave ringers. So passes the last of the old company of Diss ringers; he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. A. G. H.

St. Mary's, Portsea, Outing

The annual outing of local ringers, accompanied by friends, was held on August 27th. Leaving H.Q. at 7 a.m. a very pleasant run was made through Romsey, Salisbury and Amesbury to Devizes, where two of the local ringers of St. John's met the visitors. Here Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise were rung on a fine ring of eight. After lunch at Cirencester a visit was paid to nearby Watermoor, where a melodious ring of eight was soon going to Stedman Triples, Bob Major, London and Superlative.

At Faringdon (Berks) the Vicar and local captain welcomed the visitors, and this fine ring of eight was soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Yorkshire and Bristol Surprise Major, much to the delight of the local ringers. After tea at a nearby hotel a move was made to the last tower of the day, Newbury, with its fine ring of ten. The party were met by Messrs. Curtis and Rex, and the ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Plain Bob Royal. The return journey was made via Whitchurch and Winchester, after all had agreed on having an enjoyable and successful day. Thanks are due to all the local ringers who met the visitors and helped to contribute to the day's enjoyment. F. W. R.

Wedding Bells at Knebworth

Those who have visited the Parish Church at Old Knebworth, Herts, nestling picturesquely amongst the trees in the park of Knebworth House, will know what a charming spot this can be for a wedding on a summer's day. Such was the setting on August 27th when a member of the local band of ringers, Miss Elizabeth ('Georgie') Robinson was married to Mr. Alun Roberts. The bride, who learned to ring at Knebworth received a bedside lamp as a wedding gift from her ringing friends.

The service was fully choral and the ceremony was performed by the bride's father, the Rev. J. H. Robinson. The local ringers rang the bride and bridegroom from the church, and after attending a reception, an invitation which was much appreciated and enjoyed, rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles in honour of the occasion, the start of which Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were able to hear as they drove away on their honeymoon. B. L. M.

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A fund is being started to erect a tablet in the tower of Great Munden Church to the memory of the late Barney Patmore. Would any old friends please send subscriptions to J. Welch, Holmes Farm, Walkern, Herts. 6964

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MEETINGS

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.— — North Branch. — Meeting at Monks Kirby, Saturday, **Sept. 17th**, and not Oct. 15th, as advertised. Tea available. Other arrangements as previously stated.—J. L. Garner-Hayward. 6933

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Winwick (5), Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 6921

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Watlington, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 6923

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. —Meeting, Wickwar (6), Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—Mary Drew. 6949

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Combined practice, Tarrington (turn off main Hereford-Ledbury road at Foley Arms) on Sept. 17th. Bells (6) available 6-8.45 p.m.—R. H. Stickley (for A. Wingate, Dis. Sec., on holiday). 6888

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, St. Michael's, St. Albans (8 bells), Saturday, Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 6925

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Halling (6) on Saturday, Sept. 17th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 6860

LADIES' GUILD. — West Midland District and Midland District.—Joint meeting, Tamworth, Staffs, Sat., Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers and friends welcome.—S. Hughes and S. Simpson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 6864

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 17th, Christ Church, Poplar. Cubitt Town (8) 3-4.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Business meeting and further ringing till 8.30. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 6915

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Joint meeting, Sept. 17th. Ringing at Hampton (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea available locally. Ringing at Sunbury (8) 6-8 p.m.—J. D. Rock. 6906

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Hemingbrough, Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Members please provide own food, cups of tea only available.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 6962

SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Thorpe Bay (8) on Saturday, Sept. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bring own eats. Cups of tea provided. More ringing to follow.—B. C. Sadler. 6922

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division—Quarterly meeting, Burgess Hill, Sept. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. 6895

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION — Northern Branch.—Annual meeting at Bromsgrove (10), Saturday, Sept. 17th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business. —Bernard C. Ashford, Sec., Bowling Green Lane, Stourbridge. 6857

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting at Easingwold (8 bells), Sept. 17th. All welcome. 6902

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Combined practice at Redhill (8) on Thursday, Sept. 22nd, from 7.30-9 p.m. 6944

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Heston (8), Saturday, Sept. 24th, 3.30: Cranford (6), 4.45. Business meeting, Queen's Head, Cranford, 6. No practice Southwark, Sept. 20th.—A. B. Peck. 6942

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS. — 269th anniversary, Sept. 24th. Bells (12) 2.30. Tea 5 at 1s. 9d. per head. Names, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 20th, to C. D. Launder, Spring Cottage, Painswick, Stroud Glos. Painswick Feast, Sunday, Sept. 25th. Ringing 9.15 a.m., 2 p.m., 5.15 p.m. 6930

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Drayton (8), Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify—T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 6914

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Blagdon, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 6957

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Luton District) and HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Western District).—Joint meeting at Edlesborough, Saturday, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names, as early as possible, to D. Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 6940

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Stockport Branch) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District Branch).—Meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, Sept. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise, before Sept. 20th Mr. E. Ellison, 70, King's Road, Fairfield, Buxton, Derbyshire.—C. K. Lewis. 6943

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch. — Meeting, Bidston (6), Sept. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided free for those notifying by 21st. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 6960

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chester Branch. — Autumn meeting, Handbridge St. Mary's, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea by 21st. — Griffiths, 38, Beeston View, Chester. 6965

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District) & CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting at Fairfield, Buxton, Saturday, Sept. 24th. For details, see Chester Guild advt.—H. E. Taylor. 6963

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held in Sunderland on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells: St. Andrew's, Roker, 11-12 and 1.30-2.30; Parish Church 2-3.30.; St. Ignatius' 3-4.45 and 8-9; Bishopwearmouth 3.30-5 and after Evensong. Committee meeting 4. Tea (price approx. 4s.) at 5 with business meeting to follow tea, all in Bishopwearmouth Church Hall. Service, Bishopwearmouth, 7. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 21st, to D. A. Bayles, 12, Crichton Avenue, Chester-le-Street. 6918

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION —Cheltenham Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Withington, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea essential.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 6947

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Quarterly, Sept. 24th, North Cerney, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea and business 5. **No name, no tea.** Rendcomb if possible in evening.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln-St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 6929

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch. — Meeting at Tidenham, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 21st, to Mrs. D. Stafford, Staunton, Coleford, Glos. 6948

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Henbury, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Sept. 20th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 6961

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kington District. — Meeting, Presteigne, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) available 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Sept. 20th, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Leominster. 6937

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ashwell, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Burnaby Delight. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6932

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Horwich, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 3. Tea 5; cups of tea only. Business 6. Look up Bristol.—J. Thornley. 6953

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Meeting at Christ Church, Pendlebury, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Business after tea. Tea provided. Names, by Sept. 19th, to A. Lomas, 47, Normanby Street, Swinton.—R. Benson. 6955

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Rothwell, Sept. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. T. W. Strangeway, 21, Haigh Avenue, Rothwell.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 6959

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Kirkby Mallory, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) 3. Tea in Schools 5 o'clock. Please notify, by Sept. 21st, Mr. F. Deacon, Windy Cot, Kirkby Mallory, Leicester. 6938

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—St. John-the-Divine, Sept. 24th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Sept. 22nd, to Mr. S. Harrison, 73, Hopefield Road, Leicester. Social and ringing to follow meeting. All ringers and friends invited.—B. A. Endall. 6946

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Swepstone, Sept. 24th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 Village Hall. Names, by 22nd, to Mr. H. Carter, Dishley Farm, Measham.—C. W. Hall 6931

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch. — Joint meeting with LADIES' GUILD, Long Sutton, Sept. 24th. Usual times. Names for tea, before Sept. 19th, to Mr. H. Harrison, Roman Bank, Long Sutton. 6892

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept 24th, at Bedwellty. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea and business.—J. S. Evans. 6897

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Sept. 24th, 6.30, practice, St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park. Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 6.30, **Annual Dinner** and social, also handbell ringing. **Venue changed** to Six Bells, 197, King's Road, Chelsea, next to Town Hall. 11, 19 and 22 bus from Sloane Square Underground, 49 bus from South Kensington Underground. Apply quickly for tickets, please. Everyone welcome. Afternoon ringing details later.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 6966

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION —Meeting at Uttoxeter, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, **not later than Wednesday, Sept. 21st,** to E. Roberts, 125, Smithfield Road, Uttoxeter, Staffs.—E. H. Edge. 6956

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berks Branch.—A meeting will be held at Childrey, near Wantage, on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 3.30. Tea at 4.30 for those who advise me by the 20th.—A. E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen Street, Abingdon, 6911

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — Meeting, Moulton, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Sept. 20th, to Mr. T. Tebbutt, 2, Overstone Road Cottages, Moulton, Northampton.—G. F. Roome. 6924

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Compton Bassett (5), Sept. 24th. Names for tea essential to Rev. Thomas, Rectory, Compton Bassett, Calne. 6941

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS, NOTTINGHAM. — Meeting at Ruddington, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea in Church House 4.30 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, Sept. 21st, to Mr. S. Adams, Wilford Road, Ruddington. Frequent buses from Broad Marsh. 6891

SOUTHWELL AND LINCOLN GUILDS.—Joint meeting of Newark and Lincoln Districts, Sept. 24th. Newark Parish Church (10) 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. Balderton (6) also open from 6 p.m. 6899

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting, Beccles, Sept. 24th. Bells (10) 2.45. Service 4.30. Tea, only to those who notify, by 21st, E. R. Goate, 47, Smallgate, Beccles.—C. W. Pipe. 6877

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly District meeting will be held at Ewell (8), Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in Church Room at 5. Names, by Sept. 21st, to Mr. J. E. Beams, 4, Cottage Road, West Ewell, Epsom. —W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 6910

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Sherborne St. John (6) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 21st, to J. Chesterman, Leacroft, Sherborne St. John. 6945

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION —Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Sept. 24th, Goole (8), from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bring own food; cups of tea provided.—H. S. Morley, 40, New Lane, Selby. 6893

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting at Calverleigh, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea by Sept. 26th essential.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 6927

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Quarterly meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. P. Sadler, 21 Dulverton Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea. 6928

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly general meeting at Earl Shilton on Oct. 1st. Bells (8) at 3. Service 4.45. Tea, in Schools, 5.15, followed by meeting. (General committee meet at 3.30.) Names for tea, by September 28th, to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, near Leicester.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 6950

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Nettleham (6), Oct. 1st. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 6958

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea, October 1st. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 28th, certain, please, to P. Newstead, 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth. 6934

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. — Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 1st, The Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn, at 6 for 6.30 p.m. Tickets (13s.) available from the undersigned.—P. N. Bond, Gaywood, Stocks Green Road, Hildenborough, Kent. 6876

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Attenborough (8), Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 6939

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division —Practice meeting, Alfriston, Saturday, **Oct. 1st, not September 24th.** Bells 2.30 p.m.. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (5.15 p.m.) by Sept. 28th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 6951

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Hursley, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service, 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the King's Head. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 6954

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Dinner at King George Hotel, Barnsley, October 8th at 6 p.m. Tickets 8s. each from me.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 6918

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hanwell (5), Oct. 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 6935

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. Accommodation limited to 100. Early application and stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6900

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — 75th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, the Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. Early application to your District secretary recommended or write to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. Ringing arrangements later. 6952

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MICHAELMAS

THE festival of St. Michael and All Angels, or Michaelmas, falling as it does on September 29th, each year tends so often to become overshadowed by Harvest Festival, and as this can only be a matter of regret, it is well for us to pause and think just what it really means.

For many, this great church festival is merely a quarter day associated solely with financial joys and sorrows. To what then should our thoughts turn at this time?—Obviously to the angels.

A great many people have little real idea as to what the angels are. They think of them as seen portrayed in Nativity plays or in poor stained-glass windows or even poorer so-called religious art. All these may be said to be as near a guarantee of misrepresentation as possible. Both in Hebrew and in Greek the word translated 'angel' means 'messenger.' It is not certain at what point in their long history the Jews first began to believe in the existence of angels, but, as time went on, they clarified their faith about them. The angels, they believed, were of two kinds, good and evil, the latter, led by Satan, being devils who had used their gift of free-will to oppose the commands of God. The former, led by St. Michael, were the messengers used by God to help fulfil His purposes for mankind. Angels then, we can say, are the highest beings in the scale of creation and the usual belief is that they are spirits without bodies of any kind. But this spiritual nature does not mean that they can be present everywhere or know everything. Frequent reference to the angels is made throughout the Old Testament and yet that is not the main reason for our belief in their existence.

Our principal reason for believing in the existence of the angels is the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ, who frequently spoke of both good and evil angels and He deliberately and habitually talked of the angels and warned His disciples against the devil. We cannot reject belief in the angels and devils without rejecting our Lord's authority. At the time of the Incarnation, one of the great controversies which divided the Pharisees from the Sadducees was concerning the existence of angels. Our Lord put the seal of His approval on the teaching of the Pharisees who believed in them, and it is not possible to cut out the references to the angels in the New Testament without seriously damaging the record. An angel announced the coming Incarnation; angels proclaimed the Holy Nativity; angels ministered to our Lord after the temptations in the wilderness; an angel strengthened Him in the Garden of Gethsemane; others appeared at His empty tomb and after the Ascension. In His teaching our Lord said that the angels of little children have direct access to God the Father on behalf of their charges. In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, He said: 'The beggar died and was carried away by the angels into Abraham's bosom.' He said that the angels rejoice over repentant sinners and that, when He comes to judge the world, He will be accompanied by angels who will execute His judgment.

The other books of the New Testament contain equally frequent references to the angels. In the book of the Revelation of St. John the Divine, an angel is described as adding incense to the prayers of the saints which go up before God. In the Acts of the Apostles it is recorded that St. Peter was delivered from prison through the instrumentality of an angel. The chief work of the angels is to be the messengers of God and to guard His children, and for this purpose guardian angels are assigned to individuals. Our Lord gives as the reason for not despising little children 'that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven,' and the usual belief of the Church, at any rate in Western Christendom, has always been that a guardian angel is given to each human being and not only to the baptised.

Is all this too much for us to believe? Do we condemn it as too old-fashioned or childish? If so then we would do well to pause and think of some of the things which we accept without question: the discoveries of modern science, the splitting of the atom, the jet-propelled aeroplane, the supersonic bang and so forth, to say nothing of wireless and television, all things about which we read almost daily in our newspapers and which we accept as a matter of course. These should make it less rather than more difficult for us to believe in angels which, though we cannot see, we can be sure are ever near us.

Surely then, as we ring at Michaelmas, we can let our thoughts turn to St. Michael and his heavenly host and ring, in thanksgiving, not only for the harvest, if that festival is being kept at the time in our parish church, but let us ring also in thanksgiving to Almighty God for His messengers who are our guardians.

Finally, as a matter of interest, readers may care to know that there are at least some 687 churches in England dedicated to St. Michael or to St. Michael and All Angels and at least one dedicated to the Holy Angels. From the

time of Charlemagne (about 800 A.D.) it was the custom to baptise church bells and to give them Christian names in the same manner as human beings; this is definitely stated on some ancient bells. There are some 110 English church bells dedicated to St. Michael, and we hope that they with many others will ring out their joyful message at Michaelmas. M.

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Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in D.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	6
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Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
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On Mon. Aug. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
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ARTHUR H. REED	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
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On Wed., Aug. 24, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH AT SS. PROBUS AND GRACE,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 11 lb. in E flat.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
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CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANTA AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

ARTHUR H. REED	*Treble*	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	5
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ROGER O. FRY	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
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Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
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GULVAL, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Aug. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GULVAL,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

DONALD G. CLIFT	*Treble*	ALAN F. THIRST	5
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CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	*ROGER O. FRY	7
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On Fri., Aug. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ENODER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 8 lb. in F sharp.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
DEREK P. JONES	2	ALAN F. THIRST	6
ARTHUR H. REED	3	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in D.

ROGER O. FRY	*Treble*	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	5
GEORGE W. MASSEY	2	ALAN F. THIRST	6
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	3	DEREK P. JONES	7
*NORMAN MALLETT	4	WILFRED WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method.

A TOUR OF THE SOUTH-WEST

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 17 lb.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
BASIL JONES	3	PETER BORDER	8
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Aug. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	EDWARD JENKINS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOHN WORTH	6
JOHN E. BIBBY	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

DITCHEAT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 24 lb.

FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	5
MURIEL REAY	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
BASIL JONES	3	PETER BORDER	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr.

JOHN WORTH	*Treble*	FRED E. WILSHAW	5
BASIL JONES	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WESTBURY, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 35 cwt. 14 lb.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
*FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	8
BASIL JONES	3	WILFRID F. MORETON	9
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	10
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	*ROGER O. FRY	11
JOHN WORTH	6	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by LESLIE W. G. MORRIS.
* First peal of Yorkshire Maximus. First peal of Yorkshire Maximus in the county and by the Guild.

CASTLE CARY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Parker's Reverse. Tenor 15 cwt.

RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	2	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	6
EDWARD JENKINS	3	PETER BORDER	7
WILFRID F. MORETON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

MELKSHAM, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr.

BASIL JONES	*Treble*	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	5
PETER BORDER	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	3	JOHN WORTH	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 2, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	5
JOHN E. BIBBY	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
BASIL JONES	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
*WILLIAM ROGERS	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	8
MURIEL REAY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
J. EDWARD CAWSER	5	PETER BORDER	11
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Maximus and first peal as conductor on 12 bells. W. Rogers has now conducted Minor to Maximus in this method.

TEN BELL PEAL

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

W. J. RIDGMAN	*Treble*	STANLEY E. DARMON	6
GILLIAN A. SMITH	2	*HARRY L. MARTIN	7
J. HENRY FIELDEN	3	T. REGINALD DENNIS	8
JOHN G. GIPSON	4	PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	9
WILLIAM T. COOK	5	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON.
* First peal of Royal.
Rung for the induction of the new Vicar.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Aug. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	SAMPEL J. HAINES	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	BRIAN G. WARWICK	6
*PETER R. JOHNSON	3	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST W. TIPLER (No. 18).
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method.
A compliment to Doreen May Jelley (daughter of Ernest J. Jelley, of South Wigston), who was this day married to Frederick Arthur John Porter, of Porchester, Hants.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 12 cwt.

PETER BERESFORD	*Treble*	RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
MRS. S. H JONES	2	JOAN A. BERESFORD	6
*ANN BARR	3	GEORGE E. OLIVER	7
JEFFREY B. WEBB	4	†A. JOSEPH MIDDLETON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal.

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BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 32 lb. in F.

CLIFFORD BIRD	*Treble*	G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	5
SHIRLEY BURTON	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
NOLAN GOLDEN	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

The composition, a Six-part, contains the 6th the course-end extent home, all the 65's and the 7568's.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	*SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	*ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
*JOHN M. JELLEY	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

* First peal in the method.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

*MRS. A. SIMPSON	*Treble*	JOSEPH A. FENTON	5
HAROLD MARCON	2	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
CLEMENT GLENN	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	7
*ALLAN SIMPSON	4	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

DOUGLAS-IN-PARBOLD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	JACK ASHCROFT	5
PETER COXALL	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	6
DOREEN DUTTON	3	RONALD KENRICK	7
GORDON CRANE	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr L. L. Gray and Mr. P. Coxall.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 WALESBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in F sharp.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	GWEN I. RUSBY	5
GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	JOHN E. COOK	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

The first peal in this method.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Sept. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in F sharp.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
*ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

WALESBY SURPRISE MAJOR
38—14—1256—36—34—58—14—58
2nds place lead-end, 4ths place bob.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CAPEL, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH	*Treble*	ALBERT E. CHEESMAN	4
MRS. A. PENFOLD	2	EDWARD COWARD	5
MISS E. CLEAR	3	ALBERT HARMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Donald Weller, of the local band, and Miss Lucy Tarling, who were married at this church previous to the peal.

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Aug. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 35 methods: (1) Skipton, Chepstow, Balmoral, Fotheringay and Dover Delight; (2) Knutsford, Rostherne, Wilmslow, Bogedone and Ely Delight; (3) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight (4) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV., Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (5) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (6) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

*SYDNEY SAGE	*Treble*	NEIL D. LOMAS	4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	2	*ALEXANDER RICHARDSON	5
ERIC SIMPSON	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 35 methods.

Rung in thanksgiving for ten years of world peace.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Aug. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Tenor 8 cwt. in G.

*PAUL MACE	*Treble*	GEORGE W. PIPE	4
†CLIFFORD R. LOVETT	2	*ROBERT DOWNING	5
*BRENDA FREEMAN	3	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Conducted by CECIL W. PIPE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

ISLIP, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Aug. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

JOHN CRUICKSHANK	*Treble*	ROBIN TREBILCOCK	4
DAVID SIMMS	2	TONY OTTER	5
VERNON GREEN	3	TOM SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by TOM SMITH.

Rung by an all-Headington band as a welcome home to David Simms on completing his National Service. Also as a wedding compliment to Mrs. Goffe (nee Mary Norton), a former Headington ringer.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's of Double Court and one each of Plain Bob, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLARKE	*Treble*	THOMAS A. COOPER	4
HORACE M. DAY	2	CHARLES E. BLACK	5
ALBERT E. SCOTT	3	W. ALAN RICHARDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

Rung for the 74th birthday of the conductor, which was the following day.

MARSTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Oxford Society.)
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,440 Clifford Pleasure, 1,200 April Day, 840 Bob, 840 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 720 Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt. in C. approx.

DAVID C. WOODWARD	*Treble*	CLIVE HOLLOWAY	3
MALCOLM JOURNEAUX	2	VERNON GREEN	4
ALEC GAMMON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ALEC GAMMON.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, and a welcome home to the Rev. G. D. Savage and family from their holidays.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PAT HOLMES	*Treble*	ROY STEPHENSON	4
DENIS A. FRITH	2	ALAN E. HARTLEY	5
RUSSELL READ	3	H. REGINALD WOODS	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. FRITH.

* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the conductor.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of St. Martin's, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, and Grandsire. Tenor 15½ cwt.

ROBERT HYDER	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	4
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	5
CHARLES A. BASSETT	3	†COLIN HYDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.

* 300th peal. † 1st peal. 50th peal as conductor.

Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lord Courthope, patron of the living.

ULCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

MARTIN WALKER	*Treble*	RONALD CHAFER	4
*MICHAEL CROWDER	2	ARTHUR CROWDER	5
†J. DENNIS HOLTBY	3	JACK BRAY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal. First on the bells since being augmented to six.

BARKBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lb. in E.

ROBERT D. FLOWERS	*Treble*	THOMAS H. EARBY	4
GEORGE A. JAMES	2	HUGH MATTHEWMAN	5
ERNEST F. PAYNE	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents, 120 each, of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place Bob, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6 cwt.

*MARK W. LEWIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM L. EXTON	4
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	2	SIMON L. BARLEY	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	CHARLES J. COPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.

* First peal in seven methods.



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BRASSINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

GEORGE H. PAULSON	..*Treble*	JACK T. MARRIOTT	4
*BRIAN J. WOODRUFFE ..	2	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	5
FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	HENRY KIRK	..*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

* First peal in four methods. First peal on the bells since 1913.

OTTERSHAW, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955 *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*GERALD M. BATTERSBY ..*Treble*	PETER R. SANDERS	4
†DAVID D. WRIGHT ..	2	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	5
DOREEN M. GIBBONS ..	3	E. JOHN WELLS	..*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor 'inside.'

PANGBOURNE, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents in nine methods, viz.: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Oxford and Kent Treble Bob; (3) Double Oxford Bob; (4) St. Clement's Bob; (5) Single Oxford Bob; (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure; (7) Plain and Double Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. approx.

MRS. W. F. BUTLER ..	..*Treble*	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	4
WILLIAM F. BUTLER	2	WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM ..	5
MARIE R. CROSS	3	ALAN R. PINK	..*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. C. W. J. Harbridge to this living.

RAMPTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents. Tenor 4 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in C sharp.

*RITA A. GARNER ..	..*Treble*	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS ..	3
HARRY SHARP	2	STANLEY SHIPP	4
ARTHUR YARROW ..	..*Tenor*		

Conducted by DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles by all. An 81st birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF 5040 BEVERLEY SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with no 65's at backstroke.
Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

WILLIAM H. COLES ..	..*Treble*	G. WILLIAM MORRIS ..	4
TONY PRICE	2	*FRANK T. BLAGROVE ..	5
*FREDERICK R. SCOTT ..	3	FRANK C. PRICE	..*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. First of Surprise as conductor.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter (Beverley Bronwen) to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Price.

HANDBELL PEAL

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT 39, TITIAN AVENUE,

A PEAL OF 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 18 in G.

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ..	1–2	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5–6
ERNEST C. S. TURNER ..	3–4	JOHN B. WOOLLEY	7–8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHRIS. W. WOOLLEY.

QUARTER PEALS

ANCASTER, LINCS.—On Sept. 1st, 1,280 Doubles (920 Grandsire, 360 Plain Bob): J. E. Cook (first quarter) 1, R. Read 2, D. A. Frith (cond.) 3, B. Buttery 4, H. R. Woods 5.

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 9th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Pollard 1, Mrs. D. North 2, Miss M. Alderman 3, S. Bristow 4, J. Martin 5, D. North (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. North.

BARKSTON, LINCS.—On Aug. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Frith (cond.) 1, Miss P. Holmes (first of Minor and first 'inside') 2, H. P. Collin 3, R. Stephenson 4, B. Buttery 5, H. R. Woods 6.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sept. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss J. M. Winchester 1, J. Pink 2, Miss K. Weller 3, Miss J. A. England 4, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 5, R. Tomlin 6, S. Kimber 7, E. G. Talbot 8.

BISLEY, GLOS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Liddicott 1, T. Pritchard 2, T. Witts 3, C. Jordan 4, W. Dean (cond.) 5, S. Brunsdon 6. Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Mrs. Dean, and her great-grandson Michael, aged 7.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.—On Sept. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps Pleasure, Clifford Pleasure, St. Columb, Plain Bob, Old, April Day, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune and 60 of Grandsire): C. Wilcox 1, M. Wiltshire 2, C. W. Batten 3, G. W. Smart 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, F. J. Lugg 6. First quarter for 1 and 6.

DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA.—At St. Mary's Church, Greyville, on Aug. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. A. Gardner (first quarter) 1, T. A. Nash 2, C. Chambers 3, T. J. Maeden (first quarter) 4, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 5, Rev. J. Draper 6. First quarter on the bells since 1929.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.—On Aug. 13th, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): L. J. Honess 1, R. J. Rayfield 2, J. Harris 3, Margaret Harris 4, W. R. Manser 5, S. A. Hayzelden (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. A. Collins and Miss Ivy West, daughter of local tower secretary.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 4th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Orginal): Miss B. Slark 1, E. J. Coode 2, J. Sims (first 'inside') 3, F. Hurrell 4, G. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, K. Small 8. Rung for Evensong.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss R. Hide 1, Miss M. Wells 2, C. J. Beadle 3, B. T. Hale 4, S. Meadows 5, C. W. Denyer 6, E. J. Wells (cond.) 7, A. C. Beadle 8. First in the method by 1, 2 and 4. Rung as a welcome home to C. J. Beadle on the completion of his National Service.

GAMSTON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Margaret Badger (aged 13, first quarter) 1, W. Brett 2, C. Cook 3, R. Ashforth 4, J. Newbert 5, H. Denman (cond.) 6.

HALBERTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cockram 1, Pamela M. Stevens 2, Barbara J. Stevens (cond.) 3, J. Upton 4, C. J. Stevens 5, W. H. Ware 6.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,320 St. Giles' Doubles: E. Barrett 1, K. Rogers 2, J. Webb 3, G. Roome (cond.) 4, P. Amos 5. Believed to be the first quarter of St. Giles' Doubles ever rung. Rung also on the eve of the 52nd wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Disney.

HAWKLEY, HANTS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Carpenter (first quarter) 1, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 2, Miss M. Cox 3, Miss M. P. Goode 4, F. Bowden 5, C. Pound 6, H. Gauntlett (cond.) 7, G. Sexton 8.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Sybil M. Tonkin (first quarter) 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Laura M. Beeney 3, F. H. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, B. Ellis 6. Rung for Evensong.

HENDON, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Joyce Baggott (first quarter) 1, D. Chapman (first 'inside') 2, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 3, G. Ellis 4, J. Voss 5, G. Pratchett 6. A golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Mark T. Jones, and birthday compliments to Joyce Baggott, J. Voss and Mr. E. E. Pratchett (80), who still turns up for service ringing.

HEYDOUR, LINCS.—On Sept. 6th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Miss P. Holmes (first of Major) 1, D. A. Frith (cond.) 2, Mrs. K. Ketteringham 3, W. Weston 4, R. Read 5, R. Stephenson 6, B. Buttery 7, A. E. Hartley 8.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Partington (first quarter) 1, Mrs. G. S. Mills 2, P. J. H. Hudson 3, F. Pritchard (cond.) 4, G. S. Mills 5, I. Kay 6, J. Taylor 7, K. Abbott 8. First quarter in method for 2, 5 and 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to John Partington.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sept. 12th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. Jackson (14, first of Treble Bob) 1, C. V. Hare (77) 3, L. Fidler 4, L. Runnacles 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6, M. Orme 7, R. J. Coppage (cover bell). Rung in honour of the wedding two days previously of Mr. Donald A. Smith & Miss Sheila Goodship.

HORWICH, LANCS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Grounds 1, H. S. Cooper 2, G. Fothergill 3, I. Cunliffe 4, F. Brownlow 5, S. Leatherbarrow 6, A. Greenhalgh 7, P. Crook (cond.) 8.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Stewart 1, W. Hodgson (first quarter) 2, F. W. Cooke 3, F. Hodgson 4, L. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6.

QUARTER PEALS

LANGFORD BUDVILLE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Taylor 1, D. Pike 2, G. Gammon 3, D. Pollard (first 'inside') 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, C. Baker 6.

MARKFIELD, LEICS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. Peet (first quarter) 1, K. Burdett 2, V. Geary (cond.) 3, H. Wardle (first 'inside') 4, J. Wardle 5, D. Wardle (first quarter) 6. Rung for the weddings of Miss B. Smith, married this day; also Mr. B. Bown, married September 3rd; both ringers and choristers at this church.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. Stapleton 1, F. J. Mynard 2, B. Fisher 3, V. Adams 4, A. Armstrong 5, A. Freeman 6, M. Cook (cond.) 7, R. H. Howson 8. Rung half-muffled as a tribute to Mr. F. Boswell, foreman of this tower for 30 years, who was buried this day.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Aug. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Susan Alexander (first in method) 1, Marie R. Cross 2, Janet Eason 3, Ruth Paton 4, David Edwards 5, Wilfrid Moreton (cond.) 6. Rung for the 13th birthday of the ringer of the treble.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—At St. Lawrence-in-Thanet, on Sept. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Bingham (first quarter) 1, R. Shepherd (first quarter) 2, G. C. Durham 3, S. J. Gee 4, T. W. Edwards (first as cond.) 5, R. S. Weekes 6.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (two extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, April Day, Plain Bob and Reverse St. Bartholomew, and 300 of Grandsire): Miss E. Oakeshott 1, Miss P. Oakeshott 2, P. J. Lawton (first as cond.) 3, T. P. Harris 4, J. F. Olney 5, Miss S. J. Devereux 6. First quarter in five methods for 1 and 2. Rung as a compliment to the ringers of 3 and 6 on their engagement.

STAGSDEN, BEDS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (being 720 of Combined Kent and Oxford and 720 of Oxford): R. A. Lennard 1, J. W. V. Sinfield 2, P. J. Shipton 3, J. B. Long 4, J. R. Taylor 5, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 6. First quarter of Treble Bob for 1 and 5. Also on Sept. 7th, 1,316 Minor (being 720 Double Court Bob and 596 of Spliced Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's College Bob, Plain Bob and Single Oxford Bob): R. A. Lennard 1, J. B. Long 2, P. J. Shipton 3, J. W. V. Sinfield 4, J. R. Taylor 5, S. J. Ivin (cond.) 6. First quarter in five Minor methods for 1, & 5.

STEEP, HANTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Robertson 1, Mrs. A. Hall (first quarter 'inside') 2, Miss E. M. Slater 3, Mrs. G. M. Hunt 4, E. H. Hall (first quarter away from the tenor, cond.) 5, J. C. Gilbert 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringers of 2 and 5 (married on August 20th), and as a farewell to Mr. A. H. Fisher, of Petersfield, sailed September 14th to take up a post in Melbourne, Australia.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Bassett (first on 8) 1, W. A. Kitchenside 2, S. G. Ponting 3, E. J. Ladd (cond.) 4, A. Relfe 5, C. A. Bassett 6, L. W. Giles 7, J. Newick (first on 8) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Lord Courthope, patron of the living.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. C. Button 1, Marion Macfarlane 2, Miss Hodges 3, D. G. Harris 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, K. Medway 6. Rung for the silver wedding anniversary of the ringer of the treble.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Sept. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (being 240 each of Reverse St. Bartholomew, Northrepps Pleasure, Fortune, St. Augustine, and 300 of Grandsire): R. Cater 1, T. Jefferies 2, D. Elliott 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, E. Thomas 6. First quarter in five methods for 1, 2 and 3.

FOUR GUILDS FESTIVAL

This year it was the Farnham District's turn to be hosts for the Four Guilds Festival (Southern area, Ladies' Guild, Basingstoke Branch, Winchester and Portsmouth Guild, Sonning Deanery Branch, Oxford Guild, and Farnham District, Guildford Guild), and 117 ringers representing 35 towers attended the service and tea at Farnham.

During the afternoon the towers of Crondall, Bentley, Aldershot, Farnborough, Frensham and Farnham were open to visitors, and in all these towers the bells were kept 'well supplied' with ringers so that not much time was wasted. By 4.30 p.m. all the ringers had converged on Farnham to take part in the ringers' service, which was conducted by the Rector of Farnham, the Rev. H. R. Wilds. Mr. F. Anthony was at the organ.

After the service an excellent buffet tea was served in the Church House. Mr. W. Shepherd, on behalf of all present, thanked the Farnham District for their hospitality and especially the Rector for conducting the service, Mr. G. S. Joyce, district secretary, for making all arrangements, and Mr. C. W. Denyer, captain of the Farnham tower, who organised the tea.

Tea over, the ringers made themselves into parties to visit the various towers that were open for the evening—Ash, Seale, Puttenham, Pirbright, Worplesdon and Stoke. During the evening the number of ringers greatly increased so that towers represented must have overtopped the fifty mark. The ringers included one lady from Melbourne, Australia. Perhaps some people were a little disappointed that Farnham tower was not open during the evening, and others that they could not find Stoke. But on the whole the day was a great success, and we look forward to next year's Four Guilds Festival, when so many ringers are able to meet together to share their art. M. A. C.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A feature entitled 'Ding Dong Merrily on High' is to be broadcast in Children's Hour on Sunday, October 9th, at 5.20 p.m. It will consist of recordings made on August 5th at the time of the dedication by the Bishop of Norwich of new treble and No. 2 bells at St. Mary's Church, Grassenhall, near Dereham, Norfolk. The commentator is Richard Maddock. Included in the programme will be a description of part of the process of casting these two bells at Mears and Stainbank's foundry. In shortened form this dedication ceremony will be seen the same day on film in the B.B.C.'s Children's Television programme.

Next Sunday the bells of Heavitree Parish Church will be broadcast ringing for evening service (London, West, North and Northern Ireland Home Services).

Will the sender of a money order for £1 7s. 5d. from Ipswich, Massachusetts, please communicate with Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

The Rev. J. M. Turner, of Waterloo House, Moulton, Northants, wishes to dispose of his 'Ringing Worlds' for the first six months of this year. They are offered free to the first applicant who forwards 1s. to cover postage.

Mr. A. H. Fisher, of Petersfield, sailed on September 14th for Australia. For almost ten years he has helped Steep ringers unsparingly and he will be greatly missed. A farewell quarter was rung at Steep on September 13th.

Mr. Victor J. C. Wood is leaving Christchurch, New Zealand, shortly to make his permanent home in Clitheroe, Lancs. After a tour of North Island, New Zealand, he hopes to ring at Sydney, Melbourne, and possibly Adelaide on the journey home. He sails from Sydney on October 24th.

During the visit of Mr. S. G. Osborne to Durban, S.A., a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Greyville (tenor 18 cwt.). The band consisted of two ringers from St. Paul's, Durban, and the others were from St. Mary's. Both bands are making good progress under the leadership of Mr. W. A. Gardner (St. Paul's) and Mr. Cyril Chambers (St. Mary's), and they send fraternal greetings to all ringers at home. This was the first quarter on the bells since 1929.

Mr. H. George, secretary of the Dover ringers, informs us that the incumbent of South Cerney is not the only clergyman in the Church of England with an engineering degree (see University of Bristol Tour, September 2nd). The Rev. A. S. Cooper, Vicar of St. Mary's, Dover, a good friend to ringers, is B.Sc. (Engineering).

Seventeen-year-old Stephen Ivin, of Houghton Conquest, Beds, not content with turning in the 29 cwt. tenor of St. Paul's, Bedford, to a quarter of Bob Major—which he conducted, composing it on the spot—attempted to call a peal of Grandsire Caters from the tenor to his own intricate composition on September 12th, but after over two hours of excellent striking a most unfortunate swap caused a halt.

The father and godfathers of Christopher Hugh King met at Bramerton, Norwich, on September 4th, the first time for some years. Recalling training college days at Chelsea, an attempt for Bob Minor 'in hand' was made by E. T. Chapman 1–2, J. King 3–4, K. L. Brown (cond.) 5–6, after the christening party. The attempt unfortunately came to grief. Later it was overheard that perhaps the bottle should not have been emptied before ringing.

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North and Midland Tourists in Somerset and Wiltshire

THE annual ringing week of the contingent from the Midlands and the North took place this year in the South-West with Bath as headquarters.

Probably the first to ' pull off ' was L. W. G., piloting the Prefect placed at our disposal by the firmamental explorer, at about 1 p.m. on Friday, August 26th. The night was spent at Cheltenham, where we were Fleeced (though not unduly), being joined by the contingent from Macclesfield, who had travelled through without stopping to ' open their leads,' or so they said.

With the exception of Wilfred, all were present at lunch at Bath, and the three cars took the road to Evercreech, where the first attempt was scheduled. Nothing needs to be said about these lovely bells: they have been heard by probably millions and they are just as lovely outside the church as over the air. Cambridge Royal was successfully brought round in 3 hours 7 minutes.

Sunday morning found the party discussing at breakfast the venue for Sunday morning ringing. Midsomer Norton was chosen as the venue, principally because Joe would be there, and he was there to welcome us and place the bells at our disposal. Bristol and Stedman were accomplished in stately style as befitted this lovely mellow ring, recently put in good order. A quick run brought us to Chilcompton, where the local band were ringing in good style; they immediately invited us to ring, and Oxford and London Minor were successfully brought round. A suggestion that we should journey to Downside Abbey to hear the bourdon was agreed to and all enjoyed the tour of the grounds. The triple hammer blows failed to bring out the full glory of this bell at noon.

The afternoon found us at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, where the Croydon eight were set going to Bristol, which was brought round in 2 hours 45 minutes, Jack calling his favourite Hattersley's three-part. It has been said that if he were awakened early in the morning he could instantly repeat the calling of this composition, though the writer hastens to add that he has not tried this and cannot vouch for its accuracy.

FAILURE AT WELLS

Monday morning found us at Wells. The west front of the Cathedral was much admired, though argument ensued as to its excellence compared with Lichfield. At 11.30 the bells were sent into changes by Wilfred to the tune of Cambridge Royal, and all went well until some two hours and a quarter when by previous agreement one of the listeners entered the tower to see that all was well. This distracted the attention of one or two and a muddle ensued which put a blot on the attempt and ' Stand ' was called. However, like Lord Howard, we ' live to . . . .' The afternoon found us at Ditcheat, where Wilfred called for us a peal of Yorkshire, ringing the tenor in fine style.

On Tuesday we went to Wootton Bassett, where the writer was delighted to renew acquaintance with L. A. Wilson, who has laboured here for 50 years. The fine ringing room is a remarkable tribute to his pertinacity in having this built. Pudsey was the order of the day here and that giant of the Exercise, P. B., called his first on the tour, bringing us safely home in 2 hours and 53 minutes.

London was attempted at Holy Trinity, Bradford-on-Avon, in the afternoon, but the ' go ' of the bells was rather too heavy for a touring party, and after some 800 changes it was thought wiser to call the bells round. These bells are pealable for a Saturday afternoon band, but for a party already tired they are not the ideal job.

Wednesday morning found us on an easy run to Westbury to sample the very fine ring there, so aptly termed one of the gems of the West. Ralph had many months previously put his name on the tenor, and when he has a big bell to ring he likes it to go well and he will make a big job of it. To listen to the ringing was a joy. Jack was at the helm again and duly called the bobs for Bristol to be brought round in 3 hours and 41 minutes.

After lunch at the Roundstone Hotel in Trowbridge we found our way to St. James'; for one of the party at least this tower opens the floodgates of memory. There was no Sam Hector to greet us, of whom there are many pleasant memories. Mr. Gilbert Harding met us and he had everything in readiness for us to attempt Yorkshire Maximus, and after 3 hours and 34 minutes Leslie had the gratification of saying ' That's all ' to the first of Maximus in the method in the county and by the Guild. It was Roger Fry's first also, he having been brought in at the last moment owing to our ' Flying Star ' having been called back to business very suddenly.

Thursday morning found us en route for Castle Cary. Mr. Creed met us and soon the bells were going to Cambridge, which was accomplished without any trouble. Sauntering away from the church we found ourselves ' held up ' by the Squire of Dimmer Farm, who demanded our attention. By some conjuring trick he produced two bottles containing a liquid which certainly gladdens the heart of man. (It is hoped that Dimmer will not be raided by a band of roaming ringers—they might be ' laid out ' by this very palatable liquid.)

TENOR CLAPPER BROKEN

Sherborne Minster was our next objective and we climbed the steps to the bells guided by Mr. W. P. Lambert to find there are ten bells in the tower, eight of which are hung for ringing. After raising the bells and adjusting the ropes, we rolled off into London with a very steady beat and excellent timing by all the band. After 3 hours and 10 minutes, with about five courses to go, a thump was heard and the tenor ceased to speak; a broken clapper had ended our efforts. This was a great disappointment to all the band, but the bells are still there and there are other days in store.

Melksham was our venue for Friday morning and Peter made a quiet job of calling Lincolnshire. Ralph turned in his third tenor of the week in the comfortable time of 3 hours and 7 minutes.

At Warminster we found Mr. Mallard waiting to take us to the tower. With the exception of the 6th, the bells were up and soon we were off to London, John Worth making his third attempt of the week, and this time a successful one, to call a peal in this method. It was noted that our tenorman would now and again glance at a peal board on the wall and then at the clock: evidently he had an idea, and when ' That's all ' was called after 3 hours 13 minutes, it was revealed he had failed in his idea by one minute.

This proved to be our last peal of the week, our final attempt being at Cheltenham on Saturday at 1 p.m., but Cambridge Maximus would not go: perhaps we were satisfied, but Sidney Holt called for us a pleasant touch of Stedman Cinques just to show there was still a little ringing left in us.

Judging by the correspondence prior to the tour, it would appear that this corner of England is rather overdone with tours, and it is a pity it couldn't be given a rest, but who would want to stop away from such delightful country, such pleasant people and those amazing rings of bells?

It was pleasant to find that kinship of spirit so prevalent amongst ringers: even where a refusal was given it was always, ' But you can have our bells for an hour,' and it is this ' open hand ' principle which encourages the young and enervates the old, making ringing a life unto itself.

E. J.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Wedding Presentation to Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow

Saturday, September 10th, was the day chosen for the Association's wedding presentation to the Rev. A. G. G. Thurlow. To mark the occasion a general ringing meeting was held in Norwich, which was attended by representatives of 27 towers and visitors from London, Surrey and elsewhere. The bells of Mancroft, St. Giles', St. Michael's-at-Coslany and St. George's were rung to a variety of methods to suit all tastes.

At a committee meeting held during the afternoon grants were authorised from the Belfry Repair Fund to Thetford for repairs to the 6th, and Gressenhall, where the augmentation from six to eight is taking place.

The service was held in St. George's, Colegate, conducted by the president, the Rev. H. G. Lillingston.

After tea, the president, on behalf of the Association, asked Mr. Thurlow to accept a ' Heatrae ' kitchen water heater as a wedding gift with the good wishes of the subscribers and hoped Mr. and Mrs. Thurlow would have many years of happiness at their new home at St. Nicholas', Great Yarmouth.

Replying, Mr. Thurlow said both he and his wife accepted this wedding gift with the utmost pleasure and they sincerely thanked the Association for their generosity. They were both looking forward to the day in the not too distant future when the new ring of 13 would be installed at St. Nicholas' and they would be able to use this water heater for making tea for all who had subscribed towards it.

Mr. Nolan Golden also spoke of the debt the Association owed to Mr. Thurlow, who stepped forward in those dark days of 1941 and kept the Association alive and gave the lead when ringing was resumed in 1945.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents of the churches where ringing had taken place during the day, also to the Rev. L. W. Palmer, Rector of St. George's, Colegate, for his permission to hold the service there and for the use of his Parish Room for the meeting and tea, and to the ladies of St. Clement's Church for providing a lovely tea.

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

Eckington was the tower visited for the district meeting on September 3rd. Although only about 25 people were present, 12 towers were represented. One ringer, who was visiting Eckington, had come from as far afield as Sussex.

Cups of tea were served in the Church Hall by one of the local ladies, and each ringer provided his or her own food.

At the short business meeting three apologies for absence were received and two new members were elected. Methods rung ranged from London and Cambridge Surprise to rounds and call-changes.

The next meeting will be held jointly with the Derbyshire Association at Chesterfield on October 1st.

D. J. S.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Ashton Keynes on September 10th with a rather poor attendance. Ringing on the five bells was followed by tea, after which the party moved to Cricklade, another five. Here they joined in evensong and the business meeting was held, at which three new members were elected. It was proposed that meetings be held at Purton, Wanborough and Swindon during the quarter ensuing. One visitor from Cheltenham attended and various Doubles methods were rung.

THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION RINGING WEEK, 1955

THE eleventh annual ringing week of the Universities Association was based this year on Rugby, with headquarters at William Temple College, in the shadow of Rugby Parish Church. Memory returns to the first U.A. tour at Worcester, with war-time rations, sleeping in dormitories of a boys' school and traveling by bicycle. Then ringing was rounds and Grandsire. At Rugby the chief teaching methods were Double Norwich and Plain Bob and only one touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. Surprise was the chief order of the day and various Triples methods were rung to provide variety.

The majority of the party arrived at Rugby on the Friday evening and were welcomed by Brian Threlfall, who with the help of Ron Pocklington had arranged the tour. The evening was spent ringing at Rugby Parish Church and in making and renewing friendships.

Saturday morning saw the beginning of the week with ringing at Claybrooke (8), Monks Kirby and Church Lawford, where later in the week Wilfrid Moreton conducted a peal of Minor in 41 methods. During the afternoon 18 members went off on peal attempts (Superlative was successful at Bulkington but a miscall lost Grandsire Caters at Chilvers Coton), while the other 14 visited Gilmorton and Welford and were able to give the beginners plenty of opportunity for advancement. After tea the 'non-pealers,' joined by local ringers, rang at Dunchurch, and later came handbell ringing at the Bull, the unofficial headquarters.

Various towers in and around Rugby were visited on Sunday morning, those visiting Allesley being welcomed by Mr. Frank Perrens and spending, after ringing, a pleasant hour at his home. In the afternoon the committee met and elected Mr. Wilfred Robinson as assistant secretary, Brian Threlfall having to return home to look after Frances and Mary Ruth. Unfortunately Brian was involved in a train crash that day but was unhurt. Ringing for evening service took place in various towers.

A SHIVERING CONDUCTOR?

Two peals were attempted on Monday—that at Heselbech being successful, but Stedman Triples at Welford was lost, a reason for the failing being that the conductor, wearing the traditional costume of the U.A. (shirt and shorts), was shivering so much with cold that he shook in an extra dodge and missed a call. For the others there was ringing at four towers —Guilsborough, Naseby, Market Harborough and Desborough. It was during this morning that the only major breakdown among the cars occurred, the Baby Austin having trouble with an oil feed. At Desborough Michael Slaney and Gus Edge, travelling in the 'Flying Saucer,' joined the party. (It was said that at several points, notably bridges, they succeeded in flying!) 'Enigma' was rung for the first time at Rothwell, and as bellhangers were working on Kettering bells a visit was paid to Burton Latimer, where 'York's Victory' was achieved. After tea at Kettering the heavy six at Harlestone were difficult for some of the party. There was more ringing after supper with a handbell attempt, others visiting Bilton and Newbold-on-Avon.

Tuesday was the most eventful day. The Saxon church at Tredington, built as a fortress against the Danes, has a pleasant six, and then came Stratford-on-Avon, where a very good course of Cambridge Royal was rung. The majority of the party had their lunch at Snitterfield but one carload went on to Warwick, where they placed their clerical passenger, armed with a pint of beer and a sandwich, at the hotel entrance, as being the most obvious person to attract the attention of other wayfarers.

At St. Mary's, Warwick, the musical possibilities of Spliced Grandsire and Little Grandsire were discovered and others ventured on Erin Caters and Little Bob Royal. Yorkshire and Cambridge Royal were also enjoyed and the heavy bell men found metal worthy of their skill. Ringing was confined to three-quarters of an hour at Leamington Parish Church and after tea the tall brick tower of St. Peter's (R.C.) was climbed. Here the majority were content to have one short ring and then go below to watch the tower sway. It was at the end of our time that one of the local ringers had the misfortune to damage a stay and break his wrist. Lillington was also visited. Rodney Meadows joined the party at supper and at the general meeting which followed, Southampton was selected for the next tour if possible—if not, Suffolk. Members of the newly-formed Reading University Society were elected to membership along with other names put forward.

A SAXON TOWER

Wednesday commenced with Corporate Communion, celebrated in the College Chapel. After breakfast we said goodbye to Ruth How. Daventry, Weedon Bec and Earls Barton were visited. The Saxon tower at Earls Barton has no spiral staircase. At one time access was by means of an outside ladder. To-day one climbs a ladder of considerable height, the sides of which must have been cut from one tree, for there appears to be no join in them.

A variety of methods, both Caters and Royal, was rung at St. Giles', Northampton, and later ringing took place at All Saints'. We were given a warm welcome at both churches. Our late return to supper did not deter four handbell enthusiasts from attempting a peal of St. Clement's Major. This unfortunately failed as had the two previous attempts. Meanwhile the majority rang at Long Buckby while three others went to see the derelict ring at Cottesbrook.

Thursday and Friday took us into the more industrial areas of Leicestershire and Warwickshire, although at no time did we ring within a city. On Thursday we rang at Stoney Stanton and at South Wigston, where the failure of a course of Yorkshire was attributed to the chief culprit being dazzled by a certain pair of braces. Mr. Carter welcomed us at South Wigston and Mr. E. W. Tipler at Lutterworth. After tea the band who were to attempt 41 Minor methods left us while the rest of the party went to St. Leonard's, Misterton, a church set attractively in a park. The weekly practice of the young and enthusiastic band at Clifton-on-Dunsmore was attended after supper, and later five-bell enthusiasts were able to satisfy their craving for Doubles methods at St. Andrew's, Rugby.

Two peal bands set out on Friday, one for Bristol at Monks Kirby and the other for New Cambridge at Claybrooke. The former was successful after three ropes had been spliced, but the latter came round too soon owing to a miscall. For non-pealers there were visits to Burbage (where that day's 'Ringing World' had been put out for us to read, a much appreciated gesture), Earl Shilton and Barwell. The peal bands rejoined the party at Hinckley, one of the best rings of eight in Leicestershire. At Chilvers Coton, Mr. Beamish not only told us about the bells but the restoration of the church by German prisoners of war.

After supper the social evening was held, with York as M.C. The varied programme included courses of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters and we also 'walked' a course of Stedman Cinques. Ranald Clouston gave some reminiscences of his visits to Holland and to towers in this country, and the president recalled stories of his early years. The evening ended with a quiz game, 'Any Ringing Questions?' and the president's comprehensive vote of thanks to ringers and clergy of towers visited, the secretary and Ron Pocklington and the staff of William Temple College.

On Saturday morning one peal attempt was cancelled as there were not sufficient ringers to make two bands.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Although not reported by the B.B.C. or the national Press, it can now be announced that there was a flare up of the Scottish border invasions on August 20th, when a lightning 'raid' was made by a small party of Scots (no Picts!) on the village of Bamburgh on the coast of North Northumberland. After several centuries of Border peace, most of the defending Pele towers of this area have fallen into ruin and disuse, but it can be reported that a successful onslaught was made here on the local Peal tower. The occasion was the district meeting of the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, which was being held in this its most northerly tower for the first time in 20 years, and it was the happy duty of our members to welcome this 'ravaging and pillaging' of Mr. R. St. C. Wilson and his marauding party of ladies from Edinburgh.

After the rendezvous of the Newcastle coach and the Scottish chariot, good use was made of the bells of St. Aidan's Church from 3.30 p.m. An alfresco tea was taken on the sand dunes and later in church we attended evensong, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. Dennett, who welcomed the visit of the Association.

At the business meeting which followed, we were pleased to welcome Mr. Appleby, of nearby Belford, an honorary life member of the Association, and have him at our business meeting for the first time. Miss Jennie Armstrong, of Morpeth, sent apologies for absence and in good wishes for the success of the meeting. Mr. K. Arthur and Mr. G. S. Deas were re-elected as vice-president and hon. secretary respectively for 1955/56, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. R. E. Hall, of Gosforth. Mrs. Ross and Misses Taylor and Capey, of Edinburgh, were elected life members of the Association—just to show these raiders that Border warfare is an expensive business! It was resolved to hold the next meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on October 29th.

With a final 'flourish,' the skirmish ended at 8 p.m. and the captains and their hosts departed homeward north and south of the border. Although they more than held their own in this section, it might be mentioned that a retaliatory 'raid' by the English is planned for next April, when a merciless onslaught will be made on the bells of Auld Reekie. K. A.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COMPLETING THE ALPHABET TO SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to the Birmingham band who recently rang Xanthus Surprise. I also have followed these alphabetical aspirations through the shady regions of Jersey and Zetland, but our conductor and most of the band (with one notable exception) went on strike when it came to X—the name suggested being Xenia, that of an obscure American mining town.

Apparently Xanthus was a classical town in Asia Minor; alternatively, a river near Troy. My Liddell and Scott tells me that the Greek form, Xanthos, is a proper name derived from an adjective meaning Golden (a strong ringing connection here!). It also has associations with the Homeric heroes and with fried fish!

Now that the Birmingham men have broken the X-barrier, we shall all be able to complete our alphabets without any feeling of responsibility for foisting such a horror on the Exercise; so may we, in future, be content with the J's, Q's, Z's, and now the X, that we have, and choose reasonable and, above all, British names for our new methods?—Yours faithfully,

C. W. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath, Herts.

GOSBERTON & SIBSEY ALLIANCE

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Roland Beniston's letter, I am sure that he has made a mistake about the methods Gosberton and Sibsey Alliance. They are different methods to the two that his band rang as Copt Oak and Charnwood.

We did not name Gosberton and Sibsey. They were first rung at Algarkirk, Lincs, on December 4th, 1937, by Vernon Taylor and his band and they named these methods. The peal was in 80 methods and was the record at that time.

Copt Oak and Charnwood had not been rung until Mr. Beniston and his band rang them and they were quite right in naming them.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE E. FEIRN.

Kirton Lindsey, Gainsborough.

SUSSEX RINGER THANKS BIRMINGHAM

Dear Sir,—I should like to use 'The Ringing World' to express my thanks to the Birmingham ringers and especially to George Fearn for making the arrangements, which enabled me to ring my first peal of Maximus. My native county of Sussex does not possess a ring of twelve, so it meant a long journey to realise my ambition. This was well worth the effort, for with such illustrious company and a grand ring of bells, a really magnificent peal was scored—one I shall always be proud of.

I trust Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Cawser did not suffer any ill-effects from the drenching they received from the rainstorm, which blew in through the open window. Once again, Birmingham, many thanks, and I hope to make the journey again some day if you will let me.—Yours sincerely,

W. ROGERS.

Crowborough.

'AN EIGHT SYLLABLE ATROCITY'

Dear Sir,—If Dr. Johnson had been head of the B.B.C. Light Programme, 'Nomenclature Duplicated' might well have figured in his Monday evening entertainment; but, with all respect, was this eight-syllable atrocity the only possible heading for a letter about methods with two names?—Yours faithfully,

MARGARET D. WOOLLEY.

Bushey Heath, Herts.

GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—It was very interesting to read Mr. William Shepherd's commendation of Grandsire Triples as a vehicle for the conveyance of musical pleasure to the listener and as a vast field of entertainment for the conductor. The flexibility of the method is indeed remarkable, and its great range of touches, all capable of easy extension, together with its comparative ease of calling round, make it the ideal form of ringing for short Sunday service offerings.

For the dabbler in figures the musical positions 67, 74 and 46 will offer fascinating practice in turning from one position to another, and to these may be added 654, which produces musical effects.

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This position is reached quite easily from rounds by a single at 1 and a call at 4. From the position 007654 the bells can be brought to 000567 using the opening calling. Much useful experimental work can also be had by securing 246 and 674 and the inverted forms 64, 47 and 76 for muffled ringing. The ability to call the bells round at will provides a pleasure that amply repays the study involved.—Yours etc.,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull.

P.S.—I fear that the 5-part quarter peal given by Mr. William Shepherd is false, for P.B.B.S. will inevitably produce a repetition at the hand-strokes in Grandsire Triples. This slip need not, of course, detract from the general value and soundness of the article.—E. C. S.

TREBLE BOB MINOR

Dear Sir,—Mr. H. Chant's article on the structure of Treble Bob Minor, amplifying as it does the Four-Way table, is a most interesting contribution, not least because of its revelation of the nature of large numbers of 'irregular' methods, whose names are unfamiliar to younger ringers like myself.

The article unconsciously makes a point in favour of ringing regular methods, for it appears that the work of all the other methods listed can be rung above or below the treble, giving the necessary variety without the disadvantages to the conductor and sometimes, I should imagine, to the music, of the irregular lead-ends.

Two other points occur to me:—

(a) Is the method which is Merton below and Munden above the treble not called 'Tintern' in the Minor collection and not 'Marsden' as given?

(b) Was the peal of 'Immanuel' rung at Wendens Ambo, Essex, really a peal of Rossendale Surprise? — Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Hitchin, Herts.

ST. MARY'S, WOOLWICH

Dear Sir,—There has been no ringing at St. Mary's, Woolwich, since the first Sunday after Trinity due to a broken ball-race on the tenor bell. Since then, all the bells have been overhauled and refitted and grease in the bearings renewed.

Ringing was resumed on September 11th and the full tones of the bells were heard for the first time for many years.

Future ringing will be: Sundays, 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.: Mondays at 7.30 p.m. until 9 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

A. GROVE.

Abbey Wood, S.E.2.

P.S. — National Service men are especially welcome.

OLDHAM CHURCH

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to see in the report of the progress of Pipe's Pilgrims that they had enjoyed their sojourn in the County Palatine. We hope it will not be long before we see some at least amongst us again. Nevertheless, I cannot allow 'Pilgrim's' remarks about Oldham Church to go unnoticed, for they have amazed, nay dismayed, us beyond measure.

In this respect, Pilgrim may not have known that it has been the aim of those whose experience of 'this beautiful twelve' is rather more intimate than our visitors to have what must be the worst twelve in Lancashire and probably in England reduced both in weight and number to proportions more commensurate with the somewhat inadequate tower. That these efforts have failed to convince the powers-that-be of the desirability of this move would appear from Pilgrim's report to have been met with mixed feelings.

The church, Victorian Revivalist Gothic at its lowest ebb, has a tall slender tower in which twelve bells of indifferent tone are hung in three tiers; the tenor and two others at the bottom, five in the middle and four trebles at the top. The ropes thus differ vastly in length and fall into a small rectangular chamber in which the tenorman and the seventh ringer glower at one another from opposite ends, whilst the remainder stand in two almost straight lines facing one another between them, with the trebles especially shoulder to shoulder. In vain have 'ear trumpets' been added in an attempt to make the trebles audible. Pilgrim admits that the trebles go badly, but so also do the back bells, due, no doubt, to the twisting of the unusually tall frame. In short, the tower is too small for a ring of twelve, but even if that were not conceded the weight of tenor seems quite excessive when these facts are considered, and assume greater importance still when one takes into account the tower movement and the not too happy angle to the vertical at which this tower lies, as seen with some clarity from Greaves Street opposite the church.

For all these reasons we can but assume that Pilgrim is a master if irony so subtle that we were almost led to believe that he regarded this appalling ring with rapture.—Yours sincerely,

P. J. H. HUDSON.

Rochdale.

PEAL RINGING IN NORFOLK

Dear Sir,—I am grateful to Mr. Glenn for pointing out my error about Thrumpton. Yes, the tower should have been Ruddington, as he says. I congratulate him on being so quick in ringing the first peal there after the appearance of my article—but perhaps that was a coincidence!

I must also apologise for an omission in my article about peals in Norfolk. Mr. Charles Sedgley has kindly pointed it out to me. It is that there is no mention of the bells of Great Yarmouth (I trust my friend, the new Vicar, will forgive me!). The reason for this lapse is that the bells were 'blitzed,' and when I wrote out the list of towers in preparing the article, I forgot to add it to the existing rings. I am so sorry. Here are the details about the peals rung there. It was a 12-bell tower, of course, being one of the two in the county. I have recorded 88 peals there since 1881, so the total is respectable even though several towers in Norfolk have had more. There were 30 from 1888 to 1914 and the remaining 58 from 1919 to 1939—39 of them in the 1930's when peal ringing seems to have been at its highest peak there.

I hope it won't be too long before we have the pleasure of reading that the first peal on the new bells has been rung.—Yours faithfully,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA

By P. M. J. GRAY

SINCE 1951 my wife and I have been fortunate enough to live in Australia and get to know something of that country and its people. We have been especially fortunate in being able to take part in quite a lot of ringing there and I believe that English ringers might like to know something further about how the Exercise is faring 12,000 miles away. Perhaps first a few general remarks about the country would help to set the background.

Australia is a very large country. Its northern shores are well inside the tropics while in the south the climate is not dissimilar to our own. From east to west it as far as from here to the North American coast. Distances between the main centres, too, are great. From Melbourne (where we lived) to Hobart is 330 miles; Adelaide 450 miles; Sydney 560 miles; Brisbane 1,100 miles; and Perth about 2,500 miles. Recent improvements in transport, particularly air travel, have done much to cancel out these distances, but the time and cost involved still put a considerable handicap on contacts between the centres. Most of the country is dry, bare and very sparsely populated and nearly everybody lives around the southern and eastern seaboard, where all the large cities, except Perth, are situated. These cities are all large and Sydney and Melbourne are as big as Birmingham and Manchester, and life in them is not greatly different from cities anywhere.

Since the war Australia has experienced an uninterrupted boom and the country has expanded and altered greatly. Migration has added about a million to the population in this time but the country is still underpopulated. Many of these migrants have come from Continental countries and a very wide variety of languages can be heard all over Australia now. Hitherto the people have been almost exclusively of British stock, but as the European migrants are assimilated considerable changes in the Australian way of life are taking place. The standard of living in Australia is at present high and everyone is earning good money. By law no adult male employee may earn less than about £11 10s. a week and most unskilled and semi-skilled workers receive about £15 a week. Skilled workers are at a great premium and may earn £25 to £30 a week. Conditions are also favourable for the small business man and they rarely fail to prosper.

As the climate is generally warmer and drier than that in Britain, Australians can spend more of their time out of doors and are, as is well known, great lovers of sports. The main distractions, if one can call them that, then are of this nature. Television, by contrast, has not yet arrived there.

PROGRESS IN LAST TEN YEARS

How then does ringing prosper against this backdrop of great distances, warm climate, outdoor life and generally high material prosperity? The short answer is, pretty well. Ringing is one of the most English of all activities and it is not surprising that it has taken a long time to take root in a foreign soil and become something that is just as much Australian as English. This has only really happened in the last ten years or so and the process is yet incomplete. Until recently many of the ringers in Australia were expatriate Englishmen and the impetus came largely from them. English ringers are now in a big minority and the leaders are almost all Australians. I personally consider this to be the best possible augury for the future.

Australian ringers differ little from their counterparts in this country; some are terrifically enthusiastic, others less so, but they are for the most part the people upon whom every Sunday service band depends. Due to the comparatively recent renaissance of ringing there the average of the ringers is low. It is, however, much more difficult for them to become proficient in the art principally because of the great distances which separate the towers. There are very few Saturday afternoon meetings, ringing tours or peal attempts which can help them to improve their skill. For the most part they ring Sunday after Sunday and practice night after practice night with the same band on the same bells. Each band is thus thrown back very much on its own resources, but this has the advantage of making everyone's loyalties to his own tower very strong. Nevertheless the standard of Sunday service ringing is quite good and at times very good. Furthermore, scarcely any of the towers with ringable bells have not got their own Sunday service bands, and of this example, I think, we in this country might well take especial note.

TRAINING PROBLEMS

The relatively small number of towers in the country and the great distances between them does undoubtedly have drawbacks which have yet to be overcome. It does make the teaching of all ringers a hard and laborious process and most especially of those more gifted ringers who become the leaders of their bands. Opportunities for ringing methods other than Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob are few, and opportunities for ringing peals in even these methods are still rarer. My own experience in Australia convinced me that for all but a very few people the more advanced methods and a few peals are essential to make a really steady and safe Sunday service ringer. For the conductor it gives him that little bit of extra ropesight and confidence which is so essential in training and leading a band. I should imagine that fewer than a hundred peals (tower and hand) have been rung in Australia since the first in 1891, and I believe that ringing would benefit if more could be rung at the present time. However, it should be remembered that most of these peals have been rung by Sunday service bands in their own towers, and if only peals of this sort had been rung in this country during the past 64 years the pages of 'The Ringing World' would have been pretty thin. Quite a few quarter peals are rung but I do not think so much experience can be gained from these as can be got from the more sustained ringing of a full peal.

The problems of distance crop up, of course, in all Australian affairs, and they themselves, who are not in the habit of making comparisons with other countries in the matter, are used to solving these problems. Visits by ringers from one state to another are now much more common than they used to be, due to the improved travelling and wages. These visits have helped things enormously.

ENGLISH RINGING STANDARDS

The doings of English ringers are well known to their Australian counterparts through 'The Ringing World.' I found that the impression was often created that the general standard of ringing in Britain is higher than actually, unfortunately, it is. I have often had to point out that there are too many towers with no ringers at all, or too few, and that changes 'off the card' or bad Grandsire Doubles is the usual fare in many more. The many ringers who do not regularly ring peals of Surprise or Cinques get too little publicity. They also serve.

Of the bells in Australia I have said very little. There are in all about 24 rings of bells in the country, of which about 18 are ringable. Half of these 18 are in the State of New South Wales and seven in the Sydney metropolitan area, so the sense of isolation is not so great there. In this 18 are one of the best and one of the worst eights I have ever heard. The best are the recently installed ring at St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide (tenor 41 cwt.), and I think Australian ringers will know to which I refer when I say the worst. There is quite a bit of work for a bellhanger here and there.

In conclusion I would like to thank all Australian ringers for four and a half years' very happy ringing and invite anybody in this country who is thinking of going to Australia either on a visit or to live to contact me through 'The Ringing World' and I will gladly give them any information they require.

OBITUARY

MR. FRANK BOSWELL

Through the death of Mr. Frank Boswell, of Olney, Buckinghamshire, the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild has lost one of its oldest founder members. Mr. Boswell passed away on September 3rd following a long illness. He was 75.

Of a very reserved nature, Frank, to his many ringing friends, was a very sound Sunday service ringer, and in his younger days rang quite a number of peals.

A quarter peal to his memory was rung in the evening following his funeral.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION

Thanks to a fine day, a good attendance was made at the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Branch, held on September 10th at St. Augustine's Church, Penarth.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Mervyn Davies, who also took the chair at the business meeting. Prior to this, visitors were invited to tea at the Church Institute. For such excellent refreshment, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the ladies concerned by Mr. Les Maling, of Porthkerry.

Twelve new members were elected, including eight from Penarth, and one life member, Mr. K. Dunston, of King's Langley. The next place of meeting, which will be held jointly with the Southern District of the Swansea and Brecon Guild, will be held at Cadoxton. Neath.

Further ringing in the evening, on this very pleasant ring of eight, was enjoyed by all.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

Aylesbeare Deanery Branch

The quarterly branch meeting at Aylesbeare on September 3rd was the first for many years to be held there and also the first held at a non-Guild tower.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. V. E. G. Kenna, who also gave the address. Members of the branch much appreciated the fact that the local choir attended to lead the singing.

The meeting followed a very good tea provided by the local ladies. The Rev. H. V. Christie was in the chair, supported by the president of the Guild (Preb. E. V. Cox) and the general secretary (Mr. E. J. Taylor). Members were pleased to learn from the president that the new service forms would soon be available. The many ringers from other counties present added to the enjoyment of the meeting.

Ringing continued after the meeting until 8 p.m., in charge of Mr. J. L. S. Glanvill.

We thank the readers who have called attention to the falseness of the quarter peal of Grandsire, given by Mr. W. Shepherd in the issue of September 9th, which has 85 calls and only five plain leads. The handstrokes of the 14th and 17th leads in each part are the same writes Mr. W. H. Male.

THE OUTINGS PAGE

ALVERSTOKE AND FAREHAM

The outing of the ringers of St. Mary's, Alverstoke, and SS. Peter and Paul's, Fareham, on July 23rd, was a fight against the clock. The first delay was due to sightseeing propensities of some of the band at Salisbury and later came traffic jams.

Mr. John Romain welcomed the party at St. John's, Devizes, where some of the younger members did not take too kindly to the bells, which were heavier than they had been accustomed to. At SS. Michael and Paul's, Bath, Mr. George Hawkins met the party. The iron grid in the belfry floor caused certain members to have doubts as to their safety, but by covering it over with ringing mats their fears were belied.

Bristol was the main objective of the day and here we were met by Mr. A. Bennett. St. John-on-the-Wall, with its belfry built on the city wall, was the first Bristol church visited. Excellent use was made of this light ring of six, although Cynthia and the second did not hit it off. However, she and the third became fast friends. Next came St. Philip's, a delightful ring of eight and a cordial welcome from Mr. E. J. Brown. At tea we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and Mr. Roger Fry and friend.

The last tower of the day was Frome, where Miss Bernice Overend was waiting to greet the party. This heavy ring proved the undoing of some of the company, but the older hands gave a good performance. Sincere thanks are offered through 'The Ringing World' to all who contributed towards the day's enjoyment. W.

ST. PETER'S, ST. ALBANS

The tenth post-war outing arranged for the St. Peter's, St. Albans, ringers and their friends took place on September 10th. All the towers were in Hampshire and the highlight of the day was the first visited, Winchester Cathedral. Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Maximus and Little Bob Maximus, with rounds for the less experienced, were rung on this noble ring in the ½ hour available, and a quite good standard of ringing was maintained.

After lunch in Eastleigh, an hour was spent at North Stoneham, where, besides the usual methods, an unrehearsed course of Winton Court Bob Royal was (much to the surprise of the participants) rung on the light ten. A 20-mile run through the New Forest was broken by a halt at Lyndhurst, where a pleasant ring in an imposing modern church was found a little tricky due to tower movement.

Fordingbridge, on the far side of the Forest, was the scene of a fair which stretched along the streets, and soon the sound of the bells was adding to the general commotion. Here the various methods rung included Bristol.

After a very welcome interlude for tea, the long homeward journey began. This was broken by a halt at Andover, where the precarious looking open wooden spiral staircase to the lofty ringing chamber frightened off at least one lady ringer—and made several of the males wonder just what was holding it up! This, together with the very evident tower sway, made it a place to remember, but the bells were a pleasure to ring and methods included Double Norwich and London.

The thanks of all taking part are due to the Dean of Winchester, and to the incumbents of the various churches for permission to ring, and also to the local ringers who helped in their various ways to make the outing a success.

HERTFORD COLLEGE YOUTHS

On July 30th the Hertford College Youths and friends had a pleasant day's ringing in Berkshire and Wiltshire.

Kent Treble Bob was the first touch of the day, at Wargrave. Wantage was the next stop but here the ringing was not up to the usual standard. After a good lunch at the King's Arms Hotel, Swindon, an hour's ringing was enjoyed on the ten at Christ Church. In the afternoon the eight at Wootton Bassett were rung for an hour. It was a very pleasant drive over the Downs to Marlborough, where a stop was made for tea. The last call of the day was at Boyne Hill, where some good ringing was had before leaving for home, which was reached at 10.30 p.m.

Our thanks are due to the incumbents and tower captains who met us and made our outing so enjoyable. J. W. T.

SILSOE, BEDS.

The district lying between Stratford-on-Avon and Northampton was visited on August 27th by a party of 43 ringers and friends from eight towers scattered between Biggleswade, Bedford and Woburn. So outing-minded had been the neighbourhood that one member brought his car to enable all who wished to go.

Starting at 6.45, the first tower was Newnham, where an enjoyable half-hour was spent. Here the ringing chamber in days gone by had been on the ground floor and open to the winds on three sides.

Daventry has a very tuneful eight with a short draught which went very well indeed. Staverton, a very old church, has an excellent ring of six hung during the ministry of the Rev. E. S. Powell, and apparently he saw to it that a good job was done.

After lunch in Leamington Spa, the party journeyed south to Whitnash, where we were met by the Vicar to spend three-quarters of an hour in a very friendly atmosphere. It was a pleasant drive through Stratford-on-Avon, where many were dropped for sight-seeing purposes, to Clifford Chambers, where we were met by the Rector. This church has Shakespearian connections as yet uncommercialised. The light bells, long draught, and the fact that the tail-ends were not doubled back, made it difficult for some of the party to ring well.

And so to Stratford-on-Avon, where the fine ring was much appreciated and a touch of Grandsire Caters well rung, but Royal just would not go. This was the 500th tower to be visited by Mr. A. C. Sinfield, of Maulden. Surely a fine tower with which to reach this total.

An excellent tea preceded the visit to Kineton. An interesting feature of the ring there is that the fourth is the lightest bell, with the weights increasing towards the treble and tenor. A unique touch of Cambridge was rung, the tenor-man removing a fly from his ear while ringing. Neither operation was performed with complete success.

The last tower of the day, Byfield, was reached after a drive through the cool of the evening, which was welcome after the heat of the day. An enjoyable three-quarters of an hour was spent on these bells, the tenor of which had an extremely resonant tone. After a stop at Badby for liquid and solid refreshment, home was reached even for the latest by midnight. During the day the ringing ranged from rounds to Spliced Surprise in the eight towers visited.

Thanks are due to the incumbents who so readily granted permission to ring, and to the local ringers, whose friendliness and welcome will not be forgotten. Also to Mr. Foskett, whose knowledge of the district enabled him to make the arrangements with the local towers. P. J. L.

PUCKLECHURCH, GLOS.

On September 10th the choir and bell-ringers of St. Thomas', Pucklechurch, held their combined outing to Minehead, Somerset.

Leaving Pucklechurch at 8 a.m., the journey as far as Bridgwater was riotous to say the least. This was the result of insulting remarks cast in the ringers' direction (regarding the standard of our striking) by young lady members of the choir. The said young ladies' criticisms were speedily changed to shrieks as the young males of the ringing contingent playfully molested them one by one in the back seat.

Bridgwater was reached at 9.45 a.m. and the ringers trooped off to St. Mary's Parish Church to prove their worth on the heavy eight there (tenor 28 cwt.). The youngsters talked glibly of Cambridge Major and Double Norwich on the way to the church and hesitantly of Grandsire Doubles when they reached it.

The exceptionally low average age of the twelve visiting ringers (15 years) caused comment from onlookers, who rushed off to inform the local Press. Grandsire Doubles was rung majestically on the back six, but a course of Triples did not go so well. The inevitable rounds and Queen's came next and then the Press made its appearance. The usually boisterous rabble became seemingly tongue-tied and it was left to the 'captain' to deal with the interview. A 'better than expected fall' was followed by a rush to the coach, where the 'heavy bell men' drank orange squash by the gallon. Just before we left, the Press again assailed us—this time for a photograph. Permission was signified in condescending fashion by the two twelve-year-olds, who had to be asked to say the usual 'cheese'!

The performance at Bridgwater had not enhanced the prestige in the eyes of the choir, and the ringers, chagrined by their scathing remarks, once more filled in time by removing the footwear of the young females, who this time retaliated vigorously by scratching.

Minehead was reached at 12 noon, and two keen types tramped off immediately to see the steward of the tower, Mr. Thorne, who allowed us the use of the bells at 3.40 p.m. A visiting party from the Exeter district joined us at 4 p.m., enabling our rounds specialists to perform on ten.

The Exeter party rang Triples and Caters, two of our party standing in the concluding touch of Grandsire Caters, which was well struck.

The ringers would like to thank Mr. Thorne for his trouble in our directions. D. B. P.

BALDOCK AND NORTON

The Baldock and Norton bands, with friends from Scotford, Hitchin, Stevenage and Knebworth, had a half day's outing on the borders of Hertfordshire and Middlesex on September 3rd. Towers visited were North Mymms, Monken Hadley, Barnet and Christ Church, Southgate.

Tea was kindly provided at Church House, Barnet, by Miss E. Poolman and friends of the local band, and the ice-cream provided was most refreshing. Special thanks are accorded to Miss Poolman, those who met the visitors at the different towers and the incumbents.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The September meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Rowde on September 10th. Some 30 members and friends attended, including visitors from Chippenham and Bath. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar, and tea was served at the Cross-Keys Hotel.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the lady organist. Ringing continued till later in the evening, methods ranging from rounds to London. S. C.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

The half-yearly meeting of the Western Branch was held on Sept. 3rd at Egremont. The meeting was better attended than has been usual, and some valuable practice was obtained for the band from Aspatria, which is being built up.

At the business meeting a survey of ringing towers in the area was taken, with the following result: (1) Towers with Sunday service bands: Aspatria, Bridekirk, St. Bees, Workington. (2) Towers with bands in training: Egremont and Hensingham. A band is soon to be started at Cleator Moor. (3) A struggling band at Arlecdon. (4) Towers at present unringable: Cockermouth and Irton.

The meeting stood in silence to the memory of David Wilkinson, a founder member from Aspatria, whose loss will be keenly felt. He was the only person known to have rung on the bells at Silloth, which have been silent for many years.

EAST GRINSTEAD & DISTRICT GUILD

This year's outing was a trip into North Kent, the first tower being the very good octave at the Annunciation Church, Chislehurst. At Eltham it was found that speed produced the best music. After a sandwich lunch, Gravesend provided an interesting interlude for those who like ships. The bells of St. George's Church gave us the touch of the day, Double Norwich at speed.

Heavy traffic on A2 made us late into Rochester, but everyone had a pull and enjoyed both the ten bells and the Cathedral choir. A nice welcome at Newington, where a broken rope delayed ringing and, lastly, wagon ropes at Hartlip.

Thank you, incumbents and steeplekeepers, for a happy day. C. A. B.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

About 30 ringers and friends attended the East Devon Branch quarterly meeting at Shute on September 17th.

Touches were rung on the bells before and after the service, which was conducted by the Rev. A. Joslin, who gave a very inspiring address. The tea was kindly provided by Shute ringers and ladies.

Prebendary Cox took the chair at the meeting in the absence of Mr. G. C. Woodley through indisposition.

5,472 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR

By N. GOLDEN

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Five times repeated, omitting S at 6 in 3rd and last parts. For 5,024 call extra bob at 4 in the 4th course of the first, third, fifth and last parts to produce the 5th course-end. Contains 6th extent home at course-ends, all 65's and the 7568's. Rung at Bungay, Sept. 7th, 1955.

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ENGAGEMENT

LAWTON—DEVEREUX. — The engagement is announced between Peter J., elder son of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Lawton, of Quarley Rectory, Andover, Hants, and Stella Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Devereux, of 49, Bury Road, Shillington, Bedfordshire. 6967

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

JOHNSON—AUSTIN. — The wedding will take place on Saturday, Oct. 8th, 1955, at Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, at 11 a.m., between Gwendoline, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Johnson, of Dairy Farm, Rothwell, and Brian, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Austin, of 41, Harrington Road, Rothwell. All friends welcome at the church. 6983

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. B. C. STIRLAND has now moved to 5, Castle Crescent, Reading, Berks. 7003

MISCELLANEOUS

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY GUILD. — Will ringers coming to the University this October please contact Anne Muirhead, Sec., Westoe, Allport Road, Bromborough, Cheshire. Practice, Oct. 4th, 7.30 p.m., at Sacred Trinity, Salford. Sunday ringing at Salford and St. Philip's, Hulme. Handbells available. 6936

A FUND is being started to erect a tablet in the tower of Great Munden Church to the memory of the late Barney Patmore. Would any old friends please send subscriptions to J. Welch, Holmes Farm, Walkern, Herts. 6964

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MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Heston (8). Saturday, Sept. 24th, 3.30: Cranford (6), 4.45. Business meeting, Queen's Head, Cranford, 6.—A. B. Peck. 6942

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Drayton (8), Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify—T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 6914

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD (Stockport Branch) and DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District Branch).—Meeting, Fairfield, Buxton, Sept. 24th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 6943

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Peak District) & CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting at Fairfield, Buxton, Saturday, Sept. 24th. For details, see Chester Guild advt.—H. E. Taylor. 6963

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—Monthly meeting at Stanton-by-Dale, Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Teas available.—M. Bailey. 6978

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Ashwell, Sept. 24th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Burnaby Delight. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 6932

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Evening meeting, Saturday, Sept. 24th, 6 p.m., at White Waltham (6). —W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 6974

SOUTHWELL AND LINCOLN GUILDS.—Joint meeting of Newark and Lincoln Districts, Sept. 24th. Newark Parish Church (10) 3 to 8.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Own tea arrangements. Balderton (6) also open from 6 p.m. 6899

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Quarterly meeting at Sherborne St. John (6) on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. 6945

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Oct. 1st, Biddenham (N.B., **not** Ampthill as previously arranged). Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Special methods: Woodbine, and Reverse College, with ringing for all. Everyone welcome. — Peter Shipton. 6969

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Crewe Branch.—Nantwich, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea must be received by Sept. 28th.—W. Kerr, 102, Moreton Road, Crewe. 6980

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Meeting, Runcorn, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea to H. Hayes, 84, Shaw Street, Runcorn. 7006

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Southern District.—Meeting at Tredington on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea by Sept. 28th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby, Warwicks. 6972

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Quarterly meeting (joint), Chesterfield, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. S. Scattergood, 797, Sheffield Road, Sheepbridge, Chesterfield. —A. B. Cooper, J. S. Seager. 6988

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Meeting at Calverleigh, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.15. Numbers for tea by Sept. 26th essential.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 6921

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Quarterly meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. P. Sadler, 21 Dulverton Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea. 6928

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, Oct. 1st, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by previous Thursday to Mr. G. S. Joyce, 130, Ship Lane, Farnborough, Hants. 6977

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. —Meeting, Oct. 1st, 3 p.m., Bishop's Stortford. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, 28th inst.—T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 7000

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Stanmore (8), Oct. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7011

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—**Annual** district meeting at Ashford on Oct. 1st (**not** Sept. 24th as previously arranged). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5.15. Names to Mr. C. W. Everett, 48, Sussex Avenue, Ashford, by Tuesday, Sept. 27th. 6971

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting at Tonbridge, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Names, with cash, please, by Sept. 28th, to Miss D. Colgate, 38, Buckhurst Avenue, Sevenoaks. 6973

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Meeting at Consett on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea by Thursday, Oct. 6th, to Mr. P. Draffan, Lesmahagow, Knitsley Lane, Templetown, Consett. 7005

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale and Blackburn Branches.—Joint meeting at Accrington, Oct. 1st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided. Everyone welcome. — Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 6999

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held at Morecambe on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing 2.30–9. Tea at 4.30. Meeting after tea. Names for tea, please, by first post Oct. 1st to R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec., 22, Walton Avenue, Morecambe. 7004

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. No tea arrangements. Cafes close by.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 7010

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Quarterly general meeting at Earl Shilton on Oct. 1st. Bells (8) at 3. Service 4.45. Tea, in Schools, 5.15, followed by meeting. (General committee meet at 3.30.) Names for tea, by September 28th, to Mr. G. Newton, 26, Avenue South, Earl Shilton, near Leicester.—W. A. Wood, Gen. Sec. 6950

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Lincoln District.—Meeting at Nettleham (6), Oct. 1st. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 6958

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Gorleston-on-Sea, October 1st. Bells (8) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Sept. 28th, certain, please, to P. Newstead, 23, Barnard Avenue, Great Yarmouth. 6934

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning on Oct. 1st at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 6995

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Lewknor, Oxon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea for those who notify me by Sept. 27th. Watlington bells available at 6. —H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon. 6984

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Standlake, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Ringing at Stanton-Harcourt 2 p.m., Northmoor 3 p.m., Witney 7.45 p.m. Welcome extended to City Branch and all ringers. Tea—please contact by Sept. 29th Lottie Pimm, Eynsham, Oxford. Phone Eynsham 222. 7002

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Yardley (8), Oct. 1st. Meeting in Trust School 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. Notify for tea G. E. Fearn, 92, Etwall Road, Hall Green, Birmingham 28. Phone Springfield 1025. 6976

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Oct. 1st, Trowbridge (12). Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 6993

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanage on Oct. 1st. Ringing from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea for those who notify I. Davis, Restormel, 13, Sandbanks Road, Parkstone, by Sept. 28th. Kingston bells available in the evening. 6985

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing arrangements: St. Olave's, Hart Street (City) (8), 2.30–4 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 4–5.30 p.m. Dinner, Old Bell, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 6994

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Attenborough (8), Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 2.30 p.m. Names for tea to me by previous Tuesday.—C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 6939

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting on Oct. 1st at Ockley (6) 2.30–4.15 and Capel (6) 6–8.30. Service at Ockley 4.15. Tea at King's Head, Capel, 5.15. Names for tea to Mrs. H. Penfold, 6, Greenside, Capel. 6982

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division —Practice meeting, Alfriston, Saturday, **Oct. 1st, not September 24th.** Bells 2.30 p.m.. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea (5.15 p.m.) by Sept. 28th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 6951

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Warnham (8), Oct. 1st. Names for tea by Wednesday, Sept. 28th, certain.—I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 6970

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Hursley, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service, 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the King's Head. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 6954

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Dinner at King George Hotel, Barnsley, on Oct. 8th, at 6 p.m. Tickets 8s. each. Names not later than Oct. 1st. Bells available 3 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., 18, Chapel Street, Shafton, near Barnsley. 7012

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Notify early for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 7001

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Biggleswade District), HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting at Clifton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. G. Buck, L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Secs. 6987

DORSET RINGERS' FESTIVAL at Blandford, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Those wishing for tea please notify Town Clerk, Blandford, by Monday, Oct. 3rd. 6986

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Cock Hotel. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6979

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 5th to Mr. R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 6989

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, to me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th. Nominations for district officers must also reach me by Oct. 5th. St. Dunstan's, St. Stephen's and Cathedral bells available after tea and meeting.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 6998

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. — R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 6990

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Hanwell (5), Oct. 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 6935

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury on Oct. 8th. Bells (10) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Advise for tea Mr. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury, by Oct. 5th. 6968

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Harpole, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Important: Names for tea to Mr. H. Haynes, Road Hill Cottage, Harpole, Northampton, by Oct. 1st.—F. W. Hancock. 6996

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Alrewas, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. R. A. Wealthy, Riverside, Church Road, Alrewas, Burton-on-Trent. Preliminary notice: The annual dinner will take place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on Saturday, Nov. 12th.—F. C. A. Bennett. 6981

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—The annual joint meeting will be held at Croydon Parish Church on Oct. 8th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th.—A. Hill, W. Parrott, Hon. Secs. 6975

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Wine Lodge, Burges, Coventry, 7.30 p.m. Tickets 11s. Bells of Rugby (St. Andrew's) and Warwick (St. Mary's) available 2–4 p.m., and Kenilworth, Allesley and Stoke 2–5 p.m. Business meeting at National Savings Centre, Broadgate, Coventry, 6 p.m.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec., 21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 6997

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. Accommodation limited to 100. Early application and stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch. 6900

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — 75th Anniversary Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, the Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone 6.30 for 7 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. Early application to your District secretary recommended or write to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. Ringing arrangements later. 6952

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Sat., Oct. 22nd. 6.30, **Annual Dinner** and social, also handbell ringing. **Venue changed** to Six Bells, 197, King's Road, Chelsea, next to Town Hall. 11, 19 and 22 bus from Sloane Square Underground. 49 bus from South Kensington Underground. Apply quickly for tickets, please. Everyone welcome. Afternoon ringing details later.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 6966

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BELLS OR NO BELLS?

A LITTLE village in Somerset has come into the news! Ruishton's three bells have now been augmented to six. Nothing very remarkable about that—albeit a commendable effort—but the occasion of their dedication by the Bishop of Bath and Wells gave him the opportunity to declare his policy in dealing with complaints about bell-ringing; also with suggestions that the Church has more important channels for her money-raising energies than the provision or upkeep of bells!

It is stimulating to find a Diocesan Bishop so outspoken in the defence of church bells and the ringing of them for services. Here is an extract from his address as reported in 'Pulman's Weekly News': 'I often get pathetic letters from people who protest to me about the ringing of bells on Sunday mornings an hour before they wish to get up. They say, "Why should our sleep be disturbed by this unseemly noise?" They give themselves away completely in writing letters of this sort. They surely make the biggest mistake in the world if they think I am going to take any action whatever to prevent men being called to worship in the presence of God and in fellowship with one another.

'I often meet those who ask whether in these days the Church ought to spend large sums on its bells. After all, we are confronted with problem after problem in restoring our ancient churches and handing on our heritage unimpaired. We are called to make substantial sacrifices to retain the Ministry in our countryside and to train new men for the Ministry. There is also the responsibility for the Church overseas and for those new areas of population with no church at all.

'So it is said we ought to put first things first and devote our resources to those purposes which are vital and essential to the Church. Indeed, there is something most cogent in that argument and it would spell disaster for the Church if we did not pay proper attention and fulfil our responsibilities in those directions.

'On the other hand, I am sure something of real value would pass from the life of the Church if our bells remained silent. The ringing of bells is something almost peculiar to the life of the English Church. The bells are not in the church tower merely to provide amusement and healthy exercise for those drawn to the art of campanology; they are a reminder of those invisible things of God upon which the whole of our life must ultimately be based. They are to remind us of man's highest duty—to offer himself in worship before God.'

The first complaint the Bishop refers to hardly calls for serious notice. For except perhaps on festivals such as Christmas and Easter the bells are rarely rung before 9 o'clock on a Sunday morning. The majority of reasonable people in good health would have had their night's rest by that time and all habitual churchgoers would expect to hear the bells. It is probably safe to say that the complaint originates from those who care little or nothing for worshipping, but who, if a day's trip were on their programme, would be up and about early enough. The sound of the bells could be a prick to conscience. And the Church must give her call 'whether they will hear or whether they will forbear.' That is not to say that the local church authorities as well as the ringers will not meet cases of desperate illness near at hand with kindly consideration at all times.

Secondly, it has yet to be proved that money subscribed and spent upon the provision or restoration of bells has been diverted from the other needs of the Church at home and abroad. The argument in that vein would apply equally to the provision of organs and the upkeep of choirs and church fabric. If the adjuncts to worship are to be thought of as unessential in one place they must, pari passu, be considered unessential everywhere. But that they have a very vital part to play in educating people in worship and elevating the emotions above worldly things no reasonable mind can deny. That the provision of bells has a peculiar appeal is evidenced in countless parishes where the cost has been forthcoming without diminishing in any way the generosity of the people in support of the many other calls of the Church in and beyond the local environment.

Finally, underlying the Bishop's remarks is the assumption that where there are bells there must be the ringers to ring them. But, sad to say, that is not always so. It is a timely reminder that, however strong and enthusiastic a band may be at any time, the need for interesting others in the art remains vital. So many factors do contribute to weaken or split up the number. And the main objective always must be to raise and sustain a resident Sunday

service band independent of casual visitors, or of ringers who live at a distance and come when they are free. Experience has only too often shown that bands which have rejoiced in a high state of development for a period have faded away sooner or later through lack of insistence upon recruiting. Surely it is not an impossible suggestion that every member of a band should make it his or her patient and untiring mission to seek for and encourage at least one other into the service of the belfry. C. C. C.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LONDON, S.E.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF 5005 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

JOHN PHILLIPS	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	7
WILLIAM HIBBERT	2	JOHN H. CRAMPION	8
JOHN S. MASON	3	CYRIL J. WATTS	9
JAMES PHILLIPS	4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	10
ALFRED B. PECK	5	JOHN CHILCOTT	11
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	6	FRANNK C. PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.
Rung the mark the bi-centenary of the Guild by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWIN G. MOORE	*Treble*	WILLIAM A. YATES	7
FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	2	W. BERTRAM KYNASTON	8
BRIAN BLADON	3	GEORGE GREEN	9
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	EDGAR J. SMITH	10
ALAN R. PINK	5	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	11
PHILIP WALKER	6	FRANCIS A. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 20, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

WILLIAM LOVE	*Treble*	F. CHARLES GOODMAN	7
*CEDRIC CURSON	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	8
*CLIFFORD BIRD	3	GEORGE SAYER	9
†DAVID HEIGHTON	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	10
*STANLEY W. COPLING	5	NOLAN GOLDEN	11
‡MICHAEL GOODMAN	6	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells. ‡ First peal other than one of Minor.
Rung by members of St. Peter Mancroft Guild for the church's quincentenary celebrations.

TEN BELL PEALS

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5000 GRANDSIRE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in E flat.

KATHLEEN E. WELLER	*Treble*	ROYDON DAVIES	6
MICHAEL V. CHILCOTT	2	STEWART F. W. KIMBER	7
JOYCE A. ENGLAND	3	BRIAN D. THRELFALL	8
GILLIAN R. PARSONS	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	9
DAVID E. PARSONS	5	FRANK E. DARBY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
LONDON COUNTY ASSN. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5000 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in E.

LEONARD W. BULLOCK	*Treble*	SQUIRE CROFT	6
WILFRID G. WILSON	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	7
MRS. KATHLEEN F. PARR	3	*WILLIAM T. COOK	8
MRS. OLIVE L. ROGERS	4	THOMAS E. DAVIES	9
NEVIL G. HOLLINGWORTH	5	HAROLD W. ROGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by HAROLD W. ROGERS.
* First peal of Surprise Royal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. S. Bullock, wife of the treble ringer, and also to Mr. Wilfrid G. Wilson.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WOMBOURN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Aug. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT BISCOP.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in G.

PETER BERESFORD	*Treble*	JEFFREY B. WEBB	5
*ANN BARR	2	RICHARD J WARRILOW	6
J. EDWARD CAWSER	3	HAROLD TAYLOR	7
*JOAN BERESFORD	4	*GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON (No. 4). Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal in the method.

TWYFORD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HELEN M. BRANT	*Treble*	FRANK W. LEWIS	5
†ALBERT DISERENS	2	‡NOEL J. DISERENS	6
BRYAN C. STIRLAND	3	†§RONALD F. DISERENS	7
MICHAEL H. MAISEY	4	‡§JOHN N. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. ‡ 25th peal together. § 25th peal together.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10 cwt. 14 lb.

RICHARD WHITE	*Treble*	WILLIAM C. PORTER	5
J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	2	FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE	7
EDWIN G. MOORE	4	WALTER F. JUDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt.

CECIL CLARKE	*Treble*	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	5
RICHARD J. BOWDEN	2	EDWARD F. CONNOCK	6
RONALD D. SHORT	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
MARJORIE LEGG	4	KENNETH MEDWAY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
First peal in the method by all the band.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

ROSEMARY E. ASHLEY	*Treble*	HUBERT G. SUMMERS	5
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	GEORGE GARDNER	6
L. MICHAEL CALLOW	3	DAVID A. CARPENTER	7
JACK W. T. TAYLOR	4	JAMES L. GARNER-HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by DAVID A. CARPENTER.
First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Mr. T. Gedney, and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. E. Pervin.

CLITHEROE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

*WALTER E. WILKINSON	*Treble*	*G. ALEX DIMMOCK	5
DOREEN DUTTON	2	RONALD KENRICK	6
*PATRICIA M. BOURN	3	*ERNEST GOWER	7
*CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells.
Rung as a memorial peal to Thomas W. Hammond, of Liverpool, who was cremated the same day.

CRESWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

ARTHUR B. COOPER	*Treble*	†LESLIE BARLOW	5
*MARK J. BARKER	2	SYDNEY J. MERRY	6
*FRANCIS R. LOWE	3	BENJAMIN BARKER	7
WILLIAM LANCASTER	4	DEREK P. JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of Major.

GREAT DUNMOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E flat.

H. WALTER SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN WARNER	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	6
TERRY EARLE	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	GEORGE W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

GREAT WALTHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

HILDA M. SNOWDEN	*Treble*	TERRY EARLE	5
JOE E. G. ROAST	2	WALTER ARNOLD	6
DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	3	GEORGE W. PIPE	7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	4	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE W. PIPE.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Bruerton's Four-part. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MARIAN ARCHER	*Treble*	†BARRY HOLLAND	5
CYRIL RUSBY	2	H. DAVID HOLLAND	6
JOHN S. SEAGAR	3	GORDON K. CHADDOCK	7
†HERBERT O. CHADDOCK	4	IAN M. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by IAN M. HOLLAND.
* First peal. † 25th peal together. First of Major as conductor.

HARMSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5152 DUNHOLME SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. in A.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PAUL	5
GWEN I. RUSBY	2	DENIS A. FRITH	6
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	3	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
NORAH M. BIBBY	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.
First peal of Surprise as conductor. The first peal in the method.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	*Treble*	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	5
†DAVID J. TAYLOR	2	HENRY D. BUTLER	6
FREDA CLAYTON	3	*JOHN R. MAYNE	7
WILLIAM WENBAN	4	W. NORMAN GENNA	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* 50th peal together.. † First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the wedding of H. George Hart and Elsie K. Fulton, which took place at this church prior to the peal.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
ARTHUR G. WATKIN	3	H. STEWART BAILEY	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	FRANK T. PARRY	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (C.C.C. 36).
Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
Rung on the 104th anniversary of the birth of the first Lord Leverhulme, founder of Port Sunlight. Also in memoriam Thomas W. Hammond, who was cremated at Anfield this day.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

EDWARD J. BRAGG	*Treble*	DUGALD MACPHERSON	5
MRS. M. BROWN	2	SHIRLEY J. CORKE	6
ERNEST GARDNER	3	DEREK R. JUDD	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	WILLIAM H. VIGGERS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by EDWARD J. BRAGG.
Rung to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Dart to the parish.

ASHFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 20, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

MAISIE VANTOM	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
GEOFFREY PEARSON	2	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	6
*OLIVE M. BOULDEN	3	JOHN R. COOPER	7
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS CULLINGWORTH.
* First peal in the method 'inside.'

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BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed, Sept. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¼ cwt. in E.

*John F. Wood	*Treble*	Roger Leigh	5
Arthur Tomlinson	2	Joseph Thornley	6
Sydney Leatherbarrow	3	Peter Crook, sen.	7
James W. Grounds	4	Albert Greenhalgh	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by Peter Crook, sen.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Vicar (the Rev. G. Ivor Williams).

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TREDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of five extents of Stedman, nine extents each of Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob and April Day; six extents of Grandsire; and 240 each of Pitman's and Morris's arrangements. Tenor 9 cwt.

Leslie Aston	*Treble*	†Shirley Parsons	3
*Carol Eustace	2	†Patricia D. Prowse	4
Cyril A. Wratten	*Tenor*		

Conducted by Cyril A. Wratten.
* First peal. † First peal of Doubles.

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 14½ cwt.

George Prescott	*Treble*	*Cyril Lewington	4
Kenneth Medway	2	Francis C. Mogford	5
Marjorie Legg	3	William A. Prescott	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Prescott.
* First peal of Doubles.
In memoriam E. J. Avery.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tues., Sept. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

*E. Marion Key	*Treble*	George L. Roobottom	4
Barnabas G. Key	2	Arthur R. Wright	5
Alan G. Foster	3	Eric Edginton	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur R. Wright.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ELSHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and St. Clement's.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

George W. Moody	*Treble*	C. Aubrey Harrison	4
Ronald Chafer	2	Harry Hall	5
Jack Bray	3	Philip Barnes	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.

KIRKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Harold B. Schofield	*Treble*	Philip H. Speck	4
William Sykes	2	John Moore	5
*Frank Rayment	3	J. Martin Thorley	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal of Minor.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. in A.

Albert Saunders	*Treble*	Frank B. Lufkin	4
*Robert J. Linsell	2	Alan R. Syder	5
*Jack H. Brett	3	Terry Earle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Terry Earle.
* First peal in the method.

CUCKNEY, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*Dennis Smedley	*Treble*	Harold Denman	4
Herbert T. Rooke	2	†Joseph Saxton	5
George Challans	4	Douglas H. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Douglas H. Rooke.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Minor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

STOCKLAND, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat. Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Consisting of 20 extents of Stedman (10 callings), 12 of Plain Bob (4 callings) and 10 of Grandsire (10 callings). Tenor 14 cwt.

*Raymond P. Selway	*Treble*	*Albert W. Dyer	4
Walter H. Poole	2	William G. Gigg	5
Arthur H. Reed	3	*Cyril F. Joyce	*Tenor*

Conducted by William G. Gigg.
* First peal in three methods.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Joy Rowe and Mr. Nigel Tedbury, married at the church before the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 38 *Minutes.*
In the Ringing Chamber of All Saints' Church.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 2,160 of Plain Bob and 1,440 each of Grandsire and Reverse Canterbury Pleasure.

D. Margaret Hawley	1–2	Edward M. Bradley	3–4
		Alan Sheppard	5–6

Conducted by Alan Sheppard. Witnessed by Mr. D. Lawson.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., Sept. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes.*
At Stedman, Sketchley Road.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

John A. Smith	1–2	Alfred Ballard	5–6
John Vernon	3–4	Michael Vernon	7–8

Conducted by Alfred Ballard.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Johnson, of Leire.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
At Trentwood.
A PEAL OF 5092 SPLICED ROYAL
Consisting of Plain Gainsborough and Little Bob, with 144 changes of method.

Mrs. J. Bray	1–2	Jack Bray	5–6
George E. Feirn	3–4	Philip Barnes	7–8
		C. Aubrey Harrison	9–10

Arranged and Conducted by George E. Feirn.

QUARTER PEALS

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Sims 1, Miss B. E. Stewart 2, W. H. Viggers 3, R. W. Hinde 4, D. M. MacPherson 5, Miss S. J. Corke 6, G. K. Williamson (cond.) 7, E. J. Bragg 8. Rung for Evensong as a farewell to the Rev. J. G. Grahame.

BALDOCK, HERTS—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Flack 1, C. Harwood (first in method) 2, R. Newman 3, Pat Hutton 4, L. Hughes 5, J. Dear 6, E. Buck (cond.) 7, W. Collins 8. Rung as a farewell to Miss Pat Hutton, who is leaving to take up teaching.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Walden (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Tunbridge (first 'inside') 2, Miss J. Cox 3, Miss M. R. Andrews 4, P. P. Brown 5, Miss B. Thompson (first as cond. in method) 6. Rung for Evensong.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.—At St. John's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Titchener 1, F. Skidmore 2, Miss S. Parker 3, J. E. Daniels 4, C. Conway 5, A. Coote 6, M. J. E. Best (cond.) 7, G. E. Evenden 8. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday, and as a farewell to C. Conway.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.—On Sept. 5th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. A. Pratt 1, Mrs. E. C. Jarvis 2, H. G. Felton 3, C. Barker 4, R. J. Lincell 5, H. Reason 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, T. Earle (cond.) 8.

BRAMLEY, YORKS.—1,320 Kent Treble Bob Minor: M. Cox 1, W. Lee 2, P. Dawson 3, D. Thorp 4, D. Cox 5, D. Fenton (first as cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

CLAVERLEY, SALOP.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Francis, jun., 1, J. Marsh 2, G. Goodson 3, E. Drew (cond) 4, C. Jones 5, F. Bennett 6, F. Hinton 7, J. Courtman 8. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nock, parents of Mrs. F. Bennett, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Sept. 12th, 1,320 Chase Doubles: W. Palmer 1, C. Deem 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, M. Board 4, J. Quick 5, N. Skinner 6. First in method for all. Rung for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Palmer.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Sept. 8th, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): K. Small 1, G. Hurrell 2, F. Hurrell 3, B. Aldridge 4, Mrs. R. Ling 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. Rung for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Also a birthday compliment to J. Sims. Also on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): J. Sims 1, F. Hurrell 2, K. Small 3, F. Richardson (cond.) 4, J. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder 6, G. Hurrell 7, P. Down 8. Rung for Evensong, and as a compliment to E. B. Crowder on completing 60 years of ringing.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 18th, at the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bayley 1, M. J. Lindegren (first 'inside') 2, Miss M. Fellows 3, P. J. Rigby 4, P. J. Morton 5, M. G. Morton (cond.) 6. Rung prior to Benediction.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,278 Grandsire Caters: Miss P. Holmes 1, D. Frith 2, B. Hunt 3, H. E. Stickley 4, R. Read 5, P. E. Parry 6, B. Buttery 7, H. R. Woods (cond.) 8, T. Hall 9, A. Hill 10. First quarter on 10 bells by 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10. Rung for Evensong, and also a compliment to Miss P. Holmes, who is shortly leaving for college at Wokingham, Berkshire.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Thomas (first quarter of Triples) 1, W. White 2, Miss G. Bishop 3, Mrs. P. H. Woodley (first quarter) 4, M. Bishop (cond.) 5, G. W. Bishop 6, H. L. Bishop 7, J. C. Napper 8. Rung to commemorate the Battle of Britain.

HARESFIELD, GLOS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (being 480 Plain Bob, 480 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): M. Ling (first quarter) 1, P. Hurcombe (first quarter 'inside' in three methods) 2, G. Green 3, R. G. Corby 4, F. E. Tranter (first as cond. in three methods) 5, J. Cobb 6.

HONITON, DEVON.—At St Paul's Church, on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, J. Real 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, C. Manley 4, W. Webb 5, C. Lowman 6. The 50th quarter peal for the conductor. Rung for morning service. Also on Sept 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Manley 1, C. Webb 2, J. Coombs 3, A. Hodge 4, W. Webb (cond.) 5, C. Lowman 6. Also at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hodge 1, C. Manley 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, J. Coombs 4, W. Sparks 5, W. Webb 6. Rung for morning service.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Sept. 7th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Atkinson (first in method) 1, P. Wood 2, E. Atkinson 3, R. Axford 4, N. Hunt 5, J. Cutts (first in method) 6, M. Hunt 7, M. Axford 8, H. Rowley (cond.) 9. Rung as a compliment to the ringing master (Mr. H. Rowley) on attaining his 87th birthday.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Schofield 1, A. Foxall 2, J. D. Kape (cond.) 3, A. Hepinstall 4, R. Biggs 5, N. Cornwall 6, D. Cornwall 7, V. Evans 8. For Battle of Britain Sunday.

LAUNCELLS, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Pearce 1, C. C. Mayne 2, P. M. Mayne 3, H. Stacey 4, C. Sangwin 5, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 6.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. White 1, Miss C. Ford 2, Miss S. Green 3, S. Ford 4, D. Riley (first as cond.) 5, F. Thomlin 6. Rung for evening service.



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QUARTER PEALS

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. — On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Doubles, consisting of 480 of Norfolk, 240 of Old and 540 of Plain Bob: Mrs. E. M. Hicks 1–2, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 3–4, I. A. C. Butcher 5-6. First 'in hand' by 5-6. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of 5-6 on being elected secretary of the Northern Division of Sussex Association.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Sept. 11th, 1,279 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Garnett 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, A. B. Peck 3, H. Belcher 4, W. S. Langdon 5, B. K. Lunn 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, T. Setter 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, H. M. Page 10.

HADLOW, KENT.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Honess 1, G. Fry 2, Pamela J. Butcher 3, A. Kelvie 4, H. H. Usborne (cond.) 5, J. Medhurst 6.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHS.—At the Parish Church of St. Collen, on Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Ellis 1, E. M. Jones 2, E. G. Roberts 3, J. D. Jones 4, A. Bailey (cond.) 5, J. Lewis 6, F. Jones 7, W. Young 8. 7, 6, 8 covering. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. Alun Thomas, M.A., R.D. (Vicar) and Mrs. Thomas on the occasion of their silver wedding.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On Sept. 14th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: F. Ann Chantler (first quarter) 1, L. Honess 2, Pamela J. Butcher (first in method) 3, H. H. Usborne (cond.) 4, A. Kelvie 5.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Ridgman (cond.) 1, G. Cole 2, Miss J. Williams (first 'inside') 3, T. Ridgman 4, E. G. Cork 5, G. Skinner 6, G. S. Luxton 7, J. T. Leach 8. Rung after Evensong to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Fowke).

OVERTON, HANTS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. G. Holmes (first of Triples) 1, H. J. Balaam 2, N. R. Grover 3, C. Osler 4, J. Weaver 5, B. Garrett 6, P. R. Sanders (first as cond.) 7, A. Taylor 8.

POUGHILL, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. C. Mayne 1, P. M. Mayne 2, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 3, H. Stacey 4, C. Sangwin 5, F. Pearce 6.

RADYR, GLAM.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Shirley Ray 1, Janet B. Harvey 2, T. Lewis 3, N. Gardner 4, W. Dare (cond.) 5, G. Ray 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. Rung as a farewell to Janet B. Harvey, who left for Homerton College, Cambridge, on September 22nd.

READING, BERKS. — At St. Laurence's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,280 Dorchester Surprise Major: Mrs. A. Diserens 1, B. C. Stirland 2, R. W. Rex 3, A. Diserens 4, R. F. Diserens 5, G. K. Dodd 6, J. N. Diserens 7, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 8. First blow in the method by all.

REDBOURN, HERTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Penney 1, B. A. Cornell 2, M. V. Frost (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Hobbs 4, G. Dodds (cond.) 5, J. Ewer 6.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: J. King 1, W. Richardson 2, S. Swannell 3, H. Curtis 4, A. Osborne (cond.) 5. First quarter by an all-Roade band. Rung for dedication festival.

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,320 Minor (being 720 of Double Oxford and 600 of Single Oxford and Plain Bob): Mrs. Beavan 1, Mollie Tilbury 2, P. Morgan 3, J. J. Webb 4, F. E. Roberts 5, R. T. Jones (cond.) 6, A. Hazelden 7. Rung for the patronal festival after meeting short for Triples.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. D. Frost (first quarter) 1, G. Penney (first of Minor) 2, F. W. Ellis (first quarter) 3, R. D. R. Brown (first quarter) 4, J. E. Ewer (first of Minor) 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6.

SEFTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 19th, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: L. L. Gray 1, R. Kenrick 2, P. Coxall 3, T. Horridge 4, R. Guy 5, A. Mawdsley 6, W. Deacon 7, J. Ridyard (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Thomas W. Hammond, of Liverpool, and Robert Smith, of Sefton.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: F. C. Lyne (cond.) 1, W. Cockings 2, F. G. Kinchin 3, A. J. Pirnt 4, G. Ingram 5, W. Collett 6, R. C. Chapman 7, H. Huxley 8, C. R. Steep 9, F. Powell 10. Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. H. Brooks, for 50 years a ringer at this church.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.—On July 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Molly Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss W. Chaplin 2, E. Elton 3, Stella Hughes 4, G. Peers, jun., 5, N. Pratt 6, G. Peers, sen. (cond.) 7, N. Attaway (first quarter) 8. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthdays of Molly Smith and Eileen Wilson, two local ringers.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. K. Brady 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 13th, 1,260 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: W. G. Paul 1, G. W. Seaman 2, J. R. Mayne 3, D. K. Adkins 4, C. W. Woolley 5, S. H. Hoare 6, W. Wenban 7, R. G. Bell 8, T. W. Sheppard (cond.) 9, J. Axtell 10. First in method for all except the conductor.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonus 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. Crisp 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 18th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, K. Bonus 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. Crisp 5, G. A. Lucas (cond.) 6.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: K. Holh 1, E. J. Ladd 2, J. L. Morris 3, F. W. Burnett 4, E. W. Keys 5, L. W. Weller 6, G. Francis 7, P. N. Bond (cond.) 8. First quarter of Surprise as conductor. Rung in honour of the birth of Julia Margaret, first grand-daughter of Harry Vaughan, captain of the local ringers.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. W. Goodfellow 1, B. K. Lunn 2, A. M. Stacey 3, A. H. Fulwell 4, K. G. Spavins (first quarter of Stedman Triples) 5, W. N. Genna 6, J. Chilcott (cond.) 7, A. W. Coles 8. For Evensong.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On July 27th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Beryl Colbran (first in method) 1, Patricia M. Howard 2, J. A. Howard 3, A. E. Laker 4, I. A. C. Butcher 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Gaylard 1, A. C. Jeanes 2, J. Looker 3, R. Moore 4, T. E. Marks 5, G. Gaylard 6, T. J. Setter (cond.) 7, H. J. Gaylard 8. Rung following the wedding of the Rev. A. Dean (curate) to Miss Pat Coombs.

OUTINGS

ST. MARY'S, BATHWICK, BATH

On Saturday, September 17th, 27 ringers and friends of varying age and experience left St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, at 1.15 p.m. by coach to visit four Gloucestershire towers on the southern tip of the Cotswolds.

At Wickwar Parish Church we were pleased to find the bells up, and ringing from rounds to Cambridge Minor proceeded on this pleasant six (tenor 12 cwt.).

Our next stop was at St. Mary the Virgin, Wotton-under-Edge, where, after a poor rise, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on the fine octave (tenor 18 cwt.).

After driving over the 'Edge,' on to the Cotswolds, and through really lovely scenery, we arrived at Stroud. After tea we went to the Parish Church to ring on the lovely light 10 (tenor approx. 20 cwt.). Shortly after starting a touch of Grandsire Caters the 4th rope broke. Unfortunately the bells had to be lowered in order that the rope might be spliced. One of our Admiralty contingent and the local tower master climbed through the bells and carried out repairs, after which the bells were again raised. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and some rounds were rung before the bells were finally lowered.

A short journey brought us to Holy Trinity, Minchinhampton (6, tenor 13 cwt.). Here several local ringers were awaiting us and they accompanied us to the spotless ringing chamber and eventually joined in a touch of Stedman Doubles and a course of London Minor. Grandsire, Plain Bob and Cambridge were also rung.

We arrived home at 11 p.m., tired, but pleased with our first outing, which we hope will become an annual event. Thanks are due to ringers and incumbents of the towers visited and to Mr. W. Cope and Mr. E. White for organising the outing. T.T.J.

EBBW VALE, MONMOUTHSHIRE

The bellringers of Christ Church, Ebbw Vale, held their annual outing on September 17th to the Golden Valley, Herefordshire. With other friends from the church, the afternoon was spent happily in glorious country and lovely weather. Arrangements were made by Miss D. Evans, the secretary, who unfortunately could not accompany us.

Thanks to the kindness and courtesy of the incumbents of the parishes, ringing took place at each tower visited. The first was Abbey Dore. Visitors marvelled at the interior beauty of the Abbey and surrounding country, whilst bells were rung to Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Some of the party have now realised that there are such things as bats in the belfry. Then on to Hay, where a break was made for tea.

Clifford was the next tower. Owing to the narrowness of the country road, we walked about a mile to the church, where we were welcomed by the Vicar. This is a delightful church set on a hill overlooking most wonderful country. A lovely eight delighted the ringers, and Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major were rung, not forgetting rounds for the learners. Proceedings were livened for the non-ringers by the village fete, and here several members availed themselves of much of the garden produce stall.

Returning via Hay, we next visited Bronllys. The church here is very lovely and, while ringers enjoyed Kent, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles in the detached tower, the Vicar, who met us, showed the rest of the party the most interesting features of the church.

Finally, the last lap home and Talgarth, where ringers from the tower met us and where we all enjoyed a ring of Kent, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and 'light refreshments' before the homeward journey. A. S.

ROUND TOWERS

Dear Sir,—With reference to the note in Belfry Gossip (September 9th, page 573) re round towers, there are a great many of these in Norfolk and Suffolk and a few elsewhere. In my last book, 'Towers and Bells of Britain,' I devote a chapter to this type of tower (and their bells). Regarding the query about thatched roofs to churches, there are quite a number in Norfolk and in surrounding counties.—Yours sincerely, ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

THATCHED ROOF CHURCHES

Dear Sir,—Belfry Gossip of September 9th asks for information of churches thatched roofed. I did have a list of several, but unfortunately the notebook containing these was destroyed when my house in Norwich was bombed in 1942, and I cannot rely on my memory to quote any of them with certainty.

There is at All Saints' and St. Margaret's, Pakefield, Lowestoft, a very beautiful example of the Norfolk reed-thatcher's art, with a scalloped pattern. I have been told by experts that this type of roof is good for 80 to 100 years with little or no attention.

This church was completely gutted by firebombs during the war, but the tower and ring of five were only slightly damaged.

The church has been completely restored and a splendid job has been made of it. The restoration included augmentation of the bells to a very pleasing light ring of eight, and there is a good company of service ringers, ringing standard methods, and they have recently tackled Double Norwich.

It must be added that the original roof was of the same type as the present one.

The round towers mentioned are without doubt of Saxon origin, at least so I have been told by knowledgeable people.—Yours faithfully,

Lowestoft. BEN S. THOMPSON.

LETTERS

PRAISE FOR SOUTH MOLTON

Dear Sir,—As one who had the pleasure of ringing on the fine old eight at South Molton, Devon, during Mr. Wilfred Williams' tour this summer, may I commend the locals there on the excellent call changes they rang for the recent broadcast? It was a shame that the allotted time for so good an advertisement for the Exercise was once again so inadequate.—Yours sincerely,

DEREK P. JONES.

Derby.

P.S.—I am glad to see that the Cambridge University Guild have been taking their 'Morning Exercise' as well as keeping wild, late nights. By the way, the time when you have 'Oxford' in front and 'Cambridge' behind soon comes round!—D. P. J.

INSTRUCTION IN CHANGE RINGING

Dear Sir,—Can any of your readers inform me if application has ever been made to a County or Borough Further Education Committee for a grant to hold a course of instruction in campanology? If so, I shall be pleased to hear details. Was instruction given in a classroom, solely, or was a certain tower the meeting place? How long was the course and what was the response?

A suggestion has been made in this area that we consider this, but before making definite application we should like to know how to put it into operation and what pitfalls await us.

Trusting that I may receive some information on this matter, I am, Yours sincerely,

DOROTHY E. BEAMISH (Mrs.).

21, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

BOATRACE DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—So Cambridge University ringers have invented a new method—Boatrace Delight—have they? Of course, as can easily be seen from an examination of the lead ends, the method is illegal. But then, sir, Cambridge never has preceded Oxford except by illegal methods (such as sinking the Oxford boat and so on).—Yours sincerely,

D. F. MANNING.

Manchester. ex-Oxford University.

Dear Sir,—In these days when bell-ringing is becoming even more of a science, and the ordinary ringer blinded by the brilliance of the theorists in method construction and peal composition, it is lamentable that rudeness has to be employed by some correspondents in correcting the mistaken ideas of others.

However, may I politely point out that the Cambridge University Guild's 'new method' of Cambridge below the treble and Oxford above is of quite old vintage. It was frequently practised at Kempston until 1947 under the nickname of Boatrace, and (this will shake the C.U.G.) I was always informed that the correct name was Oxford Delight.—Yours faithfully.

J. MICHAEL STEPHENS.

Deal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

From Mr. Ernest Weatherby, of Los Angeles, we hear that the second annual festival of the American Guild of English Handbell Ringers was most successful. On the opening day Mrs. A. A. Hughes gave a concert on her handbells accompanied by Professor Wendell Wescott. Mr. Albert Hughes gave a talk on 'The beginning of handbells in England and America.'

A choir practice completely drowned the sound of the bells in a peal attempt on the ground floor rung at King's Bromley, Staffs. A second attempt without the choir succeeded.

Dr. Jenny Pym, late of the Women's Hospital, Birmingham, has returned to India. Her new address is: The Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab, India.

A Ladies' Guild badge was picked up outside St. Mary's Church, Guildford, recently. Will the owner please apply to Miss W. A. Oliver, 34, North Place, Guildford.

The peal of Grandsire Royal at Geddington on September 17th replaces an attempt in the same tower last April, when it was miscalled half-way through.

The Diserens family paired in one of those domestic celebrations at Twyford on September 10th, when it was the 25th peal together of three separate pairs of the family.

After Mr. J. Chettleburgh was compelled to withdraw from the peal attempt at Handsworth, Yorks, on September 17th, Miss M. Archer kindly stood in at literally a minute's notice and rang the treble well to score her first peal.

Witney, Oxfordshire, ringers feel very happy about accomplishing a 'hat-trick' in quarter peals in connection with their patronal festival. Congratulations to the band and also to the tower secretary, Miss Angela Kitto, on ringing her first quarter of Triples.

A letter campaign against bell-ringing is appearing in 'The Leicester Mercury.' Objections are taken to service ringing and also to the weekly practice meeting. So far no Leicester ringer has replied in defence of our craft. This week's editorial provides useful material.

The bells of Beverley Minster will be broadcast on the North Home Service on Sunday, October 2nd, ringing for evening service.

A West Country ringer now domiciled in Surrey had a run of successful quarter peals when holidaying around his old haunts recently. One wonders if the charm he wore around his neck, a tie, once the property of a famous raisin chewing tenor ringer, in any way accounted for this.

Preliminary reports to hand indicate that the first veterans' reunion at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., last Saturday was highly successful. Between 50 and 60 were present, veterans coming from as far afield as Evesham, Birmingham and Ipswich. At one table four were between the ages of 80 and 90.

In view of the interest taken in clergymen with engineering qualifications, readers may like to know that the official reference in the Diocesan Calendar to the Archdeacon of Northampton, the Ven. C. J. Grimes. D.D., includes the letters A.M.I.E.E. Dr. Grimes is president of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

Mr. E. H. Oxenham, writing from Bampton, Devon, recalls that on September 29th, exactly 50 years ago, he rang the tenor to a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The peal was conducted by Harry Barton, and the band included William H. Fussell. William Weatherstone and Cornelius Charge. Mr. Oxenham believes he is the only living member of the band.

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A PEAL TOUR OF DEVON AND CORNWALL

DEPARTING from the custom of the past three years, the 'disciples' of Saint David this year paid a visit to their near cousins in Cornwall, ringing eight peals out of thirteen attempts and scoring four peals in each county. The advance guard set out from Newport on August 19th and at Rockwell Green, with the help of Arthur Reed and friends from Taunton and Wellington, scored a peal in seven methods.

In contrast to the opening of previous tours, the following day was brilliant. At Taunton we re-welcomed Roger Fry and admitted to our circle one-half of the 'Barron Combination.' Our navigator of previous years, George Massey, complete with maps and car, had already arrived, and it only needed our pilot to put us on the road for Honiton, our rendezvous with the other half coming via London, which included new members in Allan Thirst and Ron Marlow.

Traffic congestion was so serious that it became obvious that the London contingent would be extremely late, therefore, following a hurried lunch, four members, with Wilf II. in charge, set out to join George Morris, Peter Staniforth, Walter Poole and Henry Keeley for the first attempt at Ottery St. Mary, while the remainder sat down to scan the traffic and await our colleagues who had left London at 8 a.m. They eventually arrived one a half hours late in a stream of traffic that stretched bonnet to tail as far as the eye could see. We eventually arrived at Tiverton for the second of the two attempts arranged, to be welcomed by the local steeple keeper and Dick Bowden.

Following a request to rise the bells in peal, which was performed in good style, this fine ring was soon rolling out Bristol, an excellent peal being rung. Three hours' ringing in a temperature around the nineties saw a concerted rush to the nearest 'local,' following which we faced a thirty mile run to Barnstaple, which was to be our headquarters until Tuesday. Here we learned that New Cambridge had been lost at Ottery after an hour's excellent ringing due to the treble rope breaking.

Another disappointing message, particularly to John Phillips, who had travelled specially from London for the opportunity for a peal in his native tower, was that, owing to a serious illness near the church, we should be unable to attempt a peal at Pilton. Perhaps it was a blessing in disguise, as, during service ringing on Sunday morning, the fourth clapper broke. Sunday saw Wilf II. leave early to spend the day at Combe Martin with Miss B. M. Boyle, who had kindly obtained permission for a peal attempt on this handy ring and so make up for the loss of Pilton.

The remainder rang for service at Georgeham and for Evensong at Braunton, another fine eight. Here an excellent touch of Five Spliced was brought round, but the call changers did not like the tenor turned in, and promptly told us so.

Monday dawned hot and bright and we were away early for the first attempt of the day on the fine Taylor Eight at South Molton. A really first-class peal of Yorkshire was rung in three hours and ten minutes, much to the disgust of Roger, who promptly retired to lick his wounds and moan about a similar experience at Melksham with the same tenor man. Following this peal, it was extremely pleasant to meet some of the local call change band and receive their congratulations on our striking.

The afternoon saw us at Combe Martin, where we had the pleasure of renewing acquaintance with Albert and Mrs. Diserens, also Mr. C. A. Bassett, who were holidaying in the district. A good peal of London was here rung, the first of Surprise on the bells. During the closing stages of this peal 'a large official of the Cumberlands' arrived on the scene, but beat a hasty retreat when informed by Jack Phillips that 'his friend' was in the tower.

We had now rung three peals out of four attempts, including London and Bristol, and, in the intense heat, it was a case of stripping to the waist; with Wilf II. a large bottle of 'meth' was very much in demand. This being our last evening in Devon until the week-end, it was duly celebrated.

INTO CORNWALL

Tuesday morning saw Jack Phillips joining us once again to attempt a peal on the fine eight at Tawstock. Pudsey was the method selected, with 'The Barron' as conductor. Those standing out heard an hour's good ringing, then set out on the long run for Truro, but back at Tawstock disaster soon followed, the tenor clapper breaking after two hours' excellent ringing, so, taking leave of Jack and commiserating with him in his disappointment, the remainder were soon Truro bound.

Here the Dean and Chapter had kindly given permission for a peal attempt on the Cathedral bells, the attempt being made possible by the kindness of the Cathedral ringers in giving up their practice night. We assembled in this beautiful building, to be met by the Rev. Arthur Roberts, who had come over from Carbis Bay specially to welcome us. Necessary adjustments to ropes, etc., being completed, a start was made for Yorkshire Royal, which soon settled down to an excellent beat in spite of the difficulty in hearing around the front end. It was a great disappointment to all when, after two and a half hours of excellent ringing, the conductor called 'Stand,' due to an error in calling. However, we were pleased to meet both Douglas Burnett and Allan Carveth, with whom we were able to spend a pleasant evening.

Wednesday morning's attempt was at Saint Budock, a light Taylor eight with 10 cwt. tenor. Here another attempt was made for Pudsey, but this method was fast proving our bogey, as, after ten courses of excellent ringing, down came the third rope. Our afternoon attempt was one the fine eight at Probus, where we had previously been warned regarding the condition of the ropes. It was indeed a shame to find such fine bells in a magnificent tower so sadly neglected. One section of the party were of the opinion that the time necessary to put ropes in a pealable condition was not worth doing. Wilf II., however, had other ideas, and, due to his enthusiasm and ability, coupled with the help of Roger and Derek, a start was possible on time. We shall sadly miss the gentleman from Yorkshire should he ever carry out the rumoured intention of changing 'from Bells to Belles.'

The tenor man commenced with the avowed intention of taking three hours and thirty minutes over the job, but there were other ideas in the camp. Following preliminary threats and exhortations to move it along, a good beat was obtained and a good peal of Lincolnshire was brought home in three hours nine minutes. For one member a peal on these bells largely compensated for the failure at Truro, a peal at Probus being a long standing ambition.

THE BOGEY WAS LAID

Thursday morning saw us on the road to Carbis Bay, where we received a warm welcome from Arthur Roberts. Soon these fine light eight were going to Pudsey, the bogey being laid at the third attempt, though not without incident. While the peal was in progress some took advantage of the fine bathing facilities nearby, while others visited St. Ives to renew acquaintance with The Sloop. Following the peal, we had the pleasure of being entertained to lunch by Arthur Roberts, his hospitality being much appreciated.

Taking leave of our host after an extremely pleasant hour, we soon reached Gulval, where we were welcomed by that youthful veteran, Mr. John Wood, who soon put us at ease by his greeting and reference to 'the Mr. Williams.' Here we found an extremely pleasant eight with a delightful ringing chamber, the fine oak panelling having recently been installed by Mr. Wood. A first-class peal of London was rung here, which was considerably brightened by several examples of belfrymanship carried out as it should be.

At Penzance we encountered, in the opinion of many, the best bells of the week, most certainly the nicest belle. The former a splendid Taylor eight with 24 cwt. tenor, and we would have given much for a peal here; as to the latter it was extremely pleasant to be able to entertain a most charming young ringer from Haslemere holidaying in Penzance and enable her to snatch her first tower in Cornwall. The writer understands there is every likelihood of there being an early pilgrimage from Bath to Haslemere!

Friday, our last day in Cornwall, saw us early at St. Enoder, a pleasant eight hung in two tiers by John Taylor and Co., and, after much work by our bell-hanging friend and Wilf II., splicing ropes, etc., a start was made for Cambridge, which immediately settled down into a good fast beat. Those resting paid a pleasant visit to Newquay, arriving back in time to hear the finishing courses of a good peal, while others left to arrange lunch at Indian Queen.

In the afternoon we travelled to St. Columb Major, another extremely pleasant eight. Here we received a warm welcome from the Rector and Mr. A. H. Eplett. Following a rise, in which the writer blotted his copy book by trying to pitch 'em, we started for four spliced and had two hours of top-class ringing, but, unless you are the complete belfryman, you can't call bobs in spliced when the treble is in three-four and get away with it. On descending the tower we learned that Mr. Eplett had recorded some of our ringing and invited us along to his office to hear it. In spite of many background noises, we were well satisfied that we had done justice to these fine bells.

Saturday's programme consisted of an hour's ringing on the fine eight at Tavistock and peal attempts at Heavitree and Broadclyst. The former are rung from a well-appointed ringing chamber, the certificates adorning the walls giving proof of the prowess of the call change band here. Inside the bells are an ideal ring, but are a disappointment outside, the tenor being spoiled by excessive clapper noise.

From Tavistock our route took us across Dartmouth, past the grim-looking prison of Princetown. Here we got our first clue as to the originality of the fabulous-looking tie which a certain member had been showing off all the week. Across the moor we caught up with an ever-increasing flow of traffic, and, as on the previous Saturday, it became increasingly obvious that we should be unable to adhere to our timetable.

The four designated to ring at Broadclyst arrived there to join George Morris and company much too late to start for a peal. A good quarter of Stedman was rung by the following: D. G. Clift 1, P. Staniforth 2, H. G. Keeley 3, W. A. Theobald 4, W. Poole 5, W. F. Moreton (conductor) 6, G. S. Morris 7, R. M. Marlow 8.

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SOCIETY OF ROVING RINGERS' 9th ANNUAL TOUR

DESPITE the suggestion by colleagues (the kind who spend their holidays in deck chairs on the beach!) that there is an incorrect vowel in the name of the Society, some 19 members from as far afield as Cornwall and Crewe came on the ninth annual tour, from July 23rd to August 1st, which started at Cambridge, finished at Cheltenham and embraced towers in the counties of Cambridge, Huntingdon, Bedford, Bucks, Northants, Oxon, Wilts and Gloucester. The Ringing Master was Jimmy Diserens and the tour was again ably organised by our joint secretaries.

Saturday. — Most of the party travelled to Cambridge by train, although some enthusiasts cycled all the way. By 3.30 p.m., however, the majority had assembled at Chesterton, where there are several peal boards recording peals in all sorts of little-known Doubles methods by the old Chesterton Youths. The noble Taylor eight at the Cambridge Roman Catholic Church was visited and the night was spent at the Cambridge Youth Hostel, where we enjoyed the only hot water of the tour.

Sunday. — Stedman and Grandsire Cinques were rung at the University Church of Gt. St. Mary for Matins, some members also visited Gt. St. Andrew's and services at both churches were attended. After lunch, while some rang handbells in the belfry of Gt. St. Andrew's, others rang for the children's service on the delightful little five at Cherry Hinton. We then took to the open road and went first to the eight at Longstanton and then to St. Ives to ring for evening service. A pretty ride along a bridle path brought us to Houghton Mill, our hostel for that night.

Monday. — To gain access to the tower at Godmanchester we followed the Vicar's (written) instructions—'Open the door and climb the stairs.' The bells proved to be good-going, and London and Cambridge Major were among the methods rung. The fine tower at St. Neots (eight, 29 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.), which we visited next, reminded some of Wrexham. The bells of Eaton Socon were pulled up in peal after lunch, and a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples was rung before it was discovered that the third had no stay. An easy ten-mile run brought us to Bedford, where a well-struck course of London Major was much admired by two of the local ringers. As there was no hostel in, or near, Bedford, bed and breakfast was the order of the day, and in the evening we visited St. Paul's, by kind invitation of their ringers, who put our ringing master in charge of their practice. Stedman and Grandsire Caters and various Surprise Major methods were rung, and the local rule of 1d. a whole pull for not setting the tenor caused a certain amount of financial embarrassment in some quarters!

Tuesday. — The first call was at Bromham, an excellent eight, where the church is situated in a park. Two of the party, having the cheapest bed and breakfast, also had the longest sleep, and only just arrived in time to have a pull before we left for Olney, a heavy eight, and afterwards Newport Pagnell, which, despite the long draught, are a credit to the founders. We then journeyed by narrow lanes to Hanslope, remarkable for its 'flying buttresses' on a tall tower and slender spire and also noted for its tower sway. Two of the bells bear the inscription, 'God save King Charles.' At Green's Norton converted army huts served as youth hostel, and some of our more disreputable brethren obtained permission to ring the bells here after supper.

Wednesday.—We started off by various routes, each purporting to follow the valley and therefore be flat, on the 16-mile run to Banbury, where the ringing was up to Cambridge Royal. It was a short ride after lunch to Adderbury, where the ringing was not up to the usual standard and after which we rang on the octave at Deddington, where it was necessary to dodge with the clock pendulum, which swings across the middle of the tower. The church of St. Michael, Great Tew, is on an estate, and we noted that the Vicar's stall also serves as a pulpit. Ringing here included a course of Bristol. The six at Charlbury, in the evening, proved a little heavy-going and made the pewter pots at the adjoining hostelry even more welcome.

Thursday. — On the hilly journey to Hook Norton we were surprised to see our ringing master dismount on a hill, having damaged several spokes, and we subsequently lost him for the rest of the day while he travelled around Oxfordshire and Berkshire in an attempt to obtain replacements. Hook Norton bells, and those at Chipping Norton, where we rang after lunch, were excellent eights. A welcome downhill run brought us to Kingham and, after ringing, group photographs were taken. Ignoring the Youth Hostel rule, which says all beds shall be made on arrival, we dumped our bags at Stow-on-the-Wold and adjourned to St. Edward's Church. A certain member impressed the company with his fine mastery of the tenor (30 cwt.) to Cambridge Major, which was the only good touch on the bells.

Friday. — Having climbed one of those long irritating semi-steep hills out of Stow, we enjoyed an almost continual downhill run into Burford, where the light eight in the central tower delighted everyone. There was good striking in methods up to Bristol. A somewhat prolonged, though excellent, lunch (piping hot buttered rolls!), and Mr. Bartholomew's omission to put an airfield on his map made us late at Bampton, where a haversack mysteriously found its way to the top of a large flower-pot-like tomb in the churchyard! The flat run from Bampton to Fairford was done in record time allowing a certain gentleman time to employ his natural charm on the waitress of a local cafe before ringing. Due (it seemed) to advance propaganda, two coachloads of people arrived and watched us ring from the choir stalls. (These people had, of course, come to view the fine stained glass windows for which Fairford Church is justly famous.) Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major was rung here (after one or two people found out what Little Bob was!) and some other good touches too. After supper at the Youth Hostel, almost adjoining Ashton Keynes Church, some sampled the five bells there, which are apparently much in demand by Youth Hostelling ringers like ourselves.

Saturday. — The Victorian church at Watermoor, Cirencester, was the first visited and was followed by an alpine-like journey to Bisley. After a snack lunch in the local we were taken down to the underground skittle alley, where everybody tried their skill. By the time we got to Painswick our ranks had been augmented by most of the 'weekenders,' and good Stedman Cinques and a half-course of Cambridge Maximus were rung. Dinner was at the Fleece Hotel (more commonly known as the Monk's Retreat, because of an underground room reputed to have been connected by a tunnel to Gloucester Cathedral). The evening was spent in the usual way, discussing towers past and present, handbell ringing and the inevitable 'Beau Gendarmes,' 'Widdecombe Fair' and 'Green Grow the Rushes O.'

Sunday. — Sunday service ringing was at St. Mary de Crypt, where some good touches were brought round, and in the afternoon all but the very keen cyclists scrounged a lift to Upton St. Leonards, where a peal board of 1803 denoted the presence not of a conductor but a 'timekeeper.' Another board of 1879 records the fact that the peal contained 158 bobs and 82 singles. Ringing was enjoyed at Longney for Evensong and included a touch of five spliced Surprise Major. After dinner the room at the 'Fleece' was again available and we were joined by some friends from Worcester who brought handbells. Four charming ladies and four gallant gentlemen performed a course of Grandsire Triples by standing in a row (one handbell each) and changing places. Cambridge Major was tackled ambitiously in like manner, but unfortunately never got beyond the second lead, though Fred's efforts in the role of treble bob treble were a great credit to his dancing teacher!

Monday.—A very enjoyable tour was brought to a close when we rang at Prestbury, where there are some excellent caricatures around the walls done by a local ringer, and finally on the light twelve at Cheltenham.

We should like to express our thanks to the various incumbents for the use of their bells and also to all the people who met and welcomed us at the towers or got them ready for our use.

M. E. F., M. J. H.

Devon and Cornwall Tour—Cont.

Back at Heavitree, a start had been made for Bristol, Norman Mallett, who had been of much help in obtaining permission for our ringing in North Devon towers, standing in and ringing his first peal in the method. Those who had been to Broadclyst arrived back in time to hear the last courses of a good peal on these fine bells. So ended another enjoyable week, marred only by our disappointment at Truro and the awful traffic chaos encountered on both Saturdays.

While the majority stayed on to spend a pleasant evening in the company of Exeter ringing friends, three of us set out for Bath, where Wilf II. was to join another ringing tour. In conclusion, we should like to thank all those ringers in Devon and Cornwall, particularly the Rev. Arthur Roberts, who met and welcomed us at various towers and whose thoughtfulness contributed in no small way to a successful and enjoyable week.

ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

On September 10th, a quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Llanbadarn Fawr. The bells were available at 2 p.m., and although the weather was not quite as good as that we had in the last few weeks, it did not prevent members coming from Tenby, Llandilo, Carmarthen, Llanelly and Burry Port and also a number of visitors.

At 3.30 p.m. a service was held in the Church of St. Padarn, at which the Vicar, the Rev. O. J. Rees, officiated. The members were entertained to a very nice tea, which was given by the ringers of Llanbadarn Fawr.

After tea, at the business meeting the Vicar presided, and apologies for absence were received from Mr. W. J. Harries and Mr. W. P. E. Sage, both of whom were away on holiday.

The usual touch on the handbells was given by members of the Llanelly band, and after reading the minutes of the last meeting it was agreed that the invitation to hold the next quarterly meeting on December 10th at Pembroke be accepted. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised £1 13s. 1½d. Two honorary members and four ringing members were initiated into the Guild.

After a very successful appeal by Mr. Chris Hawkins, a grant of £10 was made to Llanelly towards the cost of their bell-ropes.

The Master (Mr. E. J. Thomas) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for having the Guild at Llanbadarn Fawr and also to the ringers for providing the tea.

Members then returned to the tower to finish off the evening, and it was quite a thrill to the Guild to see the Vicar, who is a ringer, taking part in the ringing with other members of the Guild.

THE BELL FOUNDERS OF LEICESTER

Dear Sir,—The note in your issue of Sept. 9th (page 571) on the Leicester bell founders makes one wonder if Mr. G. P. Elphick knows of the researches that have been made since the late Thomas North published his 'Church Bells of Leicestershire' in 1876. The art and craft was carried on—and can be traced—successively in Leicester from 1306 (not 1360) by various founders, many of whom intermarried. The sites of the foundries were not always on the same spot as was the Whitechapel Foundry from its earliest time, but nevertheless the line (like Whitechapel) is direct and likewise, although the names alter as the generations passed in each case, the craft continued to be handed on by apprentices who became Freemen of the City and, in several cases, Mayors, who in their turn became proprietors of the foundry.

In the latest volume of the Victoria History (Leicester, Vol. III.), issued by the University of London Institute of Historical Research, I have written a thesis in three sections, on 'Bell Founding,' 'Leicester Bell Founders' and 'Leicestershire Bells.' With the Editor's permission I will reiterate the second part briefly, showing the connections and continuance of the craft in this centre, from whence through other channels it connects up directly to the present Loughborough foundry. The Leicester historian, J. Thompson, mentions the bells of St. Nicholas' Church in 1306, and the earliest Leicester founder I can trace by name is 'Rogle-Belleyeterc,' whose name appears on deeds dated 1307, 1311 and 1318.

In 1308–9 he appears in the list of 'Freemen of Leicester.' Then follows 'Stephen-le-Bellyeter,' who became a member of the Merchants' Guild in 1328–9. In 1337 he 'pays 1s. rent for a chamber near the North Gate,' and there are several references to him in records of Grants of Land; he also was a Freeman of Leicester. Then follows John Hose, whose cottage near All Saints' Church is mentioned in 1352, and in Merchant Guild entries he is described as 'belleyeter.' Thomas Hose appears in a Grant of Land in 1406 as a 'belyeter.' Even more famous was Johannes-de-Stafford, who is mentioned in the Freemen's List in 1338. In the Tallage Rolls of 1354 he is shown as 'Joh-de-Stafford belleyeter,' and he was Mayor of Leicester 1367, 1370, 1371 and 1381. He was one of the Burgesses of Parliament; in Mayor's accounts for 1373 we read, '£3 4s. to John Stafford and John Peterborough for 16 days at Parliament of London, viz., 4s. a day.' The tenor bell at All Saints', Leicester, is inscribed:—

'Ihohannes : De : Stafford : Fecit : Me : In : Honore : Be : Marie.'

A similar inscription appears on a bell at St. Hibbald, Scawby, Lincs. A number of his castings still exist in this county and neighbouring places. He used very fine Gothic capitals and elaborate lettering, and a good example of work of this period may be seen at Aylestone, where a bell was given by William Resevour about 1412. From an old chronology I find the following interesting statement '1491 Roger-de-Stafford the last of that family of bell founders in the town, died well stricken in years, and was buried in Saint Peters church, and was Succeeded in the "Arte and Craft of Belle foundynge" by one Willian Millers his son-in-law.'

Thomas-de-Melton is mentioned as a 'belmaker' under the date 1368 and in the Freeman's List and Merchants Guild Roll in 1392; and then we find 'Will Nobull bellezettre' in documents of 1417 and 1423, and he is followed by Thomas Innocent 1458–1495. The chamberlain's accounts of St. Mary-de-Castro, Leicester, for 1490 has the entry: 'Itm. Payd to thos Innocent belyet for castynge ye moor cachecope bell . . . xjs.' About this time William Millers above mentioned was admitted a member of the Merchants' Guild and described as 'Bell Heytan.' He was several times Chamberlain of the Borough and died 1508. His will is quoted in Thos. North's book. His widow married for her second husband Thomas Newcombe, who was a Freeman and member of the Merchants' Guild, and in 1518 Coroner. In his will he describes himself as 'fusor campanarius.' He carried on the business till his death in 1520 and was buried in All Saints', Leicester, where his tombstone, stripped of all its brasses and of the emblems (three bells) of his calling, is still to be seen on the north wall inside the tower.

He left two sons and three daughters, and his widow, Margery, now twice a widow, married yet again, this time Thomas Bett. He held several civic offices—auditor, steward, coroner and finally was Mayor 1529–30. In the latter capacity he is styled 'Bellfounder in All Saints' and 'ancestor of the Newcombs.' Several of his bells are still in existence in various parts of the country and he used a curious shield with a cross and a swastika, etc., upon it. He left nearly all his property to his son-in-law, Robert Newcombe, and so in this way became 'ancestor of the Newcombs.' Robert became a prosperous man and a founder of note. He purchased the great bell of Leicester Abbey (and probably others also) at the Dissolution, and exchanged it in 1542 for the cracked one of St. John's, Peterborough. In 1547 he received from the churchwardens of St. Martin's (now the Cathedral) 'iiij hundredth and 2 qr of bras at xixs the hundreth,' this probably being, in part, effigies torn from the recumbent gravestones on the floor of the church. After serving the offices of steward of the Fair, coroner, auditor, bailiff, he was chosen Mayor in 1550. He was also 'Churchwarden of All Hallows.'

At his death he left three sons—Thomas, Edward, Robert—all of whom were connected with the foundry. Thomas Newcombe II. is shown as 'primus filius Robti Newcombe,' and he, like his father, served many civic offices. In 1562 the townsmen of Melton Mowbray employed 'Mayster Newkom' to recast 'O' Ladye Bell' there. That bell, the 7th of the present ring, shows his mark bearing his initial, and this mark can be seen on many bells in this and neighbouring counties. He purchased the bells of the ancient St. Peter's Church, Leicester, when that church was pulled down in 1563–4. Robert Newcombe II. also did much good work which still exists, amongst others being the first bell at Gloucester Cathedral (1598).

Edward Newcombe, his brother, served several offices and in 1599 was Mayor, thus becoming yet another bell founder to fill that office. He had five sons and two daughters, of whom at least three sons were associated with him in the foundry. One of his most famous castings is at St. Mary's, Oxford, where he placed two lines of music. At this time there appears another foundry in Leicester—that of the Watts—whom we know sometimes worked in conjunction with the Newcombes. The first of this foundry, Francis Watts, served as steward, coroner and alderman (1599). His daughter Helen married Robert Newcombe II. and this established the partnership of the two foundries. Together they cast the bell of the Guild Chapel, Stratford-on-Avon, and others.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that the renewal of their subscriptions is now due. Rates: 3 months 7s., 6 months 13s. 6d., 12 months £1 6s. Prompt payment saves clerical work. Remittances to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

Bells from the Watts foundry are all very fine castings and may be found in many parts of the country. Later came Hugh Watts, who after serving other offices was chosen Mayor in 1633, in which year King Charles paid a visit to Leicester. In the same year Watts cast the glorious ring of six at St. Margaret's, Leicester. After the passing of the Watts family, Edward Arnold, who had worked with and succeeded Joseph Eayre, of Kettering and St. Neots, came to Leicester and cast many bells here. Notable ones are the ring of five at Rothley (since increased to six), and a bell at Croyland Abbey bears his name. During the time Edward Arnold had his foundry here he also had one at St. Neots, into which he received as apprentice Robert Taylor, who, about 1780, succeeded to the business there. From thence he cast bells for many churches over a wide area, including three at Saxby in 1801 and three at Braunstone in 1812. After a time the business was transferred to Oxford and carried on by his two sons, John and William Taylor. In 1839 the business was moved to Loughborough, where it has remained ever since.

I could enlarge very much on the above, but I think it shows clearly that the art and craft of bell founding can be traced back through the several generations and different names and connecting families in an unbroken line to at least 1306.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS.

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY

The 'Hoylandswaine' Cup contest and September meeting of the Barnsley District Society were held at Thrybergh, near Rotherham. The contest was rather disappointing as only two teams entered—Cawthorne and a mixed band. The better team lost as they rang out only a few minutes from the end. The mixed band were, therefore, the winners with a good score of faults.

Although the contest was small, the other part of the programme was a happy event as a splendid tea was arranged in the Church Hall by the local company, and a very hearty welcome was given by the Rector, who was thanked for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting. The best thanks were also given to the local company for what had been arranged.

Further ringing followed and some good practice was put in and, on the whole, it was a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

On September 17th the West Dorset Branch held their quarterly meeting at Bradpole, which place some forty odd years ago was the birthplace of change ringing in West Dorset.

After Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Minor, all agreed that the 'go' of these bells was now anything but easy. Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung before the Guild service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. T. Davies, Vicar of Bradpole.

Tea was provided in the Forster Institute. Some excellent cheese was much appreciated!

As neither the chairman nor his deputy was present, the Vicar of Bradpole kindly accepted the invitation to take the chair for the business meeting. Apologies were read from Canon C. Cox, the Rev. O. L. Willmott (who missed a train on returning from holiday, otherwise he would have been there), and from the Netherbury band, one of whose members was being married that afternoon.

The annual meeting was fixed for December 3rd at Lyme Regis. The secretary gave notice that he would not be standing for re-election at the next annual meeting. The meeting expressed regret.

Mr. H. Keeley, on behalf of the branch, thanked Mr. Davies for all he had done to make the meeting a success, the ladies for the tea, the organist, and the lady 'blower.'

PEAL RINGING IN SOMERSET

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

IN one way, Somerset provides me with the most difficult task of all the counties, and that is in the number of towers where peals have been rung. It hasn't the most rings of bells amongst the counties, being second to Devonshire in this (329 compared with 371), but it is an easy first in the number of 'conquered' towers. No less than 262 rings have had peals on them (in the case of Devonshire it was 158), and the county which approaches nearest to this figure is Yorkshire, where just over 200 towers have had peals. Kent comes third with 195. Thus, in this article, I have the most churches to talk about of all the counties. The task is lightened by the fact that the number of peals concerned is not large. On the other hand, a large number of towers have had the same number of peals at them approximately, so if one is mentioned all would have to be. Thus 241 towers have had less than 20 peals, and, of these, 185 have less than 10. Thirty-three towers have only had two peals and another 39 only one peal.

No tower has yet reached a century of peals, the nearest to this mark being St. James', Taunton (8) and Twerton-on-Avon (8), both with 89. Prior to the last war, both these towers had a consistent average of about two peals a year from their first peals. Thus at Taunton, 37 peals came from 1895 to 1913 and 47 from 1919 to 1938, whilst at Twerton 47 were rung from 1888 to 1914 and 35 from 1920 to 1939. Similarly, both have not appeared so often in the peal lists since the last war (five and seven respectively).

Although not heard very often since 1913, Minehead (10) comes next on the list. Sixty-five peals have been rung here, 53 of them from 1891 to 1913 (the first on the 10 was in 1907). Only 10 came between the wars and two since. Milverton (8), on the other hand, seems to be enjoying slightly better popularity after the last war. Fifteen of its 54 peals have come since then, whereas there were 20 from 1891 to 1914 and 19 from 1919 to 1939. The only other tower which has passed the 50 mark is Wraxhall (8), where the 51 peals are spread evenly over the period from 1888. The last of the eight since the war was in 1952.

A SLACKENING

Several towers indicate that there has been a slackening off of peal ringing during the past year or two (that is also shown in the fewer peals registered by the Peals Analysis Committee of the Central Council, so Somerset echoes a general trend). This year, for instance, only 10 of the eight and upwards towers have had a peal rung at them so far (July 29th). No doubt this will increase rapidly when the usual West Country tours begin in the autumn.

To return to peal records, Dunster (8) comes next on the list with 46. No less than 42 of these were rung from 1883 to 1911, so there haven't been many since! The only peal between the wars was in 1931 and the remaining three came from 1945 to 1950. Wrington (10) follows with 35, eight from 1907 to 1914, 14 from 1919 to 1939 and 13 since 1945 (a slightly higher average at the moment than previously). Corston (8) went great guns at first. Twenty-four of the 31 peals were rung from the first in 1918 to 1928 (six in 1924) then came a big drop, for only four more were rung prior to 1939 and only three since the war (1948 to 1952).

Chewton Mendip (8) is enjoying its greatest popularity now. The first peal was in 1914, then 16 were rung from 1919 to 1938, and there have been 12 since 1946—total 29. Ditcheat (8) has also 29. Its history is almost exactly the same as Chewton Mendip—a single first peal before World War I. in 1913, 14 peals between the wars and 14 since (last in 1952). Then comes Evercreech (10) with 27. Twenty of these were rung when it was an 8-bell tower—five from 1907 to 1914, 12 from 1919 to 1937 and three from 1945 to 1948. Since augmentation there have been seven.

We are beginning, now, to come to the bulk of the towers. There are 14 which have totals between 25 and 20. These can be mentioned, but, after that, I fear it will become impossible to give more (it was stated above, in effect, that there are 60 towers between 10 and 20 peals). Of these 14, Curry Rivel, Chilcompton and Portishead (all 8's) have 25 peals. The first and last of these have similar histories—eight each before 1914, six and eight respectively between the wars and 11 and nine respectively since. Chilcompton is rather like Ditcheat and Chewton Mendip—an odd one in 1911, 16 from 1923 to 1936 and eight since 1944. Wilton (8) has 24. This was a 6-bell tower at first, and 10 peals were rung between 1900 and 1927. After the trebles were added, 11 peals were rung from 1932 to 1938. There have only been three since.

Yeovil (10) has also 24. Four were rung early on between 1893 and 1912, nine from 1925 to 1939 and 11 since 1946, so this tower is doing better nowadays. Beckington and Drayton (both 8's) each have 23 peals. At the former, seven from 1907 to 1914, 13 from 1919 to 1938 and three from 1948, and at the latter three from 1893 to 1912, nine from 1924 to 1939 and 11 since 1945.

The heaviest ring of 10 in the country, Wells Cathedral has 22 peals. Four were rung from 1891 to 1905, 10 from 1918 to 1931 and eight from 1947 to 1954. At the 21 mark are Marston Bigott (8) and Wiveliscombe (8). At Marston, 18 were rung in a burst of enthusiasm from the time of its first peal in 1926 to 1936, then there has been a single peal in each of the last three years. At Wiveliscombe, 10 were rung from 1897 to 1913, eight from 1919 to 1932 and three from 1949 to 1952. Finally, at 20 peals stands the only 12-bell tower in the county at Taunton and Carhampton (8). The popularity of the first was definitely in the past, for 15 peals were rung from 1885 to 1912. The remaining five were in 1923, 1930, 1931, 1936 and 1947. At Carhampton, nine were rung from 1903 to 1912, seven from 1930 to 1935 (a short burst of activity) and four from 1945 to 1950. The one 10-bell tower not mentioned above is Bath Abbey. Only four peals have been rung here—in 1906, 1919, 1947 and 1953. All the county's 8-bell towers have had peals. Of the surviving 8-bell towers, Christ Church, Walcot (Bath), has been silent the longest, its seven peals were all rung from 1889 to 1904 (the blitzed church of St. James', Bath, had its last peal in 1894). Many have not been heard for 20 years or more.

THE SIX-BELL TOWERS

So far, I have confined my observations to the 8 and upwards towers. Actually, there are two 6-bell towers which are high up on the list of numbers of peals. They are Norton Fitzwarren with 38 peals and Radstock with 30. At the former no less than 30 were rung from 1899 to 1903! That was certainly good going! Seven more came from 1904 to 1913. But there has only been one peal since then—in 1953. I suppose it has been a case of a keen band being dispersed and never replaced. At Radstock, 22 peals were rung from 1920 to 1936 and eight from 1947 to 1951. One other tower has passed 20—Priston, with 21. The

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best time here was in the 20's, when 11 peals were rung. There was one in 1910 and three in the 30's, with six since 1946. Towers with double figures are Ash Priors and Ashbrittle (19); Timsbury (15); Bishop's Hull, Trull and Wootton Courtenay (14); Camerton (13); Publow (12); Bathford, Rockwell Green and Ubley (11); and Bathampton, Shipham and Uphill (10). The country's heaviest 6—Queen Camel—has registered but six peals. The way the peals have been 'spread out' in this county is shown by the fact that only 16 of the 182 6-bell towers have not had a peal. They are Brislington, Butleigh, Combe St. Nicholas, Exford, Hawkridge, Kingston, Limington, Lympsham, Puriton, Road, Staple Fitzpaine, Over Stowey, Sutton Montis, Tickenham, Withypool and Merriott. This is a really remarkable record.

Of course, there are plenty of 5-bell towers left to be conquered. But even here, the record is good, for 28 of the 76 have had one or more peals. The most have been rung at Monksilver—eight—all between 1907 and 1914 (another keen band which was dispersed, I expect). Sampford Brett's seven were all rung in that same period, also Heathfield's six peals have been spread out more—1902, 1938, 1939, and three in 1947 and 1948. Barton St. David, Charlton Queen and Kingweston each have three, then there are six towers with two peals and 16 with one peal.

So much for the county with some of the country's loveliest, and certainly the heaviest, bells. Peals include all published up to July 29th, 1955.

WEDDINGS

Mr. H. G. Hart—Miss Elsie K. Fulton

Two highly esteemed members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, Miss Elsie K. Fulton (Assistant Ringing Master of the North and East District) and Mr. H. George Hart (vice-president), were married in the presence of a large congregation on September 17th at All Saints', Harrow Weald, where both have been ringers for several years. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Deasy, assisted by the Rev. W. N. Kingston and the Rev. N. A. Tuddenham.

Among those present were several ringers, including P. D. Beedie, H. D. Butler, Miss F. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mayne and J. R. Mayne (Harrow Weald), G. R. Goodship (Great Missenden and formerly of Harrow Weald), J. E. Rootes (Bushey), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow (Hillingdon), A. W. Coles (North Mimms), Miss S. Clayton, W. N. Genna and E. Thurlow (Pinner), Mrs. E. Savory (Ruislip), D. Hopgood, E. J. Leversuch, Miss M. Mesley, E. C. S. Turner, W. Wenban and Miss J. Wilcockson (Stanmore).

Among the telegrams received was one from S. Warwick, a member of the local band, from Kuala Lumpar, where he is at present doing his National Service.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was successfully rung after the wedding. We all wish the couple every happiness in the future.

Mr. P. N. White—Miss R. M. Brown

Members of the Newark District of the Southwell Diocesan Guild rang the bells of Southwell Minster for the wedding of one of their fellow members and former District Secretary, Mr. Peter N. White, who married Miss Ruth M. Brown on September 17th.

The bridesmaids were Miss M. Fowkes, Miss J. Dolby and Miss B. N. White (bridegroom's sister). Miss B. N. White is a ringer at St. Giles', Balderton, where her brother is the Ringing Master.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Summer Festival at Culworth

Another outpost of the Diocesan Guild was visited on the occasion of the Guild's Summer Festival on September 17th. The Culworth Branch gave a great welcome to all who made the long journey, which in some cases meant travelling through the territory of three other branches. For many this was the first opportunity to become acquainted with the branch, which consists mainly of village bands. Its beautiful churches, set in lovely surroundings, were seen at their best on such a wonderful day; this, with the music of some very interesting bells, provided us with much to remember with pleasure.

As always, the devotional side of the proceedings was observed, with the Guild Office in Culworth Church, which was almost filled to capacity. The Rector, the Rev. F. L. Murdin (Chairman of the local Branch), officiated, and the Guild Master, Mr. B. P. Morris, read the lesson. Mr. A. E. R. Walker, who, as well as being a keen ringer, is also the untiring secretary of the Culworth Branch, is in addition an accomplished organist, and he played for the service.

The village hall was full to overflowing when about 160 sat down for tea, very kindly provided by a band of local ladies. Before dispersing, a vote of thanks was proposed to the many whose efforts went to the making of such a happy and successful gathering. Mr. Walker in particular was a mine of information and a source of strength in the arrangements.

Culworth has a very nice ring of five bells rung from the ground floor in an attractive chamber open on three sides, the result of the north and south aisles continuing to the west end. Its near neighbour, Middleton Cheney, with six bells of great beauty, was envied by many. Another village to interest the ringers was Chacombe, a ring of six, once the home of Henry Bagley, the bell-founder, who lies on the south side of the church. A memorial stone marks the spot, but the inscription is fast becoming unreadable. It was erected about the year 1700 and on the reverse side is recorded a restoration at the end of the last century. If this link with the past is not to be lost a further restoration seems to be necessary.

Soon after leaving this peaceful scene the shades of night came down, but bells were still waiting to be rung, and it was at least 9 p.m. before the last were rung down at the end of a most enjoyable afternoon. G. W. J.

AMERICAN HAND BELL FESTIVAL

On August 26th, 27th and 28th the American Guild of English Hand Bell Ringers held their second Annual Festival at Ipswich, near Boston. Ringers, with their bells of three octaves chromatic scale, attended from 18 states. One team came from Texas, a distance of over 2,000 miles, and Mr. E. Weatherby came from Los Angeles, some 3,000 miles. Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, on London, also attended the Festival before going to Canada.

The skilful way Mrs. Hughes handled her bells was much admired and also the double-handled tunes rung by Mr. and Mrs. Hughes. Mrs. Arthur A. Shurcliff, the president, also took part in ringing Grandsire Triples and Stedman and a double-handed course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Mr. Somers Sturges —ringing 3—4 and 5—6. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was decided to again hold next year's Festival at Castle Hill, Ipswich.

GIRL RINGERS' GRATITUDE TO INSTRUCTOR



SURROUNDED by his charming band of young ringers is Mr. W. A. Goldstone, of Addlestone, Surrey, who on the occasion of his 70th birthday was presented by them with an eight-day striking clock. The presentation was made on their behalf by the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Sylvester) after morning service recently. Mr. Goldstone also received a box of chocolates from the youngest member of the band.

For several years Mr. Goldstone has been instructor to the band, cycling nine miles to church on a Sunday and again for the weekly practice.

His enthusiasm is exemplified by the following activities on the ringers' behalf in one week: Sunday for service ringing; Monday to give two girls their first lesson: Wednesday for weekly practice; Saturday to attend to ropes that were wearing.

The idea of the gift came entirely from the girls.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD

Secretary's Notice of Resignation

At the general meeting of the Suffolk Guild, held at Beccles on September 24th, the fine ring of ten was ringing from 3 p.m., and at 4.30 an adjournment was made for the service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Mr. Hares. The two hymns, 'Rock of Ages' and 'Thy Kingdom Come, O God,' were heartily sung, and the lesson, which was taken from Philippians iv., 'Rejoice in the Lord alway,' was read by the hon. general secretary (Mr. C. W. Pipe). The theme of the sermon was 'Remember what you are ringing for.' An altogether pleasant short service.

At the business meeting Mr. Edwin Goate took the chair and was supported by Mr. Claude Rush, vice-president, Mr. Hares and the general secretary and minutes secretary.

The chairman welcomed the visitors, who included Messrs. J. Harwood, G. Howlett, Ben Thompson, H. Took and many other Norfolk ringers.

Mr. Ben Thompson and Mr. John Barnes were elected life members, Mrs. K. Bickers and Mr. Hares honorary members and Mr. Paul Mace ringing member.

The general secretary said he was elected to that office in April, 1945, and, having served 10 years, he felt he needed a rest. He felt very sure a change of secretary would be beneficial to Church, Guild and ringers, and he hoped someone would come forward to take over. He, therefore, formally gave three months' notice of his resignation, which would take effect as from December 31st next.

Mr. Claude Rush thanked Mr. Pipe for his work. It was decided to hold the next general meeting at Woodbridge on December 17th.

THE LADIES' GUILD

A joint meeting of the West Midland District and the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Tamworth, Staffs, on Sept. 17th.

A party travelling by special bus from Leicester and district, kindly arranged by Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Warwick, called to ring at Ashby-de-la-Zouch on the outward journey.

The fine ring of eight bells of St. Editha's, Tamworth, was set going during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Birch, who welcomed the Ladies' Guild to the ancient church and stated how pleased he was to see so many young people present.

A large gathering sat down to a really excellent tea, provided by the ringers and their wives, and served in the nearby Church Hall. Amongst the many good things to eat was a lovely iced cake, and on it was depicted 'George' pulling a bell rope. Miss Thompson, vice-president of the Midland District, after showing the cake to the company present, promptly asked George to cut it: this task he executed in a most efficient manner!

Miss Thompson thanked everyone concerned, and a party flavour was added to the meeting when Mr. Birch, himself extremely interested in campanology, told several stories of when he learnt to ring a bell 40 years ago.

Then came the parting of the ways, the gentlemen going to the tower to continue their ringing, whilst the two districts of the Ladies' Guild held their respective business meetings.

The Leicester party rang at Overseal, Netherseal and Measham on their homeward journey, thus completing an enjoyable half-day.

Everyone agreed that this first joint meeting between the two districts had been most successful. J. M. S.

OBITUARY

MR. T. W. HAMMOND

Mr. Thomas William Hammond, of St. Nicholas', Pierhead, Liverpool, died on Sept. 14th after a long and painful illness at the age of 74 years. So passed one of Liverpool's oldest ringers, both in age and length of service. His ringing career lasted close on 60 years and his membership of the Lancashire Association dated from 1897.

Tom was very well known in Lancashire and Cheshire ringing circles, in which counties he did practically all his ringing. In his early days he rang regularly with his father at the pro-Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Church Street, Liverpool. This church has long since disappeared and Woolworth's Store stands on the site which it occupied. When all ringing ceased at St. Peter's, Tom Hammond transferred to St. Nicholas' at the Pierhead, and remained a faithful member of the band there right up to the time of his death.

Tom was what is popularly called a colourful personality. He loved ringing and he loved to argue about ringing. He expressed his views in a very forthright manner which some found a trifle disconcerting. But when he was in a good mood then the sun really shone and he was a delightful companion. Everybody liked him. As a ringer when in his prime he was one of the best in the district—a good method ringer mainly at the light end and an excellent striker.

He had a serious illness in July, 1954, while he was working in the South of England and was rushed off to Tonbridge Hospital for an emergency operation. His life at the time was despaired of, but he recovered and returned to Liverpool in the following month. In the September of that year he resumed attendance at St. Nicholas' and actually took part in a touch of four courses of Stedman Cinques for evensong on September 19th.

This, within three months of a major operation and at the age of 73, is indicative of the tough indomitable spirit of the man.

Not a prolific peal ringer by modern standards, he rang altogether 307 peals, mostly for the Lancashire Association, and his peal book consists mainly of cuttings from 'The Ringing World.' These are annotated in his own handwriting. giving, in characteristic fashion, his verdict on the peal. Many are labelled, 'A good peal' or 'A very fair peal,' but there is at least one which has written against it, 'A very bad peal,' and looking at the record now, even after his death, we can almost feel the disgust which he must have felt at the time.

He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter. The cremation took place at Anfield Crematorium on September 17th, and by a most unfortunate coincidence this was a date of the St. Nicholas' ringers' annual outing. So only one or two of his colleagues at St. Nicholas' were able to be present. The remainder on their outing took part in a special service of remembrance, conducted by the Rector of Liverpool, the Rev. Canon R. Nelson, at the first church visited, which was at Witton, near Northwich.

P. W. C.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Christ Church, Poplar, Cubitt Town, was visited by the Northern District for their quarterly meeting on September 17th. Ringing under the direction of the District Ringing Master, Mr. C. A. Hughes, commenced at 4 p.m. Evensong was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. D. H. P. Priest, who gave a very cordial welcome to the Association. Tea followed in the Church Hall, where members were joined by the Vicar and his assistant.

Some very good touches ranging from Grandsire Triples to Yorkshire Surprise Major were rung during the afternoon and evening.

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BIRTH

CAUSLEY.—On Sept. 14th, 1955, at Cuckfield Hospital, to Jean (nee Durrant) and Michael Causley—a daughter (Christine). 7032

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

From Oct. 1st the home address of Mrs. E. D. KELLY (hon. sec., Yorkshire District of the Ladies' Guild) will be 45, Wheatley Grove, Sheffield 13. 7044

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Wanted a second-hand octave of handbells in good condition, size approximately 15 in C. Send particulars and price to E. S. Clarke, 5, Market Place, Wisbech, Cambs. 7052

MISCELLANEOUS

A BELL FUND is being opened at WOODSTON, Peterborough, where all six bells will receive their first major overhaul in 40 years. Some ringers, who know this small tower and have enjoyed its hospitality, may be willing to help forward the fund. Contributions will be gratefully acknowledged, and may be sent to Mr. H. Hoare, 11, Jubilee Street, Woodston, Peterborough. 7016

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—First practice of term, Wednesday, Oct. 5th, St. Andrew's (opposite Christ's), 8 p.m. Beginners, St. Bene't's, Oct. 6th, 8 p.m. For further details contact W. T. Cook, Jesus. 7035

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—Will friends please note that practice night is now on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m., **not** Thursdays, starting from Sept. 21st. Visitors are always welcome. — L. S. Woods. 7014

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY.—Michaelmas Term, 1955. St. Olave's, Hart Street, Sunday service ringing commences on Oct. 9th at 5 p.m. Practices commence on Oct. 10th at 6.30 p.m. All Freshers particularly welcome.—G. McKay, Secretary, Greystones, St. Bees, Cumberland. 7008

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MEETINGS

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Quarterly meeting (joint), Chesterfield, Saturday, Oct. 1st, 2.30 p.m.—A. B. Cooper, J. S. Seager. 6988

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western.—Quarterly meeting, Prittlewell, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea to Mr. P. Sadler, 21 Dulverton Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea. 6928

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Evening practice meeting at Bottisham (5) on Saturday, Oct. 1st, at 6.30 p.m. Coffee and sandwiches after. — H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7041

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Bristol City Branch. — St. James' (10), Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Church House, Whitson Street. Meeting follows. Please attend. —A. Bennett, Hon. Sec. 7043

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Meeting at Farnborough (6) on Saturday, Oct. 1st, from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. 6977

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. —Meeting, Oct. 1st, 3 p.m., Bishop's Stortford. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, by Wednesday, 28th inst.—T. J. Southam, 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 7000

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District. — Meeting at Stanmore (8), Oct. 1st, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7011

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—**Annual** district meeting at Ashford on Oct. 1st (**not** Sept. 24th as previously arranged). Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Parish Room 5.15. 6971

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Annual meeting at Tonbridge, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea (2s. 6d.) 5 p.m. 6973

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch. — A meeting will be held at Lewknor, Oxon, on Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Watlington bells available at 6.—H. Badger, The Blue Man, Thame, Oxon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—Autumn meeting at Standlake, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Ringing at Stanton-Harcourt 2 p.m., Northmoor 3 p.m., Witney 7.45 p.m. Welcome extended to City Branch and all ringers. 7002

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Fenny Stratford, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Bells (6) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 7021

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Quarterly meeting, Yardley (8), Oct. 1st. Meeting in Trust School 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringing afterwards. 6976

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 1st. Ringing arrangements: St. Olave's, Hart Street (City) (8), 2.30–4 p.m.; St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12). 4–5.30 p.m. Dinner, Old Bell, Holborn, 6 for 6.30 p.m.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 6994

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting on Oct. 1st at Ockley (6) 2.30–4.15 and Capel (6) 6–8.30. Service at Ockley 4.15. Tea at King's Head, Capel, 5.15.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Quarterly meeting, Hursley, Oct. 1st. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service, 4.15. Tea 5.15 p.m. at the King's Head. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 6954

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, W.C. (near Tottenham Court Road tube station), on Monday, Oct. 3rd, from 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 7030

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Monday, Oct. 3rd. 7.15, practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth. Saturday, Oct. 8th, general meeting, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway. 3.30–5 p.m. Business in Church Hall 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m., St. Mary's, South Ealing. 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 7050

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Crewkerne Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Curry Rivel (8), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Notify early for tea to J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton. 7001

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch. — Practice meeting, Creech St. Michael, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed, Taunton. 7049

BATH and WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bath Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Keynsham (8) on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. L. Ellis, 51, Rock Road, Keynsham, near Bristol. 7051

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Biggleswade District), HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Northern District).—Joint meeting at Clifton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. G. Buck, L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Secs. 6987

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Pocklington on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) available 2 to 8 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (price 3s.) 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. Bairstow, 9, Victoria Road, Pocklington. 7037

DORSET RINGERS' FESTIVAL at Blandford, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Those wishing for tea please notify Town Clerk, Blandford, by Monday, Oct. 3rd. 6986

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Rotherfield (8), Oct. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Names for tea to W. Rogers, Vine Cottage, Rotherfield.—C. A. Bassett. 7028

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting at Longstanton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden. 7013

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Cock Hotel. Names, please, to G. Blake, Dis. Sec., Hamlet House, Roydon Hamlet, Harlow, Essex. 6979

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, at Goldhanger (7). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. H. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7027

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Purton (6), Oct. 8th. Tea. Lydiard Millicent evening. — Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Phone 3936. 7019

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Coaley (6), Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Oct. 5th Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7034

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Great Gaddesden (6), Oct. 8th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 5th to Mr. R. Shutter, Church House, Apsley, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. 6989

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 2s. per head. Names, with cash, please, to me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th. Nominations for district officers must also reach me by Oct. 5th. St. Dunstan's, St. Stephen's and Cathedral bells available after tea and meeting.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 6998

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. — R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 6990

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District. —Meeting at Consett on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. 7005

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Millom St. George on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. M. Overfield, The Cross. Millom, Cumberland.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7045

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Woolton Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify Miss S. Hackett, 40, Woolacombe Road, Childwall, Liverpool 16.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 7015

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 4–6 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 7046

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Whittle-le-Woods, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Cups of tea (bring own food) 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Everybody welcome. — L. Walmsley. 7047

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify J. Cotton, Overseal, Tel. 264. 7022

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Wolstanton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names for tea, **not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th,** to G. D. Whalley, 13, Chelmsford Road, Dimsdale Parade, Wolstanton, Stoke-on-Trent. — E. H. Edge. 7038

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Gressenhall, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea as early as possible to G. Bunning, Gressenhall, East Dereham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Newbury Branch.—Annual meeting at Newbury on Oct. 8th. Bells (10) at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Advise for tea Mr. Curtis, 67, King's Road, Newbury, by Oct. 5th. 6968

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—A practice will be held at Shiplake and Henley-on-Thames on Saturday, Oct. 8th, 6 to 8.30 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 7031

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—Meeting at Hazelbech, Oct. 8th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 7033

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Thrapston Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Raunds, Oct. 8th. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to L. Witten, 4, Johns Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 7036

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Autumn meeting, Alrewas, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th, to Mr. R. A. Wealthy, Riverside, Church Road, Alrewas, Burton-on-Trent. Preliminary notice: The annual dinner will take place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on Saturday, Nov. 12th.—F. C. A. Bennett. 6981

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Blyth (6), Saturday, Oct. 8th. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify by 5th Mrs. Tomlinson, White House Cafe, Blyth, Worksop.—H. Denman.

SURREY ASSOCIATION (Northern District) and KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION (Lewisham District).—The annual joint meeting will be held at Croydon Parish Church on Oct. 8th. Bells (12) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea. Names for tea to Mrs. F. E. Collins, 17, Hamilton Road, Thornton Heath, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 5th.—A. Hill, W. Parrott, Hon. Secs. 6975

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Practice meeting, Shipley (6), Oct. 8th, 2.30–4.30. Tea, Itchingfield School, 5. Itchingfield (5) 6.30–9. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 7040

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Norton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. Names by Wednesday, Oct. 5th. to W. J. Newman, 7, New Road, Hampton, Evesham. 7025

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Wine Lodge, Burges, Coventry, 7.30 p.m. Tickets 11s. Bells of Rugby (St. Andrew's) available 2–4 p.m., and Kenilworth, Allesley and Stoke 2–5 p.m. Business meeting at National Savings Centre, Broadgate, Coventry, 6 p.m.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec., 81, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuneaton 3296. 6997

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Winlaton St. Paul, Saturday, Oct. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne. 7048

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m Tickets 10s. 6d. Accommodation limited to 100. Early application and stamped addressed envelope, please.—F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive, Hornchurch.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The 75th anniversary dinner is an occasion not to be missed; at Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 15th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. 200 tickets at 10s. 6d. available. Apply now.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 7024

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. — Half-yearly meeting, Gainsborough, Oct. 15th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 7018

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoke Bruerne on Oct. 15th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Sept. 10th to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 7020

SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. John's Church, Alloa, on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Oct. 12th, to Mr. A. B. Henderson, 36, Balfour Street, Alloa. — Rognvald Wilson. 6991

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, Guildford Hotel, Leeds, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at 6.15 p.m. Tickets (11s. 6d.) each from the undersigned by Oct. 10th. Bells available for general ringing: Leeds Parish Church (12) and St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8) from 2.30 p.m. Applications for morning peals to G. Benfield, Lane End House, Pudsey, Leeds. Early application for tickets advisable.—A. E. Marsh, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey, Leeds. 7023

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest at Earlsheaton, Oct. 22nd. **All members welcome.** For teas, please notify H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, by Oct. 15th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 7007

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Sat., Oct. 22nd. 6.30, **Annual Dinner** and social, also handbell ringing. **Venue changed** to Six Bells, 197, King's Road, Chelsea, next to Town Hall. 11, 19 and 22 bus from Sloane Square Underground, 49 bus from South Kensington Underground. Apply quickly for tickets, please. Everyone welcome. Afternoon ringing details later.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 6966

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — Autumn meeting, Leafield (6), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte. 7029

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Wednesday, Oct. 19th, from Dinner Committee, branch or general secretaries. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3.30–5 p.m., Cathedral (12) 3 p.m. until evensong—provisional on tower repairs being completed. All Saints' bells will not be available.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7026

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Preliminary notice. Annual dinner, Saturday, Nov. 26th, the Saracen's Head Hotel, Eastgate Street. Other details later.—A. Lynall. 7017

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DABBLING

LOVERS of that delicate classic, 'The Wind in the Willows,' will recollect that we have it on the authority of Kenneth Grahame, speaking by the mouth of Water Rat, that there is exquisite pleasure in messing about in boats. Boating enthusiasts are sure to agree. For them the enjoyment of the river, with its eternal forward urge, its arcades of Gothic greenery and its smooth water meadows, is dependent on the boat; and all the affairs of the boat, the cleaning of it, the painting of it, the stocking of it for a trip—these and kindred activities connected with the craft provide joys anticipatory or pleasures reflective.

In the world of change ringing J. A. Trollope was fond of drawing our attention to the pleasures of messing about with figures. For him, as doubtless for not a few, the full enjoyment of the wonders of change ringing, with its never-ending avenues of exploration, the beauty of its patterns, and the wonder of its natural laws, depended upon something more than the actual ringing in the tower. It was due to this conviction that he wrote so much on the theory of ringing and instructed so earnestly in dabbling with pencil and paper. He was to the end of his life active in urging the pleasure, fascination, and ultimate practical value, of exercising oneself in the pricking of changes and the construction of touches and peals.

Many have benefited by his instruction and have been led into intricate explorations or wide fields of investigation undreamt-of before. These men have achieved marvels of mathematical construction, and the results of their labours are with us in the form of methods and compositions available for our diversion. But for the humbler curiosity also there is a simple activity, a relaxation from actual ringing, a recreation perhaps, and a pastime of considerable incidental value. It may be pursued without any exalted aim and without any great mathematical ability, and the results of it may add very little to the great book of change ringing knowledge. It will, nevertheless, give to a ringer a much clearer insight into what he is ringing, and for the conductor of moderate aspirations it may shed a new and delightful ray of light to illuminate what has possibly become rather dull routine.

But, just as to mess about in a boat one must know something of the construction of the boat, and to dabble safely in the river one must have some knowledge of the nature of rivers, so, in order to experiment in change ringing, one must be clear in the mind over the simple principles of the science. These are no great trouble to the patient inquirer. He should know, to begin with, how rows are pricked from one to the next, and how the making of a place affects the run of the rows. He must be able to write out blocks of changes by the lead heads and to write out courses by course ends. Simple proof of Grandsire and Plain Bob by lead heads is not difficult and is sufficient for the making up of short touches.

Armed with this (or with very little more) knowledge, let the student now experiment with Grandsire Doubles. He will discover, it is to be feared, no new extents, but he may gain much from bobbing here and there and trying to bring the bells round by putting the 4th into the hunt and calling her out at the appropriate moment. He may dabble, too, in the effects of singles and in how to bring the bells round at handstroke. These matters, though simple, are far from childish and are by no means without value. The man who can go into the tower and call Grandsire Doubles, mixing up the rows, splicing one extent into another, and calling the bells round in unexpected ways, may have considerable fun with this elementary activity, and will provide more interest for his fellow-ringers than may be found in the conventional six-scores.

Let the dabbler now proceed to Plain Bob Minor and, having satisfied himself of the effects of bobs and singles at Home and the impact of bobs Before, let him part 5 and 6. Then let him experiment with bringing the tenors together again either by calling the 6th to run in until 5 makes the bob, or by calling the 5th to run out until 6 dodges in 5–6 up. Then let him decide the interesting question as to which of these two means it is best to use if the bells are to be brought round in the quickest possible time. After this, the fact that two singles running bring the same lead end as two bobs running may give opportunity for further enterprise.

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PETER BORDER	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
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JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	4	JOHN E. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN E. COOK.
The first peal for the Society.

ROCK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 13 cwt.

MRS. J. THOMAS	*Treble*	*GEORGE PRESCOTT	5
*GERALD BOWEN	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	7
ALLEN MORGAN	4	THOMAS W. LEWIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
* First peal in the method.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Sept. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

WALTER ALLMAN	*Treble*	JOHN ORME	5
*ANNE SLINGER	2	WILLIAM E. ALLMAN	6
ALAN DUGDALE	3	*ROBERT B. P. HULSE	7
CHARLES WARD	4	DENIS MADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WALTER ALLMAN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung by the Sunday service band to welcome the Rev. G. M. Davidson as Vicar of the parish.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5152 WOODSTOCK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*HARRY POYNER	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	*†BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 50th peal together. † 50th peal on the bells.
The first peal in the method, which is Yorkshire, with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end. Rung at first attempt.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

SUSAN JACKSON	*Treble*	THOMAS W. LEWIS	5
REGINALD WOODYATT	2	ALLAN MORGAN	6
DAVID BEACHAM	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
JOHN J. STANIER	4	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
Rung as a farewell to the curate, the Rev. C. F. Pilkington.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5024 WALBROOK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
MARY LAWRENCE	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
*JOHN R. MAYNE	3	†ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
THOMAS J. LOCK	4	*†RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 50th peal together. † 100th peal together. The conductor's 350th peal. The first peal in the method.

WALBROOK SURPRISE MAJOR.
The method: 58, 16, 56, 16, 14, 58, 14, 18, 8ths place lead-end, 4ths place bob.
F.C..E's: 46325, 54263, 62345, 34562.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN F. BROOKS	*Treble*	DONALD J. MEAGER	5
ROGER CADAMY	2	WILLIAM A. YATES	6
HARRY SEAR	3	JOSEPH MARKS	7
FREDERICK C. CASE	4	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HOLLAND.
Rung to celebrate the eighth centenary of the dedication of this ancient parish church.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*MICHAEL DUKES	*Treble*	ALAN G. FOSTER	5
†GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	6
MRS. S. H. JONES	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
*ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	4	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'
Rung for the harvest thanksgiving.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt.

*SUSAN H. PORTER	*Treble*	RALPH BIRD	5
LINDA H. BINNINGTON	2	†PETER G. DAVIES	6
ALAN R. PINK	3	WILLIAM L. GILKS	7
ROBERT B. BLOND	4	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PITCHARD (C.C.C. No. 170). Conducted A. R. PINK.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

HIGHER WALTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5136 SPLICED MAJOR
Consisting of 2,880 changes of Double Norwich C.B. and 2,256 changes of Plain Bob Major, with 60 changes of method. Tenor 16 cwt.

*BRIAN G. HENRY	*Treble*	FRANK STEAD	5
THOMAS BARKER	2	G. ALEC DIMMOCK	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE	7
STANLEY WALMSLEY	4	ERNEST J. GOWER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by CYRIL CROSSTHWAITE.
* First peal of Major.
First peal of Spliced Plain Bob and Double Norwich C.B. by all the band and for the Lancashire Association.

LYNDHURST, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	*Treble*	RONALD N. MARLOW	5
*JESSIE M. KIPPIN	2	†MAURICE J. BUTLER	6
NELIA M. LEAHY	3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	7
†FRANK L. HARRIS	4	†JOHN H. GILBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung prior to the patronal festival and as a tribute to the memory of H. H. Harris, who was a ringer and sidesman at this church for many years.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	*RONALD KENRICK	5
MARJORIE LEGG	2	JAMES S. WEBB	6
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	3	JAMES W. GROUNDS	7
BRIAN A. TOMLINSON	4	*JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* 150th peal together.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in A flat.

*ALBERT J. DUNK	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	2	‡EDWARD C. BARTON	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
†PETER F. BORER	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Double Norwich.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

TAXAL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 23 methods: (1) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal and St. Werbergh Delight, (2) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV. and Old Oxford Delight, (3) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley and Duke of Norfolk Treble Bob, (4) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans and Wragby Delight, (5) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ERIC SIMPSON	*Treble*	NEIL D. LOMAS	4
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	*SYDNEY SAGE	5
*IVOR JENKINS	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in 23 methods 'inside.'
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Aug. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

HARRY CHURCHMAN	*Treble*	DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS	4
*JANE THORPE	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
BRIAN PRATT	3	*EUSTACE W. BULLMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal of Surprise.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6½ cwt.

MAURICE BENNETT	*Treble*	RONALD C. NOON	4
ERNEST BRITTAIN	2	FRED BRIGHTMAN	5
JOHN G. AMES	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.
Rung as a farewell to Mr. Ernest Brittain, who is leaving the district.

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PACKINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY ROOD,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, two extents each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 lb. in B flat.

J. CHRISTOPHER RIGG	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	4
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	WILLIAM F. WOODWARD	5
ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	3	JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

A compliment to Mr. H. G. Hart and Miss E. K. Fulton on the occasion of their marriage at Harrow Weald Parish Church.

LANGFORD; OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Comprising an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob (combined), Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

DAPHNE CASTELL	*Treble*	HARRY P. FLOYD	4
MARIE R. CROSS	2	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	5
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.

First peal on the augmented and restored ring.
Rung on the Feast of St. Matthew.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Bourne, London and Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JACK BRAY	*Treble*	PHILIP BARNES	4
RONALD CHAFER	2	HARRY HALL	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

Rung on St. Matthew's Day.

CHILDSWICKHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being four extents of Stedman, 16 extents of Plain Bob, and 20 extents of Grandsire, and one of Morris's 240's of Grandsire. Tenor 12¼ cwt. in F.

*ARTHUR R. ELLIOTT	*Treble*	†REV. T. P. HEARN	4
†SHIRLEY PARSONS	2	CHARLES ROUSE	5
MARY BLISS*	3	ARTHUR NEWBURY	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES ROUSE.

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

BRAMLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

*V. MICHAEL COX	*Treble*	*PETER DAWSON	4
CHRISTINE PEDDER	2	*J. DAVID COX	5
*DOUGLAS THORP	3	*DAVID R. FENTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID R. FENTON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
***A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR**

Being 720 Oswald Delight, Primrose, London Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT BAMBER	*Treble*	ALBERT E. FLATTERS	4
*JACK GREEN	2	JOHN R. KEMP	5
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	JOHN R. YOUNG	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal in seven methods.
A birthday compliment to the treble ringer

COITY, BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt.

MALGWYN H. WILLIAMS	*Treble*	HARRY GREEN	4
THOMAS E. HIDDINS	2	DAVID W. EVANS	5
WILLIAM T. PETTY	3	WALFORD D. DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

First peal on the bells since rehanging and first for over 20 years.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being forty-two extents in eleven methods, viz.: 480 each of Winchendon Place, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Matthew's and St. Alban's; 600 each of St. Nicholas' and Plain Bob; 360 each of St. Giles', St. Peter's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, and Southrepps Pleasure. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

*MOLLY CROSIER (13)	*Treble*	FRANK E. CROSIER (17)	3
RICHARD J. COLES (15)	2	DAVID W. JAMES (16)	4
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by DAVID W. JAMES.

* First peal. Greatest number of methods rung on tower bells by all the band.
Rung in memoriam of Matt Hobbs.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	*Treble*	BRIAN J. HOWARD	4
ERNEST W. FURBANK	2	*DAVID HODGSON	5
IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS	3	DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise as conductor. The treble ringer has 'circled' the tower.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*VALERIE PHILLIPS	*Treble*	*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4
†JOAN M. PHILLIPS	2	ERIC LEE	5
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor in three methods.

LONGHOPE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent of Double Oxford and Single Court, and two of Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

JOHN J. WEBB	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	4
MOLLIE TILBURY	2	CHARLES G. JONES	5
JOSEPHINE GREEN	3	REGINALD J. JONES	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Freda Taysom, a member of the Ross-on-Wye band, and Anthony Green, who were married at this church previous to the peal.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in G.

HARRY SPRINGATE	*Treble*	JOHN L. MORRIS	4
JOSEPH E. GRENSTEAD	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
CYRIL S. JARRETT	3	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.

An 84th birthday compliment to Mr. George Wood, of Queenborough, who recently completed 60 years' membership of the K.C.A. The conductor's 90th tower in the county for a peal.

TATTENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 20 extents of Grandsire, 3 Morris's 240, and 16 extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT BARRETT	*Treble*	BERNARD J. ONGLEY	4
ARNOLD WORTH	2	ERNEST PIMLOTT	5
HENRY O. BAKER	3	*GEORGE FORRESTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY O. BAKER.
* First peal.
Rung for the induction of the Rev. J. S. Gamon.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN E. FOX	*Treble*	TREVOR BEVIS	4
ROY SPENCER	2	WALTER STORRY	5
JOHN WILSON	3	ROLAND REED	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. FOX.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

*DENNIS LAUD	*Treble*	WILLIAM WENBAN	4
D. KAY ADKINS	2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
†JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.'
The conductor's 200th peal.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT, 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	HARRY POYNER	5—6
JOHN A. ACRES	3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK	7—8

Composed by E. MAURICE ATKINS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
A compliment to Iris Lewis (nee Rowley) on the birth of a son (John Arthur). First grandson to Arthur E. Rowley, of Ibstock, Leicestershire.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT STEDMAN, SKETCHLEY ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN VERNON	1—2	*C. ROGER HAYWARD	5—6
ALFRED BALLARD	3—4	MICHAEL VERNON	7—8

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.
* First peal of Triples 'in hand.' First peal of Triples as conductor.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PREBENDAL CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 17 in A

JOHN A. ACRES	1—2	HARRY POYNER	5—6
ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK	7—8

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by HARRY POYNER.



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QUARTER PEALS

ABSON, BRISTOL.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Hammond 1, B. Pennal 2, G. Sprules (cond.) 3, P. S. Overbury 4, B. W. S. Angell 5, C. Dando 6. Rung for the 29th anniversary of the rehanging of the bells.

ALCONBURY, HUNTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, E. J. Parish 3, M. Collings 4, R. F. Baker 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6.

ANSTEY, LEICS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. K. E. Harris 1, Miss J. M. Hooke 2, R. F. Elkington 3, Miss M. Disney 4, A. Disney 5, D. S. Harris 6, W. A. Lacey (cond.) 7, R. Elkington 8. Rung by the local band for harvest festival Evensong.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Christine Wheeler (first quarter) 1, R. H. Cook 2, H. Bell 3, J. H. Cook (cond.) 4, R. Looker 5, P. Lambert (first quarter) 6. Rung for harvest festival Evensong.

BALDERTON, NOTTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Devos 1, Miss S. M. Harper 2 Miss T. Williams 3, Miss B. N. White 4, C. W. Reed (cond.) 5, B. E. White 6. First quarter for 1, 3 and 6. A wedding compliment for Mr. P. N. White and Miss R. M. Brown.

BELGRAVE, LEICS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Kirk 1, T. Bent 2, O. Castleman 3, J. Kesterton 4, Alan Cattell (cond.) 5, C. V. Cattell 6, Arthur Cattell 7, S. Esmond 8. A wedding compliment to Janet Mansell and Colin Linch, who is a regular ringer at this church.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: A. E. Daniells 1, A. B. Corden 2, H Sear 3, W. Daniells 4, J. Marks 5, D. J. Meager 6, V. Sear (first in method) 7, R. Cadamy (cond.) 8. Rung for harvest festival.

BOLTON, LANCS.—On Sept. 24th, at the Saviour's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. F. Wood: Mildred Jones: H. Cooper: J. W. Metcalfe: S. Anderson: P. Crook (cond.): G. Collier. For the 70th anniversary of the consecration of the church.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.—On Sept. 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: P. Monser 1, A. H. Everett (cond.) 2, R. Bentley 3, K. Joslin 4, R. Joslin 5, E. Roast 6, L. Joslin 7, A. H. Edwards 8. For the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Allen. Mr. Allen has been a ringer at St. Andrew's, Boreham, for some 55 years.

BRISTOL.—At St. Mary, Redcliffe, on Sept. 22nd, 1,363 Grandsire Cinques: R. J. Bowden 1, Miss J. Midgley 2, M. J. Hancock 3, G. Briggs 4, F. C. Mogford 5, J. Stallard 6, B. Grinter 7, A. M. Tyler 8, A. A. Hilliar 9, E. F. Hancock 10, R. O. Fry 11, R. G. Hooper 12. First quarter of Cinques for 2, 3 and 7. Rung as a farewell to M. J. Hancock, who is leaving to join the Merchant Navy.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. J. Smith (first quarter) 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, H. Stebbings 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, K. Everett (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest thanksgiving service.

CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Sept. 5th, at St. Mary's, Woodstock, 1,484 Grandsire Triples: J. G. Wood 1, B. Hargrove, R.N., 2, C. Gardiner 3, J. Riley 4, L. Hewitt 5, W. J. Smith (cond.) 6, O. Lamb 7, A. V. Sheppard 8. Rung for Settlers' Day. Also on Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, C. Gardiner 2, W. Smith 3, J. Riley 4, L. Hewitt 5, J. Wood (first in method as cond.) 6, O. Lamb 7, J. Ernstzen 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sept. 21st, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. J. Lewis (first quarter, aged 12) 1, F. J. Lewis, sen. (cond.) 2, F. J. Lewis, jun., 3, V. R. Williams 4, H. L. Cook 5, E. H. Jefferies 6, W. H. Hayward 7, S. Eastbery 8. Rung to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the Bingham Public Library.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS. — On Sept. 25th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: A. Sanson (11 years, first quarter) 1, C. H. Newell 2, L. E. Berridge (13) 3, J. R. Coles (15) 4, D. W. James (16, cond.) 5, F. E. Crosier (17) 6. First quarter of Minor by all except 6. Rung for harvest festival Evensong.

CROFT, LEICS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Watson 1, J. H. Cook 2, E. Morris (cond.) 3, A. E. Rowley 4, J. Vernon 5, M. Vernon, 6. A birthday compliment to the Rector (the Rev. G. E. Sims-Reeves). Also for the 10th anniversary of his induction as Rector of Croft.

CROMER, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Pooley 1, J. R. Smith 2, E. C. Wilson 3, L. H. Risebrow 4, R. W. Balls (first as cond.) 5, W. H. Holdom 6. For harvest thanksgiving, and also as a farewell to Mr. E. C. Wilson, who is leaving after 35 years as a ringer at Cromer.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: S. G. Osborne 1, C. Underwood 2, J. G. Underwood 3, E. G. Orland 4, M. J. Chown 5, M. F. Amos 6, A. R. Pocklington 7, J. Leeming (cond.) 8. First quarter in method for 3, 5 and 6.

DEAN PRIOR, DEVON.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. D. E. Hood 1, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 2, A. L. Bennett 3, M. Hood 4, D. J. Cross (first 'inside') 5, K. Shelley 6. First quarter for 4 and 6. A farewell to Mr. M. Hood, who is returning to his school.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Berry (first quarter) 1, F. K. Cooke 2, A. Livings 3, R. Hornby 4, T. J. Southam (cond.) 5, C. A. Pawsey 6. Also 1,260 Bob Doubles by same team. First of Plain Bob for 1, 2, 4 and 6.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Simpson (cond.) 1, J. D. Armitage 2, Miss M. S. Rhodes 3, P. Whitaker 4, P.Sergt. W. H. Bostock 5, A. C. Walsh 6, A. Wear 7, W. Dixon 8. A birthday compliment to treble, 4th and 6th ringers, also to Audrey, grand-daughter of the treble ringer.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Prime 1, W. Kerrison 2, R. Darch (cond.) 3, A. Sutherland 4, J. Thurlow 5, A. Inwards 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. Mr. Newbury, a former Vicar of this parish and president of the local Ringers' Society.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Sept. 11, 1,320 Bob Doubles: S. E. Dyer 1, G. D. Whitehead 2, F. L. Nichols 3, M. J. Dyer 4, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 5. For harvest thanksgiving service. Also on Sept. 25th, 720 Ipswich and 576 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, M. Collings 3, W. Ransome 4, F. L. Nichols 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HEYWOOD, LANCS.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. G. S. Mills 1, H. Armstead 2, Miss J. Cordwell 3, G. S. Mills 4, A. Ward 5, F. Pritchard 6, I. Kay (cond.) 7, J. Partington 8. First in method for 1, 4 and 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. D. Winter as curate at St. Luke's.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Sept. 23rd, 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, E. J. Parish 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, O. Norman 4, M. Collings 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,320 Ipswich Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, M. Collings 4, H. S. Peacock 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

LEWISHAM, S.E.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Machell (first quarter) 1, Mrs. Ling 2, P. Andre 3, F. W. Richardson 4, E. Jones 5, G. Daynes 6, J. Dafters (cond.) 7, E. Mounter 8. A farewell to the Ven. P. D. Robb, late Vicar, now Archdeacon of Kingston.

LINCOLN.—On Sept. 20th, at St. Peter-at-Gowts', 1,260 Plain Bob: D. Simpson 1, C. Popple 2, A. Melton (cond.) 3, J. Bundy (first quarter) 4, R. Worsdale 5, H. Hurst 6.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Sept. 22nd, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, 7, 6, 8 covering: D. J. James 1, Miss D. A. Atwell 2, D. G. Clarke (cond.) 3, Miss M. J. Davies 4, J. James 5, G. Cooke 6, R. H. Johns 7, M. Howells 8. Rung before harvest thanksgiving service.

NORTH MUSKHAM, NOTTS.—On Sept. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (three extents Reverse St. Bartholomew, three extents Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire Doubles): C. Copp 1, W. Midwinter 2, W. Exton 3, J. Read 4, S. Barley (cond.) 5, M. Lewis 6.

NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rev. G. Hales 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, M. Saunders 3, G. Mansfield 4, G. Shellard 5, A. Mansfield (cond.) 6.

OCKBROOK, DERBYS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,320 Bob Doubles: F. Doran 1, W. Lee 2, G. Powdrall 3, J. Harrison 4, M. Bailey (cond.) 5. By local company for harvest festival.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—On Sept. 24th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. T. Light (first quarter) 1, D. Sanderson (first of Grandsire Doubles) 2, J. T. Walmsley 3, A. Gilmour (first quarter) 4, F. Pritchard (cond.) 5, T. B. Hartley 6. Rung for Gift Day, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

OLD WOKING, SURREY.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Pollard 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, D. Wright 4, J. Martin (cond.) 5, M. Hurcombe (first quarter) 6, J. King 7, G. Cole 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering. A birthday compliment to G. Cole (aged 80) and D. Pollard.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 21st, 1,260 Doubles (360 April Day, 360 Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): Miss B. Carter 1, D. Hoare (cond.) 2, A. Jones 3, E. Brown 4, F. Carter 5, P. Hall 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

REDBOURN, HERTS. — 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Taylor 1, J. Luck (first quarter) 2, J. Hobbs (cond.) 3, R. Woods 4, H. Walker 5, W. Ranscombe 6.

RODBOURNE CHENEY, WILTS. — On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: H. E. Brown 1, Beryl J. Henderson 2, Bernice M. Strange 3, D. Bounds 4, W. B. Kynaston (cond.) 5, T. I. Holborow 6. For harvest festival.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hodgkins 1, T. Cox 2, O. Payne 3, J. Clarke 4, D. Priestley (cond.) 5, W. Dickens 6, J. Clifton 7, G. Smith 8. A 70th birthday compliment to Mr. O. Payne: also for harvest festival.

SEAL CHART, KENT.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. T. Acott 1, E. J. Jenner (first of Grandsire) 3, S. Jenner 3, C. A. Tester 4, J. T. Medhurst (cond.) 5, E. D. Acott 6. Also 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: E. D. Acott 1, J. T. Medhurst 2, E. J. Jenner 3, S. Jenner 4, C. A. Tester (cond.) 5, G. T. Acott 6. First of Bob Doubles for 3 and 4. Rung for Evensong, also a birthday compliment to F. Acott, father of treble and tenor ringers.

QUARTER PEALS

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. V. H. Sinkins (aged 90) 1, Miss S. Wickenden 2, Miss J. Adamson 3, A. D. Rivers 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, Mrs. A. A. Butler 6. Specially rung in the year of the centenary of the bells to commemorate the only quarter peal rung on the original six bells for harvest festival, Sunday, September 24th, 1871. Mr. F. Sinkins rang in this quarter 74 years ago.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Anne's Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Weedon (first of Treble Bob) 1, B. Dibben 2, B. Bladon 3, A. Lewry (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, J. L. Morris 6. Rung to celebrate Tottenham Charter.

STEPNEY, E.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. J. Smith (first quarter) 1, H. W. Knauss (first 'inside') 3, L. J. Fox (cond.) 4, J. C. Malden 5, H. G. Weedon 6, C. W. Ridgway 7, S. Smith 8. Rung for Evensong after meeting short for Triples.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Yvonne West 1, Marion Macfarlane 2, Sheila Banwell 3, D. G. Thorne 4, H. Collings (cond.) 5, H. Banwell 6. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Collings.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Sept. 25th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Mrs. R. K. C. Wilkings 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, M. Sinden 4, J. A. Hales 5, J. Hales 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Hayes (13, first quarter) 1, D. Hewitt (first 'inside') 2, H. Rumens 3, F. C. Maynard 4, E. E. Holman (cond.) 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, R. Chapman 7, B. Collard 8. Rung for Evensong, also as a farewell to Mr. F. J. Rumens upon his return to Chicago.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: I. Hughes 1, Mrs. D. T. North 2, G. Walford 3, Mrs. P. J. Moore 4, G. Salter 5, G. J. Gammon (cond.) 6, D. T. North 7, A. E. Hawkins 8. For harvest thanksgiving service.

WEST DIDSBURY, LANCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. M. Ratliff 1, Barbara Kay 2, V. Griffin (cond.) 3, A. Bennion 4, D. J. Manning 5, P. L. Forrest 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 6. First 'inside' for 4 and 5. For harvest festival, also a compliment to Mr. R. Benson, instructor to the local band, on his election as president of the National Guild of Police Ringers.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tindale 1, A. V. Coates 2, A. Sykes (first 'inside') 3, J. E. Dews 4, H. Waters 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, J. Hodgson 7, F. H. Lamerton 8. Rung prior to the service held on the harbour-side by the Rector (the Rev. A. Perryman, M.A.) for 'the blessing of the fishing fleet.'

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 15th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. C. Case 1, H. A. Daniels (first quarter of Surprise) 2, T. E. Roberts 3, W. A. Yates 4, G. W. Holland 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6.

WITNEY, OXON.—On Sept. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. J. Smith 1, H. Floyd 2, B. J. Coggins 3, L. T. Oliffe 4, A. Cornish 5, E. Hill (cond.) 6. Also on Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. M. Kitto (first of Triples) 1, C. Coles 2, D. J. Smith (first of Triples 'inside') 3, E. J. Hill 4, L. T. Oliffe 5, B. J. Coggins 6, H. Gearing (cond.) 7, B. D. Costar 8. Rung for the patronal festival.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringers will be pleased to have in their ranks the junior girl discus champion of England in Miss Josephine Clark, of Chalfont St. Peter. Josie started to learn ringing last January, and on September 24th for Harvest Festival rang her first 720 of Bob Minor. Congratulations, Josie!

The Ashford District of the Kent County Association have gained 20 adult and 14 junior members during the past year.

The ringer of the fourth bell in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Douglas-in-Parbold (page 596) should be Gordon L. E. Craine and not as submitted.

A much appreciated gift to St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, was a new set of ropes by Mr. Leonard H. Baber while home on leave from India.

It is with deep regret that we learn of the death of Mrs. Roberts, the wife of the Rev. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay. The sympathy and prayers of many friends will be extended to him and Evangeline.

The quarter peal at Cirencester on September 21st was the first for 12-years-old Peter J. Lewis, the grandson of the conductor, Mr. F. J. Lewis. Three generations took part in the performance.

Congratulations to Robert C. Kippin, who rang his first 10-bell peal, the second to Cambridge Surprise Royal, at Southampton last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Kippin also participated. Robert is certainly 'a chip of the old block.'

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes that the recent peal at Holy Trinity, Guildford, was the 300th on the bells. Since 1899 there have appeared 299 peals in the ringing press, of which one was false. Two peals were rung previous to 1899.

Ringing is progressing at Cape Town with two quarters of Grandsire Triples in this issue. The quarter on September 5th followed a failure in a peal attempt. The composition selected was one by the Rev. Canon G. H. Ridout, who spent some years in Johannesburg. There were three ringers who had settled in the country since the war, and another who came after the 1914-18 War in the Settlers' Day quarter.

Mr. Jack L. Millhouse had a successful week in the Midlands with Birmingham friends and came away with five Surprise peals 'in the bag.'

Hopes are entertained that the tower of Liverpool Cathedral will be handed over by the builders very shortly. Dean Dwelly recently retired.

Mr. F. B. H. Sinkins, of Slough, now 90 years of age, rang in a quarter peal at Slough on September 25th, commemorating the only quarter peal rung on the original six bells for harvest festival on September 24th, 1871. He rang in this quarter 74 years ago.

Leicester's veteran, Mr. John O. Lancashire, now aged 90, played his first game of bowls while on holiday at Cromer. He still goes to work every day, coming into Leicester by bus. Readers will recall that he rang a peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' on January 16th this year to mark his 90th birthday.

When the Northern District of the Surrey Association held their meeting at St. Mary's, Ewell, on September 24th, 26 members and four visitors were present. Owing to the absence on holiday of the Ringing Master (Mr. F. E. Collins), Mr. Royal Davies (the Master of the Association) took the chair. Tea was provided by local ladies, and the Rev. V. P. Davis conducted the service.

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A Bishop's Message To His Diocese

The Bishop of Peterborough (the Right Rev. Spencer Leeson) devotes his letter in the September issue of the Peterborough Diocesan Leaflet to the use of bells in the service of the Church. He writes:—

On Whit Monday I attended the annual meeting of the Diocesan Guild of Bellringers; and, before then and since then, I have reflected much upon the real spiritual blessings that church bells and those who ring them are bringing to our people, including many who never attend a service. I believe England leads the world in the use that she makes of her church bells for religious purposes. They do not, as far as my experience goes, have much in the way of peals in French or Italian churches, and in Belgium, which is perhaps the cradle of this great art, the bells are used for many secular purposes. In this country ringing is, and has for a long time been, recognised as an authentic voice of the Church, and it would be difficult to set any limit to the influence of the bells on the thousands who hear them, though perhaps they may be hardly aware that they are hearing them.

There was immense rejoicing in my old parish at Southampton when the bells pealed for the first time after the blitz; and here are two conversations, each of a different kind, reported to me by a parish priest in this diocese who makes a point of ringing a single bell each time he goes to church to say his office . . . 'I heard the bell this morning, Vicar, and I knew what you were at.' This was from one farm labourer on his way to work. A few days afterwards another said . . . 'I heard you ringing the bell this morning, and it isn't Sunday—what was that for?' . . . . 'I was in the church to say my prayers' . . . 'Prayers?—who for?' . . . 'Well, for you among others' . . . 'Well, I had no idea parsons ever prayed for the likes of me.' That was just the voice of a single bell; what must be the effect of a great peal of six or eight, or even ten, such as we can often hear in these counties? Somebody once said—and I know what he meant although he put it rather crudely—that when church bells and Christmas cards were invented, the devil was asleep.

I often wish the practice of ringing the Angelus could be revived, especially in the villages. All of you will remember the famous picture—the man and the woman pausing in their work in the field and bowing their heads—far in the distance a little church, and though the picture cannot speak, we know that the Angelus is ringing in the noon-day heat, and the workers are pausing in prayer to remember the promise that the Divine Child would be born. The Holy Spirit bids us use every means available to our hands—and to leave the results to His working. No one could ever measure what the bells do for those who are sick and cannot leave their rooms—or indeed what they do for many fit and hale folk who otherwise would never think of God.

'Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing'—

Sometimes on my journeys, especially when travelling over high ground on a Sunday evening in summer time, I can hear half-a-dozen towers ringing out their message; and I thank God for them and for those who ring in them, and I most earnestly hope that a due succession of young people is being trained in the great, noble and deeply religious art of change-ringing for the glory of God and the comfort of His people. SPENCER PETRIBURG:

NEW PRESIDENT OF POLICE GUILD

Mr. Richard Benson, of 43, High Bank Drive, East Didsbury, Manchester, was elected president of the National Guild of Police Ringers at the annual meeting of the Guild at Northampton on September 17th. He succeeds the late Mr. Harold Poole.

'Dick' Benson, as he is affectionately known to all his comrades, is a constable in the Manchester City Police Force. He is the genial and popular leader of the police band of ringers who practise on the heavy ring (13) at the Manchester Town Hall. Because of the nature of his calling, his peal ringing activities are somewhat restricted and most of his peals have been rung in the neighbourhood of Manchester. He has been a very loyal member of the Police Guild since its inception and also of the Lancashire Association, being secretary of the Manchester Branch.

Maidstone Grammar Schools' Change Ringing Society

The first annual meeting of the Society was held at East Malling on September 17th. The bells were raised and ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock. This was the first occasion on which the bells had been rung since the restoration of the tower. The Rev. B. J. Wigan conducted a very enjoyable service and invited the Society to have their tea in the Vicarage.

At the business meeting the following officers and committee were elected: President, Mr. G. I. F. Thomson; Ringing Master, Miss F. A. Chantler; secretary, Miss P. J. Butcher; treasurer, J. Hooker; committee, Miss B. Brooks, Miss E. King, C. Dring and S. Scott.

On returning to the belfry, they were joined by members of the K.C.A., who helped the Society with change ringing.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Successful Meeting at Guiseley

A very successful meeting of the Western District was held at St. Oswald's, Guiseley, on September 17th, attended by over 50 members representing 20 towers. The tuneful Gillett and Johnston octave was raised early in the afternoon and kept going until tea time and again during the evening until 9 o'clock. A much wider variety of methods than usual was rung, ranging from call changes and Plain Bob to Cambridge, Yorkshire, London and Bristol Surprise. The importance of good striking was not overlooked and here too there appeared to have been a good measure of improvement.

An excellent tea was served in the Parish Hall, and this was followed by the business meeting, Mr. T. W. Strangeway being elected to the chair in the absence in the vice-president. Votes of thanks were accorded to the church authorities and local company, particularly Mr. A. C. Walsh, who was mainly responsible for making the most efficient arrangements.

Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. P. Whitehead, A. P. Schofield and R. Shaw, all of Marsden.

The secretary reminded members that this year's Snowdon Commemoration Dinner was to be held at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds, on Oct. 15th. It was hoped that this important social function would receive the full support of the district.

Mr. Frederick G. H. May, who was a member of the Central Council from 1900 to 1909, and now lives at Cape Town, is the uncle of the England cricket captain, Mr. Peter May. Mr. May, who was born in January, 1864, is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and was Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association from 1901 to 1905. He has rung 666 peals.

THE VETERANS CAME TO LONDON FOR REUNION

A most successful reunion in London of 'Old Timers' rewarded the efforts of Mr. A. W. Coles, who had organised it. Even the weather was on its best behaviour, and it was a very large party that met on a glorious September afternoon at St. Olave's, Hart Street, City. Here they were able to enjoy ringing on the new musical ring of eight, recently restored. They were also able to inspect the church and admire the beautiful oak pews and carved oak screens that have been installed. It was good to see this historic church, now fully restored in all its glory. The Rector (the Rev. A. Powell-Miller) is to be congratulated on his hard work in bringing this about. As he welcomed the visitors as they arrived, it was easy to see his great love for the place, and his pride fully justified—in the work that had been done.

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, was next visited, and further ringing in various methods was enjoyed. Memories of that late giant of ringing, Matt. Wood, and the past exploits of the Ancient Society of College Youths were recalled by the numerous peal boards which adorn the ringing room.

The party then returned to the City to take tea in the Hall at the rear of St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate. This Hall has been beautified by the Fan Makers' Company, who hold their meetings there, and prominently displayed over the chairman's seat is a most beautiful example of their work.

The Rector of St. Botolph's (Preb. H. H. Treacher) gave a warm welcome to the visitors, and said how much the church valued the work of the ringers, and particularly that of the older members, who saw to it that the art continued to flourish, and that the newcomers were instructed so that they could carry on when the older ones had completed their work. He was very pleased to welcome them and hoped they would come again.

Mr. A. W. Coles then took the chair, supported by Messrs. F. V. Sinkins (90), W. T. Elson (88) and I. Emery (84). A sumptuous tea was served by Mrs. N. Davis and her lady assistants, and was much enjoyed by all. Mr. Coles then read apologies for absence from Mr. E. A. Young (91) and many others who were unable to attend. There were about 60 present and the average age was 69. The combined ages of the company was no less than 3,852 years.

Mr. J. F. Smallwood proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. A. W. Coles for his efforts in bringing old friends together; to the Rev. H. H. Treacher for the use of that beautiful Hall; to the Rectors of St. Olave's and St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, for the use of their bells; to Mrs. Davis and the ladies who served tea; and to those who had kindly supplied transport. He said that the happy thought by Mr. Coles in arranging the gathering had been crowned by success, and all were deeply grateful for this opportunity of meeting old friends, and of seeing men who had left their mark on the Exercise. He trusted it was the first of many such gatherings.

Mr. Coles briefly acknowledged and said his pleasure and reward came from the happiness he saw in all the faces around him.

Photographs were taken, and handbells were brought out, and touches of Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Norwich and Grandsire Cinques were rung.

Reminiscences took up the remainder of the evening, and the whole affair was voted unanimously a great success.

We hope to publish a picture at a later date.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OLDHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—I have heard Oldham bells both from inside and outside and have rung upon them, and in my opinion Pilgrim's description of them as a 'beautiful twelve spoiled only by the swaying tower' is quite correct.

Mr. Hudson's description of them as an 'appalling ring' and as having 'indifferent tone' is simply untrue.

When I rang here five years ago they certainly did not 'go' remarkably badly, nothing like, for example, Cornhill twelve—they required 'handling,' of course, as do any bells in a rocking tower, such as Beverley Minster or my town tower, Leeds Parish Church, where the tower sways even when the trebles are turned over singly.

As to Oldham bells being the worst twelve in Lancashire, Mr. Hudson is, of course, entitled to his opinion, but personally I would place them third, with St. Nicholas', Liverpool, beyond all shadow of doubt first (and one twelve-bell ringer of wide experience rates St. Nicholas' first in the whole country), and Manchester Town Hall a good second.

I do not dispute that a lighter ten would be more suitable than a heavy twelve at Oldham—and Oldham is not alone in this respect—but the fact remains that Oldham has had a ring of 12 with a tenor of at least 33 cwt. since 1830, and if the ringers have failed to convince the powers-that-be they have themselves largely to blame.

Surely it was inconsistent to confine ringing to the front eight on the grounds that the back bells were pulling the tower down and then to recruit a first-class peal band to ring a twelve-bell peal, thereby demonstrating that not only could the bells be rung non-stop for about four hours, but that they could be rung well into the bargain?

Oldham bells would give a very different account of themselves if they were hung in a tower of the size of Tewkesbury Abbey or Worcester Cathedral—it is simply a case of a good ring of twelve wasted in an eight-bell tower.—Yours, etc.,

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

IMMANUEL OR ROSSENDALE SURPRISE?

Dear Sir,—Regarding Mr. D. P. Jones' query in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World,' perhaps I can explain how the two names for the same method came about as I was the one who put the method together in about 1903. It consists of London below the treble and Woodbine above.

When we rang the first 720 at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, I sent the method to 'The Bell News.' A little while after a clergyman ringer, since deceased, objected to the name Immanuel as being too sacred for use in ringing vocabulary, so the name was changed to Rossendale.

Rossendale Valley is about five miles from Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle.—Yours sincerely,

C. SHARPLES.

VARIETY IN GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I regret that the quarter peal given in my article which contains 85 calls out of 90 leads is false, and my thanks are due to Mr. E. C. Shepherd (no relation) and others who pointed this out to readers. I trust the following quarter, also with 85 calls, will take its place:— S.B.B.S.S.S.S.B.B.S.B.S.S.B.B.S. plain lead. S. Four times repeated.

Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Addlestone, Surrey.

IRREGULAR MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Mr. D. P. Jones is, of course, quite correct when he points out ('The Ringing World,' page 603) that Munden and Merton is 'Tintern' and not 'Marsden,' as given in my tables.

I don't, however, quite follow his argument in the second paragraph of his letter where he states that: 'All the other (irregular) methods listed can be rung above or below the treble giving the necessary variety, etc.'

If this argument was carried to its logical conclusion, there would be little point in ringing any but the 36 basic methods I gave in my article, as all others could be regarded as variations of them.

To regard irregular Minor methods as less musical is fallacious, but I agree with Mr. Jones that they may give more trouble to the conductor. Most conductors worthy of the name would welcome this as a means of securing additional interest, but, as I have pointed out before, the 5th can still be made sub-observation if required and a little work with pencil and paper would soon familiarise the conductor with the suitable calling and the position of all the bells at, and between, the calls.

One point I neglected to mention in my article (which at the time of writing this letter has not been published in toto) was the use of the Skipton group of 'backworks'—numbers 14, 15, 16 and 17—in forming Surprise methods. It seems odd that these four will not couple with any lead-end to make a regular Surprise method, but by allowing irregular lead-ends, four new groups of Surprise are formed with Westminster, Cambridge, London and Munden lead-ends.

All of them, with perhaps the exception of Fotheringay, are more interesting to ring than, say, Hull or Bourne Surprise.

With regard to the peal mentioned by Mr. Jones, I am afraid I cannot help him, but I should imagine that if it was rung any length of time ago (no date was given) it would have been Rossendale Surprise.—Yours sincerely,

Wakefield. H. CHANT.

OUR FRIENDS IN NEW ZEALAND

Dear Sir, — A great welcome awaits any ringer who is likely to visit New Zealand.

This welcome and indeed warm friendship of the New Zealand bell-ringers has been experienced by one of my young ringers at St. Margaret's, King's Lynn.

In August of last year Miss Betty Dyer informed me that she was going to New Zealand with her mother and sister for one year.

I immediately wrote a letter to Mr. Nelson Sloan, secretary of the Christchurch Cathedral ringers, telling him of Betty's intended visit. On receipt of my letter Mr. Sloan visited Betty's address and found that her party had arrived two days previously. He invited Betty to the Cathedral tower and on the following practice night she received a great welcome from all the members present. This was the beginning of her regular attendances, and it was not long before she was made an honorary overseas member of the Cathedral Society. At the end of ten months it was time for Betty to bid farewell to her friends 'down under,' and at her last practice with them they presented her with a black leather writing case suitably inscribed in gold lettering.

During her visit Betty made two broadcasts and on each occasion was asked to give an account of her bell-ringing activities.

As captain and secretary of St. Margaret's Society, King's Lynn, I would like through 'The Ringing World' to tender my sincere thanks to Mr. Sloan and all members of Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, for the friendship and many kindnesses which they have lavished on Betty during her visit to their country.—Yours sincerely,

King's Lynn. NORMAN V. HARDING.

THE BEAUTY OF THE 'BELLS'

Dear Sir,—Following on the recent Central Council resolution regarding synthetic bells, passed at the 1954 meeting in Newcastle, a cutting from the 'Church of England Newspaper' would seem to indicate that we have a new commercial development to deal with. In this atomic age we have been 'graced' with the electronic organ, and now we are to have its progeny, the electronic bell.

The wording of the advertisement is very subtle, I think. It implies a certain appreciation of the ringer's skill and a sympathy with the hard-pressed church treasurer of to-day, while deprecating the idea of mechanical systems of recorded bells. And apart from the relative low cost of and the economy of space necessary for installation, appeal will be made to many by the requirement of the human factor in operation. The suggestion of fraud or contravention of performing rights is dispensed with and the 'ringer' can feel with untroubled conscience that he is truly giving a service to the Church. No doubt we ringers are to regard these benefits as our share of the new gospel of automation!

I wonder how Diocesan Chancellors are going to regard this innovation when applications for such faculties are made to them? I should be glad to know if any of your readers have come across these electronic installations in churches and what impressions were gained. — Yours sincerely,

K. ARTHUR.

Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

[Note.—The advertisement is headed, 'Do not forgo the beauty of the bells,' and describes electronic bells in which any peal or tune can be played on a keyboard by one person. An eight-bell system with normal sound equipment costs £370 plus the cost of installing.]

THEBERTON'S BELLS

Dear Sir, — An inquiry in 'The Ringing World' of September 9th asks for news of churches with thatched roofs. Suffolk had many of these, but I can only think of two at the moment. (I have been in bed for two weeks with grumbling appendix.) First, my own church, Theberton, and one 2¼ miles miles away at Westleton. Taking the latter first, Westleton has no tower, but it has one small bell used for tolling.

Theberton has a tower of Saxon origin, a round tower with an octagonal shape from the bell chamber. The bells of Theberton number five with a tenor of 7 cwt. (now at the Loughborough Bell Foundry). They were recast in 1875 from four old bells dated 1553, 1595, 1614, 1663, the latter by John Darbie. A book of poems was published in 1874, I presume in aid of the bell fund (see 'The Ringing World,' August 26th, 1955), with the inscription taken from the old bell dated 1595 and used as the last line in each verse, 'Facti sumus in honorem Domini,' translated as 'We were made to honour the Lord.'

Now with the bells down our job is raising enough money to rehang them, and they require a new frame, headstocks, wheels, ropes and all other fittings with the addition of a new treble bell to make six at the cost of almost £1,000. A big sum for a small village to find, but I am happy to say that through a recent effort £121 has been paid into the bell fund.

An appeal was made in 'The Ringing World' last year in aid of our bell fund. Since then I have been thinking about all the odd bells there are in various places all over the country. Many have not been heard for years, many have not been seen for years, some forgotten. I appeal to all ringers who may know of such a bell to bring this letter before their P.C.C. and suggest a gift to Theberton, a gift that would be very much appreciated by all Theberton, and the bell put to its intended use ('Facti sumus in honorem Domini') in the near future. —Yours faithfully,

A. R. BRIDGES.

Theberton, Suffolk.

THE INSTRUCTOR TELLS HIS STORY

Dear Sir,—With the advent of the dark evenings no doubt many bands will be starting their winter practices again, and some keen young ringers with more experience than the rest will sally forth full of hope to give help at some outlying tower where they think their help will be appreciated, and with the arrival of spring we shall read glowing accounts of the progress the band has made during the winter months—perhaps!

For my part I seldom go out to winter practices these days, for I have met with so much apathy, lack of interest and poor attendance that I have decided it is a waste of time in many cases.

The following pen-picture is intended to portray the kind of thing I have been up against.

The captain of a tower, probably some six miles distant, informs me they would like to take up change ringing, but it is rather difficult as none of the band knows anything about it and, the village being more or less off the beaten track, they do not get many visitors. In a moment of weakness I offer to go over and give them what help I can, and the captain promises to let me know when the practices start.

In the meantime I write out a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, marking the path of the treble in pencil and that of a working bell in ink. I append in the simplest terms full instructions for ringing this intricate method. This I send to the conductor asking him to get his ringers to study it so that they will have some idea what to do when I arrive.

Eventually I get a postcard saying a practice is being arranged for such and such an evening at 7.30. Having had tea and feeling fresher, I prepare to set off on my pedal-cycle. It has been rather a foggy day and I feel sure my wife thinks I am a little mad to go out again. Perhaps she is right. The first couple of miles or so of my journey is via a good second-class road, then I turn down a narrow by-lane. The trees are dripping with moisture from the mist, and from time to time I receive a shower down the back of my neck. There is not a soul about. Silence and Cimmerian darkness reign supreme. What a topping place for a murder!

Suddenly the scream of a vixen echoes from the wood on the right (truly an eerie sound). The dog fox answers from the fields away to the left, a large white owl disturbed by the beam of my acetylene lamp flies noiselessly from the oak tree just ahead. The vixen calls again.

I press on, my thoughts intent on the task ahead. 'I hope they will all turn up and try their best. Perhaps a course of Original might be better to start with just plain hunting for everybody. Surely we can manage those ten changes to-night.' 'Hello, what's that looking over the hedge in front?' 'Oh, it's only that big old Friesian bull I noticed in the field one day last week.' He rubs his horns in the hedge as I pass and utters a low bellow. My speed increases perceptibly.

Arriving at the village, I find the church in darkness, but as the 'ting-tang' quarters have just intimated the time is 7.30, perhaps they won't be long. I put my bicycle in the porch and sit down on the stone seat; it's a little warmer in there—but not much.

A quarter to eight, still no sign. The minutes drag by. Surely I haven't made a mistake in the day—it must be nearly 8 o'clock by now. At last I hear footsteps approaching and, looking out, perceive a man carrying a lantern coming up the path. 'Hope at last!'

It turns out to be the captain, who greets me with words of cheer, 'Not a very nice night.' 'I don't expect much of a turn-up to-night. Bob's gone to a football committee meeting to pick a team to play on Saturday, and Bert's gone to a whist drive in the next village. You won't get Bert to come ringing if there's whist drive anywhere about.'

It is well after eight when two young men come hurrying up. 'We've just been to Bill's house,' they announce. 'His wife says he's gone to bed as he has a cold.'

'Well we've had it for to-night,' says the captain. 'No use going up there to ring four bells.' We go outside; it is starting to rain. 'It'll wash away the fog,' says the captain. Turning to me, 'Sorry you've had your journey for nothing,' he says. 'I'll let you know when we arrange another practice.' I do not reply. No doubt he reads my thoughts. I 'plod my weary way' home and arrive wet and dispirited.

A log is burning in the grate and the kettle is singing. Yes! I think I was rather mad to go out; shall know better another time.

E. V. R.

HOW MANY?

Dear Sir,—One is often asked how many known methods exist. Can any of your readers supply the information?—Yours faithfully,

Seend, Wilts. T. MICHAEL NOAD.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that the renewal of their subscriptions is now due. Rates: 3 months 7s., 6 months 13s. 6d., 12 months £1 6s. Prompt payment saves clerical work. Remittances to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

CALLINGS TO FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—May I register a small protest against the growing tendency of some conductors to report five or six bell peals in a particular method without indicating the number of callings?

Although, undoubtedly, each and every peal, however humble, possesses its own individual merit, there is a considerable difference between, say, peals of Grandsire or Stedman Doubles called one or two different ways and those with ten or fifteen callings respectively, and your readers are entitled to know precisely what is being reported.—Yours faithfully,

T. R. BUTLER

Liverpool.

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A LETTER FROM ONE REAL LEARNER TO ANOTHER

My dear Charles,

It is good to have an opportunity to compare notes with another learner, though you are obviously far more advanced than I, talking familiarly of Stedman Caters while I learn to hunt the treble!

I should be sorry to think that I have been exceptionally fortunate in the genial welcome I received to ringing. Indeed, that can scarcely be so, for I can count a dozen towers into which I have wandered, in my own neighbourhood and on holiday, on Sunday or on a practice night. In every one I was received in the friendliest way; if they had no learners of their own something was specially put on suited to my humble attainments. I can only recollect one occasion when I was not positively invited to come again.

These, mind you, were all the ordinary sort of tower with no particular pretensions. In my own district, I knew from the beginning where not to visit, for my very first lesson on a tied bell included a diatribe against the snobbish bands whose interest in ringing is entirely selfish, who never teach, but recruit from the most promising pupils of the humbler towers. Feeling runs high about that, I can tell you! Not that they are blamed for seeking talent to maintain their own high standard, but it does seem mean to give nothing to compensate for carrying off the pick of the young entry. One is led to understand that this misdemeanour, which causes such ill-feeling, is somehow associated with an addiction to peal-ringing, which really does seem to be a virulent and catching disease!

I should like to tell you a little more about my experiences in my home tower, which has a thoroughly competent if modest band, containing several real old hands, who have long outgrown the fascination of peal-ringing, and are satisfied with a special occasion now and again. Every single member of that band has tried to help me in one way or another, with advice, with demonstrations, with help through a new exercise, and so on: and I am deeply grateful for their kindly interest and sustained encouragement.

I, too, was early promoted to Sunday ringing, but in my case it was a special privilege, a mere few rounds at first, designed to steady my shaky performance by ringing with the full band. As I progressed I was allowed to do more, and quite soon was expected to be present throughout service ringing, observing when not performing.

Now comes a subject in which my experience does agree with yours. As far as managing a bell, and ringing, say, call changes, I think I was reasonably well taught. The weakness of the system—or lack of it—showed up with the attempt to embark on method ringing. It reminds me of Mr. Squeers of Dotheboys Hall (I quote from memory), 'W-I-N win, D-E-R der, W-I-N-D-E-R, winder—now go and clean it,' except that it is certainly unjust to imply that they don't know their job, only that they simply have no idea how to teach. To begin with, as you so rightly point out, they use the traditional expressions of ringing jargon as if they were current English familiar to all, taking, turning, striking on, after, over, while confusion becomes worse confounded as the wretched novice, who hasn't been clearly instructed anyway, whangs his bell wildly to and fro, knowing that all is lost for this time, and longing for the inevitable command, 'Get into rounds.' And when they all shout something different! —not, in my case, that the advice is not perfectly correct, but it is expressed in so many ways by the circle of voices.

Of course, it's all traditional, like the learning of any other ancient craft, and one must make allowance for that: but what a deal of time could be saved if the learner really understood what he is trying to do, how he should attempt to do it, and, very important, what will be expected of him next, so that he can go away and study the matter with pencil and paper at home.

Ah, well! Our whinings won't alter things, so we'd better be thankful for all the goodwill we meet, but also for books, pencil and paper, and the ability to use them and our own wits.

Yours sincerely,

JIM.

TOPIC FOR THE MONTH – IX.

Sabotage or Succour?

IF this had been written in Victorian times it might also have had a sub-title such as, '**Or**—Sulks, Selfishness or Sinking of Differences?' But enough of this alliterative sibilance! It will have suggested, no doubt, the theme of this month's topic—a matter of vital interest to every conscientious member of the Exercise—man-power wastage.

Not everyone, of course, realises the responsibility involved in inheritance—especially inheritance of the traditions and practice of a natonal art, such as ringing. What may be fairly claimed as an **interest**, generally, of patriotic citizens, becomes also the **duty** of everyone who elects to join the brotherhood of the Exercise—a duty to maintain those traditions and to advance that art: an ancient art, but with modern developments, nevertheless.

A CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY

Having once stepped into the ranks of ringers and begun to learn something of what is involved, the initiate should understand the nature of the responsibility assumed. Surely it is one that, in all ordinary circumstances, he should consider as lifelong? But is he helped towards this realisation in every case?

In the first place, he should understand that the main object is the perfection of ringing for Divine Service—even if it be purely rounds and call-changes. As this is a Christian office the recruit will be already, no doubt, a church-goer. So that any service ringing he performs will entail no extra commitment, beyond an earlier start for his normal church attendance. And presumably he will continue this throughout his days? For perfection in this privileged service, practice is essential: but what hardship is an hour or so a week out of his leisure, especially when that hour becomes one of recreation both mental and physical? And more pertinent does this query become when it is realised that such recreation is attainable from the earliest to the most advanced years.

But the more important thing to be realised is the **continuing** responsibility, devolving alike on learner and instructor.

PUPIL AND TEACHER ALIKE

From the very outset the learner should be led to realise that he is entering a field of privileged activity; one that requires a high degree of concentration and of perseverance; one that is never completely apprehended in all its phases: for there is always something more to be learnt. But more especially the pupil should appreciate that it requires considerable effort and patience on the part of his instructor, particularly in the earlier stages; and that time thus devoted to the pupil is something that he should, in practice, regard as his monopoly. In other words, an instructor has only a limited amount of time to devote to training, and the first-stage pupil virtually monopolises it.

Obviously, then, he assumes a responsibility to continue assiduously with the study and practice of the art—a relatively small acknowledgment of and recompense for the instructor's care and devotion. Again it may be asked, are pupils generally led to this recognition?

But the instructor, too, as we have said, has his responsibility. Having admitted a pupil and begun to devote some of his instructional time to that learner, his duty is to see that his pupil's participation is **progressively** ordered, and that his interest and satisfaction are **steadily maintained.** Generally speaking, have instructors this vision? And is it brought to fruition in **planned** schemes of instruction?

WASTAGE

The answers to the three foregoing questions, perhaps, may be merged in the one word 'wastage.' The appalling degree of wastage from the ranks of ringers is little short of tragic; not merely from the simple and undeniable standpoint of what ultimately proves to have been a pure waste of time; but more particularly, as in many instances, from the standpoint of absolute breakdown in the ringing service.

For such breakdown, however, the blame must be shared, equally with backsliding pupils and half-hearted instructors, by the 'drifters,' by the 'break-aways' and by the 'T.T.L.'s,' or tactless tower-leaders. (There is also, of course, a proportion of unavoidable cause.) The effect generally, however, may be expressed by the word—not too strong I think—'sabotage.'

Careful consideration of this situation leads to rather startling conclusions, especially when viewed in relation to the number of 'stoney only' and even silent towers. In fact, there are pointers indicating that the wastage throughout the Exercise may be as high, at periods, as 50 per cent. The realisation of what this means in terms of the consequential loss to practical ringing and to its future advancement, seems to justify the strong epithets we have used. Furthermore, the publication of consistently good ringing achievements—albeit by a minority of bands—and especially of peal performances by those bands, tends rather to obscure the extent of the less satisfactory and nil achievements. And peal-ringing is not, of course, the be-all and end-all of ringing.

APPORTIONING THE BLAME

Consider, in turn, the five types of delinquent cited.

First, the backsliding pupil. Why does he drop out? A general cause of defection is said to be the increasing number of present-day counter-attractions. This is not to be denied. But it must be remembered that in spite of those attractions every defaulting pupil **has** actually made a start; and once he has come in, he should be kept sufficiently interested to stay in. Allowance must be made, of course, for a proportion of 'dabblers' and 'waverers' who never stick at anything: but for the rest, is it not that another class of delinquent is directly responsible?

Yes, we have referred to the half-hearted instructor. He invariably fails to maintain that vital factor—interest. There is, in short, a total lack of planned progress. He hasn't studied his pupils, either: hasn't got to know them. So he doesn't extend sympathy and tact when they encounter difficulties. Once a beginner feels he is a 'bit of a failure' and (somewhat shamefacedly, perhaps) retires, it's doubly difficult to get him back. But the right word from the instructor at the crucial moment will generally save the situation. This doesn't mean a tutor should be 'soft' in his handling of the instruction. Discipline, especially in the matter of execution of performance, is always essential. These remarks apply equally to the treatment of improvers and even more-experienced members of the band.

The next type, the 'drifter,' we find usually to be either the 'not-so-keen' ringer—the useful though not over-enthusiastic type—or else the type that has many other interests. In either case it seems that, in certain circumstances, little is needed to persuade them to stay away in favour of some other preoccupation. The usual consequence is an atmosphere, either real or imagined, in the tower, of their being overlooked or slighted: leading to further deterioration in their attendance, and eventually resulting in their total loss to the tower, and perhaps to the Exercise. Their own fault? Not entirely; and anyway surely a Christian brotherhood is capable of handling such cases, and keeping them within the fold?

THE 'BREAKAWAYS'

Now for the 'breakaways.' These are difficult cases. Unfortunately this class includes some of the best ringers as well as those less proficient. Frequently they have strong personalities; sometimes with violent likes and dislikes. They take offence at something, often considered by others as trifling, and they break away from the band. The tragedy is that this sort of thing is more prevalent than would be believed by those who have not investigated it; and that the breakaway is often permanent.

Sometimes worse happens. It develops into a split in the band. This sometimes leads to an exclusive grouping of towers, either as between two or perhaps several, as in a city: for example, as in a famous city of churches, where for long years two such opposing camps were known by the names of common rodents! In all such cases not only is the ringing impaired, but also such as remains is not discharged in the right and proper atmosphere. Regretfully, these cases are by no means isolated. There is no field of human activity in which the truth of the precept—'Union is Strength'—is more obvious than in ringing.

THE TACTLESS LEADER

And so to the last of the five types—the 'Tactless Tower Leader.' What a pity it is that the fact is not always appreciated that a good conductor is not necessarily a good tower captain, and vice versa! Also that, this being so, the band should be 'officered' accordingly. The prime consideration is that the tower captain should be, essentially, a **leader** in the general and best sense, one able to take charge and command respect as a leader: one who can control and direct operations, and can do so with tact and understanding. If he is also a good **conductor,** so much the better: but if not, then, providing he has the named qualities as a leader—the qualities that demand first consideration in the selection of tower captain—he will soon call upon the best the band has in the way of conductors, and, in concert with them (or him), will put on the best ringing, as suited to the capabilities and potentialities of the band.

The principle underlying this policy is well illustrated in the case of 'popular' towers where visitors are most often welcomed. Frequently the visitors—rightly given the rope-hospitality due to all guests—make up an advanced band. The danger then, if the tower captain is a good conductor only, is of monopolising the ringing time with advanced methods. The inevitable result is disappointment and chagrin of beginners: who, if frequently experiencing these occurrences, lose heart and leave. The trouble about this sort of thing is that in most cases it happens without the more advanced ringers realising it. Two main ways are open to the capable tower leader of overcoming the difficulty:—

(a) The first half of the ringing period to be reserved primarily for beginners: but making use of the more advanced ringers to stiffen up the band by taking a rope only as **requested** by the Leader; and with other advanced ringers standing behind as 'guardian angels' as **directed.** (The operative words here are those in bold type.)

The second half for the advanced ringers. In these touches, such beginners as can profit from it and are **directed** by the Leader, should stand alongside the advanced ringers and try to follow the work.

OR (b) Alternate items or touches of ringing for beginners and advanced ringers, but strictly in rotation, and with participation as directed, as in (a) above. (This means alternately, and not one for beginners and two or three for advanced ringers!)

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THREE INTERESTING OUTINGS

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH

Variety—both in scenery and bells—was the keynote of the Leeds Parish Church ringers' second outing for the year on September 3rd.

Holmfirth, Yorks, the first call, possesses a church which, from outward appearance, resembles a Nonconformist chapel, and its situation against, or, rather, in a hillside, gives the impression of an attempt to hide or even to bury it.

With houses immediately below as well as immediately above the tower, it was felt advisable to restrict ringing here to half an hour.

Difficulty in locating the next church, Mossley, Lancs, reached after a beautiful ride over the Saddleworth moors, resulted in ringing here being even more curtailed.

Leaving Lancashire almost as soon as we had entered it, the next stop was at Hyde. St. George's Church bells proved to be the 'high spot' of the day and provided the best ringing.

Here ringers can be seen in what some non-ringers might consider to be their natural environment behind bars—for the grillage which separates the belfry steps from the gallery would not look out of place between the lions' cage and the ring.

Almost a twin peal to Hyde as regards weight, St. Paul's, Stalybridge, provided an original form of entertainment for those not ringing, namely, listening to another 'twin' peal across the valley. The church stands at the summit of a hill and at the chancel end the ground falls away sharply into a deep ravine, on the off-side of which is a large mill. Either the mill or the hillside, or both, throw the sound of the bells back in an echo, and the effect is that of identical peals ringing at the same time but not in unison. From one position below the chancel the echo is louder than the actual bells.

The last tower visited was Saddleworth, Lancs, another church on the mountainside. Here the graveyard slopes so sharply that from it one looks down on to the top of the church tower.

Ringers from Friezland were waiting to join us, together with Mr. Jonathan Pilling, who is in his 92nd year.

Undeterred by the steep hill and the steps to the belfry, Mr. Pilling came up ostensibly—so he said—to ring with the ladies—and he was able to ring with six of them at once—but he stayed to ring in a course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and the faultless manner in which he rang his bell made not a few of us hope that, if we live to that age, we may be able to ring as well. R.H.D.

NEWARK, NOTTS

Although Chipperfield's Circus visited Newark on September 17th, Midwinter's Circus went north. It was regretted that the Ringmaster could not be present, as he was spending the week-end by the sea.

One car from Newark joined with the Southwell party to ring at Southwell for the wedding of Mr. P. N. White and Miss R. M. Brown. Mr. White was formerly secretary of the Newark district of the Southwell Guild.

They were joined by parties from Sutton-on-Trent and Orston to ring at the first tower, St. Oswald, Dunham-on-Trent (5, tenor 8 cwt.). At St. Peter and Paul's, East Drayton (6, tenor 13 cwt.), these fine bells were enjoyed and sounded well to a good course of Cambridge.

Tea was taken at the Royal Oak, Rampton, which can be thoroughly recommended to provide for ringers' needs. This was followed by ringing on the bells of All Saints', Rampton (6, tenor 9 cwt.). Sturton-en-le-Steeple, St. Peter and Paul (5, tenor 11 cwt.), followed, but difficulty was experienced with these now rarely rung bells owing to the ropes being too low.

The last tower was St. Nicholas', Tuxford (8, tenor 11 cwt.). There ringing included many Triples and Major methods before the parties broke up for their various destinations.

Thanks are accorded to the incumbents and the ringers who met us, and also to Mr. F. W. Midwinter for organising a grand afternoon.

W.L.E.

SOMERTON, SOMERSET

Somerton ringers and friends went east this year, choosing five towers in Wiltshire and one in Hampshire, on September 17th. In the morning, Dinton (6 bells, 15 cwt.) provided what was to some the novelty of ringing in church at the crossing of nave and transept, while Wilton's light six (8 cwt.) afforded good practice in bell control, and the Wilton ringers' outing fund was swelled by several pennies in the box for failures to 'stand'!

Lunch was eaten at Salisbury before visiting two really beautiful octaves, St. Martin's, Salisbury (15 cwt.), and Downton (23 cwt.). After tea at Fordingbridge, Damerham's easy-going six (8 cwt.), with plenty of room to ring them, was much enjoyed, and the six at Broadchalke (15 cwt.) gave an excellent finish to a successful day.

The visitors would like to thank the tower captains concerned, especially Mr. C. F. Haines, captain of the Wilton ringers, for his help.

Methods rung included: Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Plain Bob Minor and Major.

Topic for the Month—Cont.

REMEDIAL ACTION

Examples of the ruinous effects of thoughtless, or ill-considered, or selfish actions by some tower captains and band members alike, both in and out of the tower, could be cited in support of the foregoing contentions—several will have come within our experience over the years, unfortunately. And the point that ringing is thus often grossly harmed, sometimes irretrievably, needs no further emphasis, so long as it is genuinely appreciated.

Any attempt at analysis of causation is of little use without remedial action. Is it therefore too much to hope that any trouble or defection in the tower or district may now be reviewed? That in the light of this discussion a genuine attempt by each and all concerned may be made to overcome it? Our main object has been to awaken the sense (where dormant) of need for action: action which will bring real **help** to cut out defection, wherever it may occur in the Exercise: and thus to provide the practical answer to the relevant question—'Sabotage or succour?'

A. Y-B.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The monthly meeting for September was held at Barrow-on-Humber, ringers being present from Beverley, Hull, Bridlington, Pocklington, Sutton, Patrington, Cottingham, Hessle and York.

On this, the first visit by the Society to Barrow, the ringers were met by the Ringing Master of Holy Trinity Church, Mr. A. W. Crowder, who is the fourth member of his family to hold the office. The bells of this tower have been made into a splendid ring of eight, with a tenor of 16 cwt., and there was a unanimous opinion that the tone and 'go' of the bells put them in the highest class.

A short service in the church was conducted by the Vicar, and tea was served afterwards in the Vicar's room adjoining the church. At the business meeting, the president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, welcomed the visitors, among whom was Mr. Jack Bray, who received the congratulations of the meeting for the peal record which he with his wife and Mr. George Feirn completed recently.

WEDDINGS

At Crewe

The ringers at Christ Church, Crewe, paid a pretty compliment to Mr. E. J. Holloway (a member of the Crewe band of bellringers), when they rang for the wedding of his elder daughter, Hazel, to Mr. K. W. Warhurst.

The young couple wish to thank the ringers for making a very happy day still more joyous. They feel that the sound of wedding bells, always a happy sound, is made doubly so when one knows they are being rung by friends.

The father of the bride also wishes to add his hearty thanks to all concerned. J. E. H.

At Longhope

Bright sunshine and the joyful pealing of the bells greeted Miss Freda M. Taysom on her arrival at All Saints' Church, Longhope, on Sept. 24th, for her marriage to Mr. Anthony K. Green, of Bridstow. The bride is a ringer at Ross-on-Wye, and many of her fellow-ringers from Ross and Bridstow were present at the service. These included Miss Olive Taysom (sister) and the Misses Shirley and Josephine Green (sisters of the bridegroom).

The bride wore a dusky-pink costume with black accessories, and a spray of white carnations pinned to her lapel. Her attendant was Miss Shirley Green.

The bells were rung before and after the service to rounds, Queens and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. At the reception which followed, the Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild (Mr. J. J. Webb) presented the happy couple with a glass-topped tray from the ringers. Afterwards the ringers returned to the tower, and a congratulatory peal of Minor in four methods was successfully brought round by the following:—J. J. Webb 1, Miss M. Tilbury 2, Miss J. A. Geren 3, P. G. Morgan 4, C. G. Jones 5, R. T. Jones (conductor) 6.

The honeymoon is being spent at Blandford, Dorset, and Mr. and Mrs. Green will afterwards reside at Ross-on-Wye. M. T.

At Dover

Two very popular members of the band at St. Mary's, Dover, were married on October 1st. They were Mr. Godfrey F. Gray and Miss V. Ailsa Devonshire. The service, which took place before a large congregation at St. Mary's, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Stanley Cooper).

The bride was attended by her two sisters, a niece and nephew, and another ringing colleague, Miss Audrey Banks.

Later a number of guests were entertained. The couple, whose future home will be at River, near Dover, left during the early evening on a touring honeymoon. They were the recipients of a large number of useful presents.

The bells rang the bride in, and immediately following the ceremony a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: Mrs. H. George treble, E. T. Ellender 2, H. J. Saunders 3, C. George (conductor) 4, J. E. Walker 5, P. Westwood 6, B. J. Luck 7, G. A. Godfrey tenor.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

St. Michael's Church, St. Albans, built on the site of the Roman temple at Verulaneum, was chosen for the meeting of St. Albans District on August 17th, when the pleasant, light octave was kept going in a wide variety of methods. Those wishing to hear the bells outside were able to indulge in the truly English pastime of 'watching a hole in the road' in the form of an excavation in the adjacent car park, undertaken to find the lay-out of the roads and buildings near the ancient city centre.

Tea was in a nearby cafe. At the business meeting which followed, it was suggested that the next meeting be at Welwyn and Tewin on October 15th.

OBITUARY

MR. HENRY PUTTOCK

Mr. Henry Puttock, an old Blaxhall, Suffolk, ringer, died recently at the age of 83. He had been an active bell-ringer for 67 years, and when he was younger he was well known among East Anglian bell-ringing companies.

During his lifetime he kept a list of all the churches he visited. His little black note-book, in which he made his first entry in 1888, when he was 16, contained the names of over two hundred churches; also the height of the steeple, the number of bells and the name of the method rung at each church on the occasion of his visit.

He had taken part in a practice ring at Blaxhall Parish Church exactly three weeks before his death.

MR. J. W. F. TROTMAN

It is with deepest regret that we record the passing, on September 25th, at the early age of 37 years, of Mr. John William Frank Trotman, of Nuneaton.

He was a well-known ringer in the Midlands, although born in Oxfordshire and spending the first 20 years of his life in Suffolk, where he learned to ring. His father, Mr. John Trotman, was also a well-known Suffolk ringer, and Frank followed him in the style he had been taught, to love good striking, no matter what the method. He moved to Coventry in 1939, then to Burbage, near Hinckley, Leicestershire, finally settling in Nuneaton, Warwickshire. He was also an organist and from the age of 11 years he played for services at the village churches of Shottisham and Hasketon, later acting as deputy organist at St. Mary's, Woodbridge.

He rang 92 peals for the Midland Counties Guild, conducting 28, 20 for the Leicester Diocesan Guild, conducting two, and 71 for the Coventry Diocesan Guild (formerly the Warwickshire Guild) of which he conducted 31.

Noteworthy performances included 10,976 Bristol Surprise Major on February 19th, 1949, at Loughborough Foundry Campanile, and 13,024 in the same method at Gilmorton on September 17th, 1949, in 7 hours and 28 minutes, the latter being the longest Surprise peal rung in Leicestershire. He conducted a 'John' peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's Church, Leicester. His last peal was rung at St. Matthew's, Overseale, Derbyshire, on October 25th, 1952, being Cambridge Surprise Major on the occasion of the coming of age of Miss Joan Cotton, daughter of Mr. Joseph W. Cotton.

His passing means a sad loss to the ringers of St. Nicholas' Church, Nuneaton, where he was captain. Illness overtook him in May, 1953, and an operation ended his brilliant ringing career. Our sympathy goes out to his widow and two young children.

The funeral service took place at St. Nicholas', Nuneaton, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon F. S. Herbert), followed by the interment at Burbage. A number of his fellow ringers attended from Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Burbage, Hinckley and Overseale, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave by Miss M. Beamish, A. H. Beamish, A. Ballard and J. W. Cotton.

A peal to Mr. Trotman's memory and also for Mr. H. Lawrence, verger for 25 years, was rung at Chilvers Coton on September 25th, and at Nuneaton on October 1st.

LATE NOTICE

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 318th anniversary dinner, Nov. 12th, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7087

NOTICES

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BIRTH

GODWIN. — On Sept. 29th, 1955, at the Quern's Maternity Home, Cirencester, to Eileen (nee Morse), wife of William Godwin—God's gift of a daughter (Susan Louise). 7088

ENGAGEMENT

LATCHFORD—MARTIN. — The engagement is announced between Derek Edward, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Latchford, of Tolcarne, Collett Road, Hemel Hempstead, and Pamela Alys, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Martin, of 12, Chapel Street, Berkhamsted, Herts. 7069

DEATH

ROBERTS (née Angwin). — On September 28th, 1955, at St. Michael's Hospital, Hayle, Elizabeth Jessie Corin, aged 49, beloved wife of the Rev. A. S. Roberts and mother of Evangeline, of The Vicarage, Carbis Bay. 7086

HANDBELLS FOR SALE

FOURTEEN HANDBELLS, tenor size 17 in A, comprising one twelve and two light eights. Requires new strap on tenor, otherwise all ringable. £7 the lot.—Matkin, 26, Wellington Road, Bournemouth. 7056

FOR SALE.—Second-hand octave of handbells, 22 in C, with new straps and in fair condition, £13 10s.—C. W. Woolley, 39, Titian Avenue, Bushey Heath, Herts. 7068

MISCELLANEOUS

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — Michaelmas Term, 1955. St. Olave's, Hart Street, Sunday service ringing commences on Oct. 9th at 5 p.m. Practices commence on Oct. 10th at 6.30 p.m. All Freshers particularly welcome.—G. McKay, Secretary, Greystones, St. Bees, Cumberland. 7008

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A further supply of Guild badges (brooch or stud) is now available. 3s. each, postage 2½d.; three or more post free. Same design but much better plated and beautifully polished. Limited number only. Order early. — T. J. Fowler, Black Butts, Cookham, Berks. 7053

ST. THOMAS', EXETER.—Practices now recommenced Wednesdays 7.30 p.m. Sunday ringing for evening service only, 5.30 p.m. All are welcome. 7079

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, WOLVERTON, HANTS.—Basingstoke District.—Change of practice night from Thursday to Monday, commencing on Monday, Oct. 10th. Visitors always welcome, 7.30 to 9.—D. Cane. 7065

MAULDEN, BEDS. — Weekly practice has now commenced, and will continue throughout the winter months. Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—M. J. Lockey, Hon. Sec.

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in same style as peals.

PUBLICATION

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Chilcompton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—E. Chivers, Chilcompton. 7058

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Rotherfield (8), Oct. 8th. Bells 3. Service 4.30.—C. A. Bassett. 7028

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.—Joint meeting at Longstanton on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden. 7013

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—N.W. District.—Meeting at Hatfield Broad Oak (8) on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at Cock Hotel. 6979

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, at Goldhanger (7). Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. 7027

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Oct. 8th, at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. St. Dunstan's, St. Stephen's and Cathedral bells available after tea and meeting.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 6998

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—Annual meeting at Maidstone, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (10) 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6 p.m. — R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 6990

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, October 8th, general meeting, Christ Church, Ealing Broadway, 3.30–5 p.m. Business in Church Hall 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m., St. Mary's, South Ealing, 7.30 p.m. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 7050

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting at Rolleston-on-Dove, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7022

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Northaw on Saturday, Oct. 8th, at 3 p.m. Tea and business. Cheshunt bells also available from 6.30 p.m. Bus No. 242 passes both churches.—T. J. Lock. 7059

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION — Western Branch.—Interim meeting, Gressenhall, on Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea as early as possible to G. Bunning, Gressenhall, East Dereham. 7042

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Norton, Saturday, Oct. 8th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting. 7025

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, Oct 12th, 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 7078

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY GUILD — The first tower meeting of this session will be held at St. Nicholas', North Stoneham, on Wednesday, Oct. 12th, commencing at 7.30 p.m. All freshers will be welcome, whether experienced or not, and those interested are invited to contact the Secretary, c/o The University. 7055

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery.—Meeting at Yatton, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7082

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Skelton on Oct. 15th at 3 p.m. Please note these altered arrangements.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 7084

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Wine Lodge, Burges, Coventry, 7.30 p.m. Tickets 11s. Bells of Rugby (St. Andrew's) available 2–4 p.m., and Kenilworth, Allesley and Stoke 2–5 p.m. Business meeting at National Savings Centre, Broadgate, Coventry, 6 p.m.—Mrs. D. E. Beamish, Hon. Gen. Sec., 81, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton. Phone Nuncaton 3296. 6997

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Paignton, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 7063

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Winlaton St. Paul, Saturday, Oct. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Names to R. W. Leighton, 15, Burnley Street, Blaydon-on-Tyne. 7048

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Barnard Castle, Oct. 15th, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 12th, to E. P. Rock, 64, Tollesby Road, Linthorpe, Middlesbrough. 7083

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Neots (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Make own tea arrangements in local cafes.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 7072

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Crimplesham, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Downham Market bells (8) available after 6.45 p.m. — J. Fox. Dis. Sec. 7091

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Annual Dinner, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, 6.15 p.m. for 6.45 p.m Tickets 10s. 6d. Accommodation limited to 100. Early application and stamped addressed envelope, please. Cathedral Evensong 4 p.m. Bells available afterwards. — F. V. Gant, 3, Central Drive. Hornchurch. 6900

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
ANNUAL DINNER
LION HOTEL, GUILDFORD
Saturday, October 15th, at 6.30 p.m.
Tickets (12s. 6d. each) from R. H. Mills, 35, Fowler Road, Farnborough, Hants 6992

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Wittersham (6), Saturday, Oct. 15th, 2.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Oct. 12th, to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 7060

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Combined practice, Cleobury Mortimer, Sat., Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 7062

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — 75th Anniversary Dinner, Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone, Oct. 15th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Aylesford, Bearsted, Boxley, West Malling, 3-4.30 p.m.: All Saints', Maidstone, 4-6 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. Apply by Oct 11th, to Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 7081

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. — Ringing meeting at St. George's, Mossley, Oct. 15th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea. All welcome. Bus via Ashton-under-Lyne.—R. Benson. 7085

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Names for tea to K. Abbott, 109, Greenbank Road, Rochdale.—F. Pritchard. 7064

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Market Harborough District.—Meeting, Foxton, Oct. 15th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., Shoulder of Mutton. Names, by Oct. 12th, to L. W. Allen, High Street, Great Glenn.—L. W. Allen. 7073

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch. — Half-yearly meeting, Gainsborough, Oct. 15th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday previous, to Mr. G. L. A. Lunn, Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough. 7018

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting, Oct. 15th. Ringing at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, 2.45-4 p.m.; St. John's, Hillingdon, 3-4.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at Hillingdon, 4.30, followed by tea. Names, please, by previous Wednesday, to Mrs. F. W. Goodfellow, Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks. Social evening in St. John's Road, Hillingdon, 8 p.m.—J. D. Rock. 7070

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Wroxham on Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Names or numbers for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 12th, to Mr. A. F. Boyce, The Lodge, Hoveton Hall, Norwich.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 7074

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Towcester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoke Bruerne on Oct. 15th. Service 3.30 p.m. Names for tea by Oct. 10th to W. A. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 7020

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Thorp Malsor (6), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, please. Special methods: London and Wells Surprise. Names to H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell. 7066

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 15th, at Damerham. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Martin also available in evening. (Buses from Fordingbridge 2.10, 3.45; no buses to Martin.) Names for tea, please, by Tuesday, 11th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7057

SUFFOLK GUILD.—District meeting, Sudbury, Oct. 15th. All Saints' bells 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 4.30 p.m. to elect new District secretary. Tea 5.30 p.m. if notification is sent to Mr. A. Haynes, 68, Queen's Road, Sudbury. St. Gregory's bells after tea. —C. W. Pipe. 7071

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Southern meeting, Little Horstead, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Oct. 12th, to K. C. Knight, Spinney Farm, High Hatch Lane, Hassocks. 7061

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner, Guildford Hotel, Leeds, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at 6.15 p.m. Tickets (11s. 6d.) each from the undersigned by Oct. 10th. Bells available for general ringing: Leeds Parish Church (12) and St. Chad's, Far Headingley (8) from 2.30 p.m. Applications for morning peals to G. Benfield, Lane End House, Pudsey, Leeds. Early application for tickets advisable.—A. E. Marsh, 19, Priestley Gardens, Pudsey, Leeds. 7023

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Westoning, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea as early as possible to D. Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 7067

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — S.W. Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Plymouth Emmanuel, Oct. 22nd. Names for tea, by 17th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent St., Plymouth 7075

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Epsom, on Oct. 22nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Scout Hut 5. Numbers for tea, by Oct. 19th, please, to G. F. Oakshott, Downsview, Lewins Road, Epsom Common.—A. H. Smith. 7076

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest at Earlsheaton, Oct. 22nd. **All members welcome.** For teas, please notify H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, by Oct. 15th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 7007

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at Rochester Cathedral. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Oct. 17th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7054

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual dinner and social will be held in the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Uppingham Road, Leicester, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 6.15. Apply early, by Oct. 19th, please, with remittance for tickets (8s. each), to W. A. wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 7077

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Brougnton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 7090

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Sat., Oct. 22nd, 6.30, **Annual Dinner** and social, also handbell ringing. **Venue changed** to Six Bells, 197, King's Road, Chelsea, next to Town Hall. 11, 19 and 22 bus from Sloane Square Underground, 49 bus from South Kensington Underground. Apply quickly for tickets, please. Everyone welcome. Afternoon ringing details later.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 6966

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — Autumn meeting, Leafield (6), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte. 7029

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Special meeting, Preston Candover, Oct. 22nd. Dedication of the new ring of six bells (tenor 4 cwt. approx.). Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 7080

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Wednesday, Oct. 19th, from Dinner Committee, branch or general secretaries. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3.30–5 p.m,. Cathedral (12) 3 p.m. until evensong—provisional on tower repairs being completed. All Saints' bells will not be available.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7026

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — Annual general meeting on Saturday, Oct 22nd, at St. Olave's, Hart Street. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting 6 p.m. in St. Olave's Vestry. Constitutional changes will be proposed.—G. McKay, Sec. 7009

ST. NICHOLAS', ARUNDEL. — Centenary celebrations. Ringers' Sunday, Oct. 30th. Ringing 3.30. Buffet tea 4.45. Service 6 p.m. Everyone welcome. Names for tea by Tuesday to Daughtry, 4, Ford Road, Arundel. 7092

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A YOUTHFUL ENGAGEMENT

IT promised to be a great day in the life of a West of England village when the bells were to be reopened, and the committee resolved to aim high in order to get the best attractions possible for the occasion. One of the problems to be solved was how to obtain a band of good scientific ringers to come and give of their best, for in those Victorian days travel from town to village and back was not so easy as in these days. Who would go into town and fix things up? Where and how could a real good team be obtained? A good deal of discussion took place until a gentleman of means undertook the job, saying he would spare no pains or expense to secure the best scientific band that could put up a real good show.

On his arrival in town he called on a well-known ringer and unfolded the proposed programme, at the same time insisting that the best possible team must be chosen to undertake the ringing in connection with the festivities. The leader listened carefully to the proposals and soon he agreed to select a band who could do method ringing, also play on a set of handbells, but, being anxious to impress his gentleman visitor, he politely asked, 'Which would you prefer, a band of town ringers, a band of county ringers, or a band of College Youths?' After explaining that the latter society was very ancient, that in fact it went back to the year 1637, the gentleman, whose knowledge of ringers and ringing was practically nil, immediately said, 'We must have the best, the College Youths.'

He went back to the village quite elated to know the College Youths were coming to play their part in the day's proceedings, but it really ought to have been explained to him that the town ringers were not only members of the county guild, several of them were College Youths as well, so the leader had no difficulty in his selection of half a dozen of his own band who qualified as College Youths.

Before the great day arrived the posters did not fail to proclaim the special attraction, not only the special ringing on the tower bells but some handbell ringing after tea, and one of the local ringers in answer to questions said the College Youths was a famous London society which rang at St. Paul's Cathedral and other churches in London. He went on to assert that the town scientific ringers were good, the county ones better, but the College Youths must surely beat all the others hollow!

The great day came at last, and when the horse brake drew up near the church a rush was made to see the famous ringers emerge, but what a shock they received when the 'youths' descended one by one, the last two having to be helped out of the conveyance! Most of the ringers had beards and not one of the party looked at all youthful.

Some of the younger people who had gathered round began to express themselves outwardly, and such remarks as 'What a fraud,' 'What a sell,' 'Rotten trick to play on us,' were heard, but a few of the older villagers deemed it best to question the ringers, and as they proceeded to the tower each ringer was asked: 'Are you a College Youth?' The answer, of course, was 'Yes.'

The next encounter was with some of the local ringers, who immediately asked, 'Where are the College Youths?' 'Here,' was the reply, and the leader of the town ringers then explained the situation fully, after which everyone enjoyed a good laugh. In the meanwhile some of the boys who had seen the 'youths' arrive hastened to the scene where preparations for the village tea were going on, and there they broke the news that the 'youths' were bearded men, some old enough to be grandfathers!

The gentleman who engaged the 'youths' quickly made his way to the tower and soon found that instead of some sprightly youths from college he beheld a team of experienced half-pull ringers handling the bells in first-class style. Further explanations followed later, and when the 'youths' left for home they were given many lusty cheers by the assembled villagers.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

TEN BELL PEALS

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5043 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

STELLA HUGHES	*Treble*	ARTHUR T. DUTTON	6
SAMELA R. THOMAS	2	*PETER J. BARKER	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	EDGAR T. SMITH	8
FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	4	HOWARD HOWELL	9
GEORGE W. HUGHES	5	WILLIAM DAVIES	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal on ten bells and in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival and the marriage of the Rev. P. R. Heselton and Miss Sheila Irvine.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

DOROTHY J. CLARKE	*Treble*	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	6
JOHN E. S. MORETON	2	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
JAMES DRAYCOTT	3	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5	JOHN E. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. H. Lawrance, a verger at All Saints' for 25 years, who was interred earlier in the day, and also as a memorial to J. W. F. Trotman, a former member of the local band.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

JESSIE M. KIPPIN	*Treble*	R. ROGER SAVORY	6
*ROBERT C. KIPPIN	2	MAURICE J. BUTLER	7
†ADRIAN J. TUMBER	3	REV. K. W. H. FELSTEAD	8
PETER NASH	4	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	9
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Surprise Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Sept. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

ELISABETH A. G. GRIME	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
*STELLA HUGHES	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Rutland.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Treble*	ROY DUESBURY	5
*BERNARD FAIRHEAD	2	GEORGE WATERMAN	6
URBAN W. WILDNEY	3	*ARTHUR G. BUTTON	7
ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON	4	ALLEN E. CANSDALE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.
* First peal of Double Norwich C. B. Major.
Arranged as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. George Waterman, of Harwich.

ST. COLUMB MINOR, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLUMBA.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

ALAN CARVETH	*Treble*	JOHN M. JELLEY	5
V. MARY MATTHEWS	2	KENNETH W. PRICE	6
MRS. J. M. SIMPKIN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
A. HUBERT EPLETT	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
The 300th peal for the Guild.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

EDWARD JENKINS	*Treble*	TERRY R. HAMPTON	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	PETER BORDER	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
JACK L. MILLHOUSE	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE BAKER. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5024 SANDRINGHAM SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM A. THEOBALD	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
GEORGE SAYER	2	GEORGE P. ADAMS	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	3	BERT GOGLE	7
DAVID HEIGHTON	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Pritchard's. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*ANTHONY LOCKE	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. ROBERTS	5
ERNEST J. JELLEY	2	GERALD A. UGLOW	6
CLEMENT W. JOSE	3	JOHN M. JELLEY	7
DOUGLAS BURNETT	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

* First peal of Major.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

*HAROLD B. SCHOFIELD	*Treble*	*JOHN MOORE	5
*MRS. H. B. SCHOFIELD	2	*WILLIAM SYKES	6
*DAVID ATKINS	3	JOHN PEARSON	7
*FRANK RAYMENT	4	J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.

* First peal in the method.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

ARTHUR G. MASON	*Treble*	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
ERIC E. SPEAKE	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. NOLAN GOLDEN. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

ROCESTER, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs. Sept. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN	*Treble*	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5
EDWARD JENKINS	2	PETER BORDER	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR

Johnson's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	PETER BORDER	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	EDWARD JENKINS	6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
Rung as a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. A. H. Lawton.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5280 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

MILTON C. FOWLER	*Treble*	*ROY BETTLEY-COOKE	5
J. MARTIN THORLEY	2	*ALEXANDER E. MARSH	6
GORDON BENFIELD	3	J. FREDERICK MILNER	7
HOWARD SCOTT	4	W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. A. BARNETT. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.

* First peal in the method.
To mark the birthday of Mrs. J. F. Milner, of Kirklington, Notts.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Thurstans' One-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS YEOMANS	*Treble*	EDMUND J. MORRIS	5
J. ARTHUR HOARE	2	GWYN I. LEWIS	6
ALFRED HANNINGTON	3	TREVOR M. RODERICK	7
GEORGE DAVIS	4	WILLIAM T. PETTY	*Tenor*

Conducted by TREVOR M. RODERICK.

Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	W. ALLAN RICHARDSON	5
JOHN G. AMES	2	STANLEY E. BENNETT	6
RONALD C. NOON	3	MAURICE BENNETT	7
FRANK TAYLOR	4	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by WM. THORNLEY. Conducted by JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

* 100th peal.
Rung for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels.

ALDENHAM, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Washbrook's Variation. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

*CECIL E. R. EVANS	*Treble*	JOHN E. ROOTES	5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	6
JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	3	*ALBERT C. WENBAN	7
*WALTER G. PAUL	4	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

CHECKENDON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents and one 240. Tenor 11 cwt.

LUCY E. SLADE	*Treble*	*RONALD K. RUSS	4
*MAURICE L. BAUGHAN	2	GEORGE J. HEARNS	5
ERIC L. BAUGHAN	3	CYRIL M. BAUGHAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HEARNS.

* First peal.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Ruth Gray a member of the local band, and Mr. John Medwell.

ALBURY, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Norwich, London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

G. WILLIAM MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	4
ANNE B. SPEED	2	JOHN R. MAYNE	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	TONY PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

The band would like this peal associated with the approaching 82nd birthday of Mr. T. Ansell, of Albury, in gratitude for the welcome and help he has always given.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE OLD TOWER OF THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of St. Simon's and 10 extents each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

MRS. W. J. VANN	*Treble*	JOHN G. UNDERWOOD	3
DAWN V. ELSON	2	*SYDNEY J. MERRY	4
	MICHAEL F. AMOS — *Tenor*		

Conducted by MICHAEL F. AMOS.
* First peal of Doubles. Conductor's 25th peal.

THAKEHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Sept. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in A.

*HELEN SKINNER	*Treble*	*BENJAMIN W. FARHALL	4
MARIAN SKINNER	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
*CHARLES B. SKINNER	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.
* First peal in two methods.
A farewell peal to the Rector, the Rev. G. R. Barnett, on his retirement.

CHILTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 8½ cwt. (approx.).

DOUGLAS JORDAN	*Treble*	PETER DAVIES	4
DAVID LAWSON	2	WILLIAM CORDEROY	5
WILLIAM GILKS	3	*ALEC SAMLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID LAWSON.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Hills.

IBSTOCK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. GOADBY	4
JOSEPH WILLIAM COTTON	2	WILLIAM A. WOOD	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lewis (nee Iris Rowley) on the birth of a son, John Arthur, a grandson for the conductor.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Fri., Sept. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in B flat.

*SAMELA R. THOMAS	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4
†JOHN ALLEN	2	GEORGE W. HUGHES	5
‡STELLA HUGHES	3	ERNEST STITCH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* First peal of Minor and in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside.'
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HUTTON CRANSWICK, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 26 extents of Grandsire (10 callings) and one 240 each of Morris's and Pitman's arrangement of Grandsire, and 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN R. ASHBY	*Treble*	JOHN B. IBBOTSON	4
*JAMES W. BELL	2	HAROLD PARKER	5
ANN M. HUDDLESTON	3	*HARRY H. HOLLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD PARKER.
* First peal.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. J. A. Parker, of Bridlington, mother of the conductor.

BOZEAT, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being three extents each of Plain Bob, Old Bob, Norfolk, April Day, Kennington, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, All Saints', Grandsire, London Single, Northrepps, Fortune, Reverse, St. Bartholomew. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*DELIA MILLER	*Treble*	REX LINE	3
†RONALD DANIELS	2	NORMAN LINE	4
	GEORGE F. ROOME — *Tenor*		

Conducted by REX LINE.
* First peal. † First peal in 14 methods. First peal as conductor.
Rung for the Festival of St. Michael and All Saints.

CLEWER, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in five methods, viz.: (1) Oxford Treble Bob, (2) Kent Treble Bob, (3) Plain Bob and St. Clement's Court Bob, (4) Single Oxford Bob and St. Clement's Court Bob, (5) Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, (6) Single Oxford Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	*Treble*	WILLIAM BUTLER	4
*MONICA HOWARD	2	JAMES BROOKS	5
GEORGE GILBERT	3	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
* First peal in five Minor methods.

KEWSTOKE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Treble*	JAMES S. WEBB	4
EDWARD J. CHIVERS	2	DAVID HOARE	5
HERBERT W. KNIGHT	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
First peal of Surprise on the bells.

OLD GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minuets,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 17 cwt. 13 lb. in F.

*PETER WATSON	*Treble*	*GEOF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	4
*TREVOR TAYLOR	2	*DEREK TAYLOR	5
JOSEPH THORNLEY	3	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NEIL D. LOMAS.
* First peal.
Rung for the harvest festival.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Single Court and Single Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

HENRY P. COLLIN	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
PERCY D. BALDOCK	2	CECIL WADE	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
Specially arranged for Mr. Ernest Morris, Leicester.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

ROY OWEN	*Treble*	*SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD	4
ROBERT ALLCOCK	2	GEOFFREY R. DREW	5
JOHN COUZENS	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
* First peal 'inside.'

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of York, Lightfoot, Nether-seale, Bourne, Ipswich, Cambridge and London. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON ..	..*Treble*	WILLIAM C. HUGHES ..	4
*GEOFFREY DUNCAN	2	AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	5
WALTER AYRE	3	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal of seven Surprise "inside."
A birthday compliment to E. J. Upton.

DANBURY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in seven methods, viz.: Beverley, Surfleet, York, Durham, Lightfoot, Ipswich and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS R. ROAST ..	..*Treble*	ERNEST E. S. JOHNSON ..	4
*MARY DOWSETT	2	JOE E. G. ROAST	5
PETER J. CAME	3	IVAN J. M. SAUNDERS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal in seven Surprise methods.
Rung to mark the wedding on October 1st at the above church of Mr. John West and Miss Yvonne Drewe, both ringers at Danbury Church. Also birthday compliments to the ringers of 1 and 2.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in 11 methods: (1) London Scholars, (2) College Exercise, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) St. Clement's, Double Oxford Bob, (5) Childwall, Thelwall Bob, (6) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Double and Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ALBERT SAUNDERS	..*Treble*	WALTER ARNOLD	4
ALAN R. SYDER	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
JACK H. BRETT	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
Rung for the harvest festival.

HANDBELL PEALS

CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND.
THE CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.
On Fri., Sept. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being six 240's and thirty six-scores. Tenor size 10 in A.

*ROBERT G. T. BENNETT	1—2	†VICTOR J. C. WOOD ..	3—4
*HENRY J. MEE	5—6		

Conducted by VICTOR J. C. WOOD.
* First peal. † First peal on handbells.
Rung to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the first peal (Grandsire Doubles) on the tower bells. A farewell to the conductor, who returned to England on September 24th, 1955.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original.

*DAVID MARSHALL ..	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	VIVIEN BARNES	7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples away from 7-8.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT GREEN WAYS, GIPSY LANE,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor size 15 in C.

MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ..	3—4	HUBERT E. ASHLEY ..	7—8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
In memoriam J. W. F. Trotman.



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ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Gwyneth R. Brown (first in method) 1, June A. Grieveson (first 'inside') 2, Diana M. Gough (cond.) 3, R. D. Brown 4, Valerie Mepham 5, D. H. Paine 6. Rung for Evensong.

ARLESEY, BEDS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Barnes 1, Miss F. Smith 2, A. Simpson (cond.) 3, H. Davies 4, C. Turner 5, F. Shelton 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss S. Kitchener and Mr. E. G. Bebb.

BATHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Naylor (cond.) 1, Joyce Coward 2, Mrs. E. Naylor 3, Mrs. B. Cooper 4, S. A. Read 5, F. Gooding 6. Rung for harvest festival.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—1,376 London Surprise Major: Hilda M. Snowden 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, F. Claydon 3, H. R. Felton 4, R. Suckling (cond.) 5, T. Earle 6, W. Arnold 7, Hilda G. Snowden 8.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Sept. 25th, St. Botoph's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Brown 1, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 2, A. Freiston 3, S. Jessop 4, F. Dewey 5, F. Leggott 6, J. Petch 7, T. Freiston 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. E. Houlton, late verger at this church.

BRIDLINGTON, YORKS.—On Sept 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Ashby (first in method) 1, J. W. Bell (first in method) 2, Miss A. M. Huddleston 3, T. H. Huddleston 4, J. A. Parker 5, J. W. T. Chew 6, H. Parker (cond.) 7, H. H. Holland 8.

BURBAGE, DERBYS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. T. Marriott 1, Miss B. Bagshaw (first quarter) 2, J. Bagshaw 3, R. Dawson 4, Mrs. M. Bradbury 5, H. Kirk (cond.) 6. Rung for morning service and a birthday compliment to J. T. Marriott.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sept. 18th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: M. Dukes 1, L. Chamberlain 2, G. L. Roobottom 3, A. C. Foster 4, A. R. Wright 5, W. J. Leach 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, P. Evanson 8. Also on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. Chamberlain 1, D. T. Gardiner 2, A. G. Foster 3, W. J. Leach 4, G. Harrison 5, E. J. White 6, B. G. Key (cond.) 7, P. Evanson 8. Rung prior to harvest thanksgiving service.

CALNE, WILTS.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Hacker 1, Miss R. Maundrell 2, S. Twitchet 3, F. Walker 4, D. Harris 5, W. Hacker 6, R. Barry (cond.) 7, A. Saye 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Dixon on the occasion of their silver wedding.

CHELSFIELD, KENT.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Martin (first quarter) 1, J. Pannell 2, D. Manger 3, V. Webster 4, J. Parker (cond.) 5, A. Smith 6. Rung for harvest festival.

CHILTON, BERKS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. E. Samler 1, D. Lawson (cond.) 2, D. Jordan 3, M. S. Cloke 4, W. Corderoy 5, A. Samler 6. Rung to mark the 100th anniversary of the local Methodist Church prior to a joint Anglican and Methodist service, also as a christening compliment to Miss Joscelyn Mary Turner, daughter of a local ringer.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. James' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Hunt 1, J. Potter 2, J. S. Weeks (cond.) 3, G. Winter 4, W. Mortimer 5, B. Lyons (first quarter) 6. Rung as a welcome to Bishop J. D. Blair (brother of the Vicar).

DUNKERTON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. S. Woodburn 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, Miss A. Stephens 3, A. F. Lee 4, K. Brain 5, A. F. Butt 6. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the Rev. A. Jones, M.A., Rector of the parish for 27 years, who was buried at Dunkerton on this date.

QUARTER PEALS

DOVER, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Devonshire 1, Mrs. H. George 2, Miss A. Banks 3, T. Ellender 4, D. J. Thomas 5, J. E. Walker 6, C. George (cond.) 7, P. Westwood 8. For harvest festival.

ENFIELD, MIDDLX.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. Graham Buston (first quarter) 1, I. J. Attwater (cond.) 2, S. J. Scott 3, J. R. Towers 4, Miss T. Newcombe 5, J. W. Roberts 6, D. E. Towers 7, J. Duggan 8. Also on Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Newman 1, I. J. Attwater (cond.) 2, W. J. Bowden 3, J. Duggan 4, J. R. Towers 5, J. T. Roberts 6, D. E. Towers 7, S. E. Scott 8. Charter Day for the Borough of Enfield.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Sept 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss A. Wells 1, W. Wright 2, Miss M. Finch 3, R. Finch 4, S. G. S. Joyce (cond.) 5, G. H. Smith 6. First quarter for 2 and 3. Rung for harvest festival, and in honour of the Rev. F. B. Hutchinson, B.A., B.Sc., being appointed as Honorary Canon of Guildford Cathedral.

GODSHILL, I.O.W.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Susan H. Porter 1, M. Alison Wood 2, F. S. Taylor 3, R. Bird 4, C. H. Denness 5, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. P. A. Jones and Miss E. A. Taylor, which took place that day at Chilton, Berks.

GRAFTON REGIS, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Hall 1, E. Lambert 2, F. Hall 3, C. Hall 4, G. Atkins (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Green 1, G. Green 2, B. Sydenham 3, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 4, B. Bover 5, H. Carter 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips (cond.) 7, F. Payne 8. Rung for the harvest festival, also as a 70th birthday compliment to Mr. F. Payne. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Green (84, cond.) 2, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3, P. Green 4, B. Bover 5, B. Sydenham 6, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 7, F. Payne 8. Rung for harvest festival.

HARPOLE, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): R. Starmer 1, W. Burt 2, Miss J. Watson 3, R. Baker 4, H. Haynes (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Miss J. Watson, who has been a loyal member of the local band for the past five years, and has now commenced a course at a teachers' training college.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss A. Bailey 1, V. Tipton 2, W. Aley 3, L. Cordell 4, L. Whitby 5, S. Clark 6, W. Cheater (cond.) 7, J. Aley 8. Rung for harvest festival.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 13th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings), with 6, 4, 8 covering: Margaret Wilson (first quarter) 1, I. R. Vaughan (first quarter) 2, Daphne Lester 3, Mrs. J. Downing 4, Joan Downing 5, A. A. Price 6, J. Downing (cond.) 7, J. E. Downing 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of the Vicar (the Rev. K. J. Morgan) and Miss Eleanor M. Wilkinson. Also on Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Downing 1, Patricia A. M. Forster 2, G. Ridd 3, Joan Downing (first of Triples 'inside') 4, Daphne Lester (first of Triples) 5, J. Downing (cond.) 6, J. E. Pennells 7, J. E. Downing 8. A farewell to Miss Daphne Lester, who has left to take up an appointment at Deganwy, N. Wales.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: T. G. Bannister 1, N. Genna 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, A. R. Turley 4, W. H. Coles 5, E. Thurlow 6, A. R. G. Twinn (cond.) 7, F. C. Price 8. Rung on the occasion of harvest festival, and to mark the gift of a daughter to F. C. Price.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss L. S. Skeet 1, Miss A. Miles 2, Miss A. M. Trott 3, D. R. Mitchell 4, L. A. Tremeer 5, L. Stilwell 6, G. T. Jennings (first as cond.) 7, C. Denyer 8. First in method for 4 and 5.

HUTTON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (All Saints', Grandsire and Plain Bob): Mrs. E. M. Baker 1, M. Baker (cond.) 2, Olive D. Mann (first quarter) 3, E. M. Baker 4, C. E. Hill 5. For harvest festival.

KENSINGTON, W.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,279 Stedman Caters: H. M. Page 1, Miss A. Garnett 2, H. Belcher 3, W. J. Rawlings 4, W. S. Langdon 5, A. B. Peck 6, B. K. Lunn 7, C. J. Watts 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, James Phillips 10.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles; G. Hazlewood (first quarter) 1, A. G. Cook 2, R. W. R. Picton (cond.) 3, R. Picton (first quarter) 4, B. M. Barker 5, R. Scaplehorn (first quarter) 6. Rung prior to harvest festival Evensong to celebrate the dedication of a memorial tablet to Mr. Edward Toms, for 40 years headmaster of the day school and superintendent of the Sunday School.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, W. H. Poole 3, H. G. Keeley 4, R. Lancefield 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, A. Whitemore 8. For the patronal festival.

MARCH, CAMBS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. W. Palmer 1, R. Taylor 2, W. Moore 3, T. A. Bevis (cond.) 4, F. S. Parsons 5, J. Moore 6. Rung after the wedding of Miss Peggy I. Moon, who is a bellringer at this church.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. C. West 1, S. R. Cockell 2, Marion Hunt 3, A. W. Angel 4, H. Heaton 5, A. W. Hunt 6, W. C. West (cond.) 7, C. F. Andrews 8. A 78th birthday compliment to A. W. Angel, who has been a regular ringer at this church for more than 60 years.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Miss A. Boulden 1, R. Hodgson 2, Miss O. Boulden 3, D. Jackson 4, D. Hodgson 5, S. Boulden 6, R. Swift (cond.) 7, H. S. Humphery 8. First quarter in method by all the band.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Knight 1, J. Hunt 2, A. Knight 3, P. W. J. Harding (cond.) 4, S. R. Cockell 5, F. S. Slatford 6, L. E. Hitchins 7, H. Heath 8.

OXFORD.—On Sept. 25th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, W. F. Judge (cond.) 2, Daphne Castell (first of Triples) 3, A. Gammon 4, W. Porter 5, C. Coles 6, F. E. B. Wilkins 7, J. Harris 8. For harvest festival.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sylvia P. Sims (first quarter) 1, J. Woodason 2, F. E. Day 3, G. Gaylard 4, H. J. Gaylard 5, H. H. Thomas 6, J. P. Sims (cond.) 7, H. O. Thomas 8. Rung for Evensong.

QUEX PARK, BIRCHINGTON, KENT.—On Oct. 1st, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: C. Durham 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, T. H. Wilson 3, P. Dadds 4, H. Luck 5, T. Milsted 6, A. Hinkley 7, L. Everest (cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to J. A. Russell (chairman of Canterbury District, leader of local band, and Quex Park Society) and Miss B. Solly, member of both local bands.

READING, BERKS. — At St. Laurence's Church, on Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Diserens 1, Helen M. Brant (first of Triples 'inside') 2, R. E. Turner 3, B. C. Stirland 4, J. N. Diserens 5, R. F. Diserens 6, N. J. Diserens (cond.) 7, V. T. Cherrill 8. For harvest festival.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Jenifer Stratford 1, Christine Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, A. Chapman 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. For Evensong on Wake Sunday. Also on Oct. 2nd. 1,260 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 540 Plain): Pamela Grewcock 1, Jenifer Stratford 2, Rita Stratford 3, Christine Stratford 4, M. E. Brown (cond.) 5, A. Chapman 6. For harvest festival.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. F. Windley (first quarter) 1, H. Robson 2, J. A. Robertshaw 3, C. Barber (North Bradley) 4, H. Spencer 5, G. W. Frayne 6, B. Sutton (cond.) 7, F. Murray 8. A farewell to Clive Barber on his demobilisation from the Army.

SEND, SURREY. — On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss H. Hancock 1, W. A. Goldstone 2, J. King (first as cond.) 3, Mrs. M. Hancock 4, H. Hancock 5, S. M. Strudwick 6. For harvest festival.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 St. Clement's): Miss J. Burroughs 1, M. A. Richardson 2, Miss J. M. Phillips 3, B. B. Dibben (first quarter) 4, G. Francis (cond.) 5, W. L. Weller 6.

SOUTH HACKNEY, E.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: L. W. Bullock 1, C. A. Hughes 2, C. R. Smith 3, S. H. Dearden 4, L. E. Last 5, J. H. Crampion 6, E. D. Smith (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. For Evensong.

STAFFORD.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. R. Wiggin 1, F. Eley 2, C. Hone 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, M. Carter 8. Also 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Carter (first in method) 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, F. R. Wiggin 3, F. Eley 4, C. Hone 5, A. E. Garbett 6, R. K. Mowforth 7, E. Malin 8. For the festival of St. Michael and All Angels and the harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

STEPNEY, E.—At St. Dunstan's Church, on Sept. 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Hughes 1, B. Bladen 2, Mrs. J. Thomas 3, J. Thomas 4, A. Lewry 5, H. Weedon 6, W. A. Theobald (cond.) 7, S. Lawrence 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Frank Hullyer, an employee of the Whitechapel Foundry.

STRETFORD, LANCS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Single and 540 Plain Bob): H. Birchall 1, M. Holt (first quarter) 2, H. W. Wootton 3, J. Brocklehurst 4, H. Chapman 5, W. Moss 6, J. Bibby 7. Rung for the induction of the Rev. F. S. Wright, which took place on the previous day.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Payne 1, L. May 2, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 3, J. Kelland 4, G. Court (first quarter) 5, W. H. Ware 6, J. D. Upton 7, A. Kerslake 8. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. May 1, E. J. Taylor 2, Mrs. C. F. Miles 3, J. D. Upton 4, P. Mayne (cond.) 5, W. H. Ware 6, J. Kelland 7, P. J. Cork (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival.

THEALE, BERKS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. James 1, Miss O. M. Tayler 2, L. Vince 3, M. Wise 4, R. Abery (cond.) 5, A. Tayler 6. For harvest festival.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (being 120 Stedman, Grandsire, Winchendon, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury and 420 Plain Bob): Miss V. Phillips 1, K. Knight 2, Miss J. Burroughs 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller (cond.) 5. First in eight methods for 2 and 3. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Wickens on their silver wedding anniversary.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Sheila Banwell 1, Marion Macfarlane (cond.) 2, June Plumpton 3, T. K. Price 4, H. Collings 5, M. V. White 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: W. Wenban 1, Miss J. Wilcockson (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, D. K. Adkins 3, W. G. Paul 4, K. R. Dunstan 5, A. W. Wenban 6, J. Mayne (cond.) 7, T. Sheppard 8. First in method for 4 and 5.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Sept. 29th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. D. Peart 1, E. A. Parish 2, A. Mills (cond.) 3, J. Cooper 4, F. Pickering 5, K. Clarke 6, F. Barraclough 7, H. Russell 8. Rung on the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 7.

WEST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: I. Collins (first quarter) 1, T. Randall 2, J. Bartram 3, J. Morris 4, R. Hobbs (first as cond.) 5, D. McNeil 6. Rung on the eve of the patronal festival and as a farewell to Grahame Gooder, organist at this church for 3½ years and music master at King Edward VI. Grammar School, Retford, for 4¼ years. The band, with the exception of the ringer of the third, were past or present members of the school.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. R. Collins 1, G. D. Whalley 2, G. W. Biddulph 3, P. S. Whalley 4, R. T. Barlow 5, D. R. Whalley 6, W. Massey 7, E. H. Edge (cond.) 8. Rung as a farewell to Miss S. R. Collins, who is leaving the district, and with best wishes for her new career.

WOOD GREEN, N.—At St. Michael's Church, on Michaelmas Eve, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss W. Bettridge 1, Miss E. Bettridge 2, R. O. Stroud 3, Miss G. E. Newcombe 4, A. W. Kelvie 5, J. G. Nash (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

For 68 years Mr. George Green has rung regularly, morning and evening, on Sundays at Great Baddow, Essex. Now, at the age of 84, he is still conducting quarter peals, and his striking is an object lesson to the younger generation. His eyesight and hearing are as good as ever.

'The umpteenth attempt,' writes our New Romney correspondent, in recording a successful quarter of Oxford Bob Triples.

Eight bicycle punctures in two hours! Is this a record for ringing cycling tourists? For particulars apply to Reading.

The bells of Stoke Rochford Parish Church, Grantham, will be heard before the morning service at 9.30 on October 23rd in all Home Service broadcasting stations except Midland and Scottish.

Recent clue in a crossword in a national newspaper was 'Kind of battle won by campanologists.' The answer was 'ding dong.' An indignant reader feels that it should have been 'striking.'

Miss Shelagh R. Collins, who is leaving North Staffordshire for Huddersfield, wishes through the columns of 'The Ringing World' to thank the ringers of North Staffordshire and adjoining counties for the welcome always received at their towers during her three years' stay in the area.

When Mr. Frank Hullyer, of the Whitechapel Foundry, was married on September 24th, it was hoped to ring an 'all foundry' quarter at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on September 24th. Unfortunately three members were unable to be present. The band are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas and Mr. Brian Bladen for helping out.

Readers will be sorry to hear that, a few weeks ago, Mr. R. James Cook was the victim of a serious accident and is now in Hexham General Hospital. We understand that he has every chance of a complete recovery, but is now faced with long convalescence. It was all the more unfortunate that this should happen just before he was due to finish his National Service.

North Weald, Essex, ringers have an attendance of over 20 at their weekly practices on Tuesdays. They have eight learners. A good sign.

The peal of Plain Bob Major rung at Handsworth, Yorkshire, on September 17th (page 611) was J. E. Burton's four-part, and not Bruerton's.

We regret that the name of the Ringing Master of the Surrey Association was quoted as Mr. Royal Davies. Were it not Roydon, readers will agree that it would have been Maximus Davies.

We learn with regret of the death at Weston Favel, Northants, of Mr. Frank W. Rollings, who was well known to many members in the Midlands, particularly during the years between the two world wars. His funeral took place at Weston Favell on Monday, October 10th.

A farewell handbell peal was rung at Christchurch, New Zealand, on September 16th to Mr. Victor J. C. Wood, who sailed for England on September 24th, after two years of valued help to the Christchurch Cathedral Society. This was the second handbell peal to be rung in New Zealand, the first being a peal of Bob Major at Dunedin, conducted by the late Mr. J. S. Wilde. He bequeathed his handbells to the Christchurch Society, and it was on these bells that the second peal was rung.

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CUMBERLANDS FIGHTING APATHY

Appeal to Members for Maximum Support

MR. TOM H. FRANCIS, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, at the Society's annual dinner on Saturday at the Old Bell, Holborn, appealed to members to pull their weight to fight the apathy among members of the Society. Meetings had been poorly attended during the year and the Master declared that he had had a disappointing year. The dinner, however, was most successful.

Supporting the Master and Mrs. Francis on the top table were the Rev. L. M. Charles Edwards, the Rev. Meredith Davies, Mr. C. T. Watts (Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. W. R. Winterton and Mrs. Davis.

The company included Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hawthorne, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. M. Halsey, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Cullum, Mr. and Mrs. Lathbury, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Audsley, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirby, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Mr. and Mrs. T. Bevan.

The Rev. G. Blacktop (Vicar of Thames Ditton), Messrs. B. Hilton. C. J. Matthews, P. N. Bond, Brian Luff, R. Ling, A. Thirst, N. Steers, J. W. Dennis, P. Humphries, J. Hawkins, A. House, W. T. Elson, D. Matkin, W. S. Chandler, P. Brown and T. W. White.

Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay, the Misses M. Reay, J. Garner, M. Prockson, J. Mattinson, P. Steere, B. Mason and N. Shorter.

After the loyal toast Mr. F. E. Hawthorne proposed the toast of 'The Church.' He emphasised that the Church was not the building or the parsons but the people who professed to be Christians. They, as ringers, had to be thankful that the Church was not just a building, because if it were they could not practise their art, and bells would certainly not be put up to the glory of God.

If they looked back to the beginning of the present century, when the Societies and Guilds founded themselves on dioceses, they would realise that ringing made quicker progress. That went to prove that if their art was done to the glory of God they were working to the correct end. 'We, as members of the Church, should ask for that divine wisdom that will enable us, as humble members of the Church, to propagate the great beauty of godliness, and if we build on those lines ringing will make great strides.'

The Rev. L. M. Charles Edwardes (Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields) said both he and Mr. Meredith Davies were proud to be vicars of churches that were the headquarters of their Society.

Acknowledging the reference of the Master that he had been appointed religious adviser to Independent Television Authority, Mr. Charles Edwardes said an actress, after listening to a broadcast on New Year's Eve, was persuaded to come to St. Martin's the next Sunday. She told him that she enjoyed the service, the hymns and the sermon. Then she said, 'A man came round with the plate and I started to open my purse when he said, "Stop, Madam, this is on me." I expect he was one of your ringers!'

Very often Parochial Church Councils made mistakes through not having a practical ringer as a member. He suggested that at their next annual parochial meeting the ringers should attend and nominate one of their members. If they all voted for him he would be elected.

The Rev. Meredith Davies (Vicar of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch) also replied and expressed appreciation of the ringers' service Sunday by Sunday. A ringing member on the parochial council could help in bringing to the notice of the Council the need of getting recruits. It was essential to train the next generation to carry on their work.

HISTORY WANTED

Mr. J. W. Raithby, of Newark, proposed the toast of 'The Royal Society of Cumberland Youths.' He said there was not a great deal of written matter about the Society. It was established prior to 1702 under the title of London Scholars and the name was changed to Cumberlands in 1747. Apart from the excellent synopsis in the 1931 Rules of the Society and the references in Trollope's book on the Ancient Society of College Youths he could not find much about the Cumberland Youths. It was a great pity as he felt that what had been done for the College Youths by Trollope should have been done for the Cumberlands. The peal books and the old miniature books of the Society should provide a tremendous amount of material. He would also like to see included short biographies of some of the giants of the past—John Cox, George Newsom, George Gross, Shipway, Squire Proctor, Pitstow, Henry Dains, John D. Matthews and many others. He hoped a volunteer would be forthcoming.

He appealed to members to give their utmost support to their Master and not to be apathetic.

The Master, who was received with enthusiasm, said in regard to the history of the Society, some years ago it was proposed that a new history be written, and it was in the hands of two or three members. They had covered the history to the beginning of the 19th century, but between the beginning of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century there was little material to go on.

The Master said he was perturbed about the apathy that existed apart from a few. One had only to look at the quarterly meeting and monthly practices. The meetings had been poorly attended by local people and they only got the faithful few at the practices. It had been a very disappointing year altogether. They had rung five peals. The Erin Cinques was a very good peal, as was also one of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's.

It was very difficult to get young ringers. St. Martin's bells did not go at all well; Shoreditch bells went well but it was difficult to get people to come 10 or 15 miles to a practice.

GIFT OF ROPES

He had, however, one bit of good news. At Shoreditch they had trouble with the ropes—they were always breaking. While they were away on holiday in August Mr. Leonard H. Baber, who was on leave from India, called and went to Shoreditch and left the money for a new set of ropes (applause).

There was one sorrowful duty he had to do. They had lost, to his knowledge, only one member during the year—Mrs. Kitty Matthews. She was one of the most loyal and consistent members during the time he had been ringing in London. She was always there if there was anything to do and they would miss her greatly. The company stood as a tribute to her memory.

The Master also mentioned that Mr. George Cross was in town, and left a note.

In conclusion the Master said: 'I hope whoever follows me will have a better year to look forward to. I will not grumble too much but there is far too much apathy in the Society, and it is up to most members to pull their weight more.'

Mr. F. J. Cullum, in submitting the toast of 'The Visitors,' had a special word of welcome to the Newark contingent, who had come to see their former vicar, the Rev. Charles Edwardes, and to the visitors from Birmingham and Bournemouth.

Mr. Cyril J. Watts, who replied, said it was his privilege to bring a message from the monthly meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths conveying to the Master and all members of the Cumberlands their very best wishes. As everyone knew, there had been friendly rivalry between these two Societies and he felt it should continue. It was for the good of the Exercise that these Societies should endeavour to maintain that rivalry.

In London recently there had been a number of rings of bells restored and still more were likely. It was necessary for their Society and his to do all they could to man those bells. He was very disappointed to hear the remarks of their Master that the Cumberlands were not enjoying very good health. All he could suggest was that every member should back the Master to the full and bring that life to the Society which was lacking. Members of the Ancient Society would be sorry to hear this news because they felt that both these Societies must go forward in strength.

Mr. T. W. White, editor of 'The Ringing World,' also replied and suggested that the history of the Society should be published in serial form in 'The Ringing World' and so reduce costs.

Compered by Mr. Stan Brown, an enjoyable entertainment was given by Betty Chapman (songs), Dorothy Brown (piano), Peter Brown (monologues) and Bunny Chapman (comedian).

ARUNDEL CHURCH BELLS

Contenary Peal To Be Attempted

The centenary of the dedication of the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Arundel, on October 25th, is to be marked by a peal attempt by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths who are also members of the Sussex County Association. The College Youths rang the first peal on the bells—one of Grandsire Triples—100 years ago.

The original bells were presented to the Church by Charles, Duke of Norfolk, grandfather of the present Duke, and dedicated on October 25th, 1855. They replaced others of which history has been lost.

In 1940 the bells had to be removed from the tower owing to the ravages of death watch beetle. For ten years the bells lay on the floor of the church, but in 1950 they were retuned and rehung in a modern steel ball-bearing frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The bells were originally cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

The Bishop of Chichester will preach in the church on Sunday, October 30th, to mark the centenary, and it is expected that many Sussex ringers and those beyond the county boundary will attend the service. Ringing will start at 3.30 p.m. There will be a buffet tea at 4.45 and the service is at 6 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

There were methods rung to suit all ringers who were able to attend the Farnham District's meeting held at St. Peter's, Farnborough, on October 1st. During the afternoon ringing was under the direction of Mr. S. Joyce, and in the evening under Mr. E. J. Wells.

The service was conducted by the Rev. F. B. Hutchinson, with Mr. Moys at the organ.

The ladies of Farnborough tower served an excellent tea in the Jubilee Hall, Farnborough. This was followed by a short business meeting, during which three new members were elected

PEAL RINGING IN STAFFORDSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

WITH this county, we come to another of those which are full of interest because of the numbers of peals rung, the heights of proficiency reached, and the famous towers involved. Thus, to begin with, only three counties have a greater number of 'centenarian' towers and only seven other counties have a tower which has passed the 300 peal mark. New methods and record lengths all have their place in the ringing history of Staffordshire, so that it will be difficult to include all that will interest in the space available.

Perhaps the most famous tower in the county and the one mentioned above as having had more than 300 peals rung at it is St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent (10). It was at the beginning of our period (1881) that the band there was beginning to be noticed and soon afterwards it became the most proficient in the country. For a time they were the only company in the land which could ring Surprise Major, and they broke the silence of many years by peals of Cambridge, Superlative and London. In fact, only one true peal of Cambridge, seven of Superlative and three of London had been previously rung when the band 'conquered' them all. This was in the period 1884 to 1887. They rang no less than 168 peals at St. Paul's before the end of the century and, although numbers were dropping somewhat, a further 65 before 1914. If this had been kept up, the tower would have reached the 500 mark by this time, but the old band died and its successors never again reached such heights. Thus in the 20 years between the wars only 38 peals were recorded, 5 on the eight before augmentation in 1923 and 33 on the ten. Since the war, numbers have improved slightly and there have been 48 since 1944. The grand total is thus 319. As for record lengths and new methods, suffice it to say that the longest length of London Surprise was held by this tower (6,720) from 1888 to 1896, when it was surpassed by the 11,000 at Drayton. So much for this famous tower.

A BI-CENTENARIAN

As well as having a tri-centenarian, Staffordshire has a bi-centenarian too (and only five other counties can claim that). This tower is Brierley Hill (8), where 222 peals have been rung. These have been spread out fairly evenly over the whole period with a slightly better average per year from 1916 to 1939 than before or since. Thus 126 peals were rung between the wars with 62 from 1888 to 1914 and 34 since 1944. Not only has this been a popular peal ringing tower, but I believe it still holds the record for a long length—10,176 Double Oxford Major, rung in 1909.

We come now to the seven centenarians. The first of these is Walsall (12), where 181 peals have been rung. This is enjoying its greatest popularity at the moment, for it has had far more peals than any other tower in the county since the war—no less than 99. It gradually increased in numbers of peals per year over the period before 1914 so that in the years just prior to the first war, 15 of the 42 peals rung in the 30 years were accomplished. There was a silence after this war until 1929, but things went very well then, for 40 peals came in the next 10 years. Seventy-five years ago Walsall held the record for the longest length of Grandsire Major (of topical interest!) with 10,032. This was surpassed by another Staffordshire tower, as we shall see later.

The other 12 in the county comes next on the list—Wolverhampton with 164. These have been rung fairly evenly over the years, for 81 came from 1890 to 1914, 65 from 1916 to 1937 and 18 in the last 10 years. No doubt the nearness of Birmingham has had something to do with the popularity of twelve-bell ringing in the county.

Fifth and sixth place are held by two eight-bell towers—Tipton and Perry Barr. Readers may be surprised to read the first name, for only one peal has been rung there in the past 20 years—in 1944. Actually it was the second most popular tower in the county before 1914, having 98 peals rung there—a total only beaten by St. Paul's, Burton. For a time it was still popular after the war, for a further 47 peals were rung then, but numbers per year gradually dwindled in the 30's and finished altogether in the middle of the decade.

Perry Barr has had a more consistent history, for 50 of the 124 peals were rung from 1881 to 1915, 59 from 1917 to 1938 and 15 since 1945 (none last year or this so far). We find a similar tale at the next tower—Wednesbury (10), where 115 peals have been logged (including another place where each year of the first war is represented)—42 from 1887 to 1916, 45 from 1917 to 1939, and 28 since 1944. Wolverhampton's eight-bell tower (St. Luke's) has a total one less than this—114. This tower has not been heard much since 1945—only five times up to 1949 and not since. The remainder of the peals are divided very evenly between the other two periods—57 prior to 1914 and 52 after 1917.

The last of the centenarians is Willenhall (10). This was an eight-bell tower until just before the last war, but it has come into prominence since augmentation. Sixty-two peals were rung between 1887 and 1938 on the eight, with the usual war years gap, but there have been 50 from 1938 onwards (46 since 1945).

FROM TWELVE TO EIGHT BELLS

And now for towers which have passed the 50 mark (there will be no room for the others). The two West Bromwich churches with bells come first. All Saints' (8) has had 82 peals, 61 before 1914, 11 between the wars and 10 since, so the early years of our period were the best here. Christ Church has suffered the, fortunately, rare event of a reduction in numbers of bells recently. Its twelve is now eight. Again, the peak period was prior to 1916, for 69 peals were rung then. There were 11 from 1919 to 1938 and only one (in 1949) since.

Handsworth (8) has also 81 peals with the bulk (60) before 1914—11 from 1920 to 1939, and 10 from 1945 to 1953. Coseley's 78 are evenly distributed—34, 27 and 17 in the three periods. Only two of Sedgeley's (8) 73 have been rung since 1934 (1949 and 1952). Forty-two were before 1916 and the remainder from 1918 to 1934. Smethwick (8) has not been heard since the war—the 61 peals are divided, 48 from 1898 to 1914 and 13 1918 to 1938.

Brewood and Wednesbury St. Paul's (8's) both have 60 peals. At the former, 11, 32 and 17, and at the latter 38, 6 and 16 in the periods, which indicates how their fortunes have fluctuated. Finally, Rowley Regis has 53 with several gaps—13 from 1887 to 1892, 5 from 1905 to 1912, 33 from 1924 to 1934 and one each in 1949 to 1952. This is the tower which 'ousted' Walsall from its record for Grandsire Major with a 10,272 in 1889—still the record, I think. No 8's remain to be 'conquered,' but Bradley has been silent since 1907 (only two peals there).

Now for the 6's. A few of these have not yet had a peal—Burton All Saints', Eccleshall, Ellastone, Leigh, Mayfield and Sheen. Many of the others have had only one or two, but a few have respectable totals. Bucknall's next peal will be the 50th; 16 were rung between 1891 and 1899 (the best period), 13 from 1901 to 1913, 14 from 1920 to 1939 and 6 from 1947 to 1954. Rushall has 36—5 from 1909 to 1914, 22 from 1924 to 1939, and 9 in the years 1949 to 1953. Kingsley's 30 are similarly spread over the years from 1895, with 9 since 1948. Trysull has 25, all since 1928, whilst 19 of Burslem's 23 came between the wars with only one (in 1949) since. Little Aston has 23, 22 in the years 1950 to 1955 (the other peal in 1936). Pelsall and Shareshill muster 17 each—at the former 15 from 1946 to 1953 (the other two in 1933 and 1938), and at the latter 10 from 1925 to 1939 and 7 from 1950 to 1955. Madeley's 15 include 5 from 1924 to 1937 and 10 in the last eight years.

UNCONQUERED

Nine of the 17 five-bell towers have had one or more peals—all at least one since the end of the last war. Five of them have scored three peals, which is the most. They are Barlaston, Blakenhall Heath, Haughton, Lapley and Rangemore. The eight still to be conquered are Abbots Bromley, Alton, Bradeley, Clifton Campville, Ilam, Mucklestone, High Offley and Standon.

I gather that Tittensor (6) in Mr. Dove's book is a chime and Norbury (5) is really a 4. An eight-bell tower, Shenstone, has had five of its bells removed so now has only three, which makes a second tower in the county to suffer this unusual fate. Twenty-four peals had been rung there, the last in 1937. I hope this reduction in numbers of bells isn't catching!

So much for this very interesting county. Peals include all published up to August 5th, 1955.

NEWS FROM N. STAFFORDSHIRE

St. Peter's, Broughton

Broughton Church, formerly the chapel to Broughton Hall, has no village of its own, but is a joint parish with Croxton some two miles away. Despite its isolation, the ring of eight is regularly rung by an enthusiastic band, some of whom have to travel several miles to reach the church.

On September 11th a ringers' service was held here, at which ringers themselves officiated. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. D. Morgan, M.A., who rings at the church. Mr. H. Roberts and Mr. A. Talbot read the lessons, and Mrs. M. Smith and Mr. V. Lowe offered special prayers for the occasion. Mr. A. H. Lawton (captain) and Mr. W. Talbot were sidesmen, and members of the choir and congregation sang special hymns. The address was given by the Rev. D. P. Roberts, now Vicar of Whiston, near Prescot, Lancs, an expert ringer and formerly a resident member of the North Staffordshire Association.

Meetings at Eccleshall and Uttoxeter

August is the one month in which there is normally no meeting of the North Staffs Association, but this year an 'open day' was held at Eccleshall on the last Saturday of the month. The bells were rehung some six months ago and are now a fine-going, musical six, rung by an entirely new band being taught change ringing by Mr. V. Pickstock, the tower captain. Despite the fact that there was no service and visitors had to make their own arrangements for tea, a large number of ringers came to this delightful country town to make the meeting a complete success. Ringing took place in a great variety of methods and a course of Woodbine was successfully brought round.

The September meeting of the Association was held at Uttoxeter on the 24th, the day preceding the dedication festival of the church. Some fifty ringers from many parts of the country attended, and particularly welcome were two ringers from Bromley, Kent, and Diss, Norfolk, at present serving with the R.A.F. Ringing ranged from call changes to many Surprise Major methods.

The thanks of those present are extended to the Vicar and curate of the church for the use of the bells and for taking the service, and to the churchwardens for their generous contribution towards the cost of the excellent tea.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

INSTRUCTION IN CHANGE RINGING

Dear Sir, — The following information on evening instruction in bell-ringing may be of help to Mrs. Beamish or others interested.

In autumn. 1954, I was requested to take a class in ' Bell-ringing ' at Eckington by the Eckington Division of North-East Derbyshire Education Authority. This proposed class had been advertised along with other normal winter classes, and was classified as ' recreational,' like needlework and music. The secretary of Eckington Evening Institutes had already obtained permission for the use of Eckington Parish Church bells (8) from about 7.45–9 after the weekly choir practice. The class was to meet from 7 to 9 p.m. each Wednesday.

On enrolment night about 14 students enrolled. Of these two were interested in handbell tune ringing only, and both were schoolmasters, one of whom had been recommended by the H.M.I. to try handbell ringing as a school activity. The abilities of the other twelve ranged from rounds to plain hunt except for one who had some experience of change ringing. Four had never previously handled a bell.

The class completed the winter session (September–March), at the end of which some had learnt to control a bell and others progressed to Bob Doubles and plain courses of Bob Minor.

The first half-hour each Wednesday was devoted to teaching change ringing and Bob Minor, etc., on handbells at the Evening Institute (the local Secondary Modern School). The class then went down to the Parish Church for tower bell ringing. As a diversion a little tune ringing on handbells was also done at the school.

If there is sufficient demand most education authorities would run a similar course, either as a recreational class or as a youth activity. Usually a minimum of 10 or 12 must be present throughout the session or the class may lapse.

Students are required to pay a fee (7s. 6d. to 10s.) unless they are recent school leavers. Some authorities allow students in their first years after school free, others under 18 years of age free. A competent instructor must be available. School children are not allowed to attend (unless leaving school during the current term).

Only those who have paid the course fee or who are exempt may take part in the class.

The Further Education Officer or the Chief Education Officer of the area concerned will supply information on such courses.—Yours, etc.

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorks.

CHILCOMPTON TOWER MEMORIES

Dear Sir.—Twenty years ago last June I was introduced to the Exercise at Chilcompton, Somerset, by Ronald Beck and his band, and my first peal was rung in the following year at Marston Bigott—at that time both were, and I believe that they still are, six-bell towers, but I see that the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead lists them now as being eights. As it is some 16 years since I left Chilcompton, maybe I am wrong, but one thing is certain—Ronald Beck gave me something to think about on that first Saturday in June, 1935, when he asked me to come down on the next practice night. I have been thinking about it ever since, and shall continue to do so for a long time yet, I hope. It would be hard indeed to thank him enough for what he and the band gave me, so difficult a pupil.—Yours sincerely,

CHARLES ROUSE.

Cheltenham.

LEICESTER BELL FOUNDERS

Dear Sir,—It is good to see the researches on the Leicester bell founders made available to a larger public in ' The Ringing World.' I myself was aware of them up to the death of Hugh Watts in 1643, and agree that up to this point there is direct descent of the goodwill of the foundry from the time of Johannes de Stafford.

My objection is to the words, ' their descent directly,' applying from 1650 to about 1717. It is unfortunate that our well-known Leicester historian did not give his latest known dates for the passing of the Watts family and his earliest founding dates for Edward Arnold or Thomas Eayre, sen.

Hugh Watts II. died in 1643, leaving his business to Hugh, his son, but to my knowledge Hugh III. did not work the foundry after 1646. George Curtis is described as a Leicester founder who exchanged the borough crier's bell in 1644-5 and may have been running the business for Hugh III. George Curtis died in 1650, and when the crier's bell had to be recast in 1655-6 it had to go to Nottingham, giving a strong implication that the Leicester foundry had closed on Curtis' death. The next notice of a Leicester founder that I know of is Thomas Clay in 1711, giving a gap in the Leicester founders of at least 60 years. Edward Arnold succeeded to his uncle's foundry at St. Neots in 1761 and does not appear to have moved to Leicester until 1784, which gives another gap of 69 years from Thomas Clay's last known casting. If we assume that the link with the Watts came through Thomas Eayre, sen., of Kettering (who came of a family long established in that town), we have another gap of 60 years and that coupled with another assumption that the letters T. E. on the East Farndon bell cast in 1710 denotes his work.

If Ernest Morris can close any of these gaps he will have rendered bell historians another great service in addition to his other researches. Then perhaps we can start talking about ' tracing descent ' and afterwards ' tracing descent directly,' which at the moment I maintain cannot be done with the above-mentioned gaps in our chronology yet to be filled.—Yours sincerely,

GEORGE P. ELPHICK.

Lewes, Sussex.

PEAL RINGING IN SOMERSET

Dear Sir,—With reference to the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead's interesting article on ' Peal ringing in Somerset ' in a recent issue of ' The Ringing World,' I should like to point out that he has omitted Nailsea from the list of six-bell towers which have attained ' double figures.'

There have been 17 peals rung at Nailsea in all—one in 1931 and the remainder since 1944. —Yours sincerely,

MICHAEL HORSEMAN.

Nailsea.

BOATRACE DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—How truly did the Venusian poet sav ' Nescit vox missa reverti ' ! Had your correspondents but resisted the only too well-known temptation to skip the dull report of the Cambridge University Guild Week, they would have seen that, in fact, the Guild had no intention of claiming the method, whose nickname is Boatrace Delight, and whose proper name seems as yet to be unestablished, as their own. No, Sir, we do not want it; as your ex-Oxonian correspondent points out, the method is not all it should be; and in any case we couldn't ring it.

W. T. COOK.

Jesus College, Cambridge.

THATCHED CHURCH ROOFS

Dear Sir,—When I wrote my letter on Sept. 26th, re churches with thatched roofs, I omitted Middleton, about 2 miles away from here.

Middleton-cum-Fordley is the correct name of the parish. At one time each was a separate parish and each with its own church, but unfortunately both the churches were built in the same churchyard and each church had its own parson. Both churches had bells. In 1620 A.D. a complaint was made to the Bishop of Norwich that when service did not begin and end at both churches exactly at the same time, the bells and steeple of one disturbed the congregation of the other. To remedy this inconvenience, the Bishop directed that the same minister should serve them both and officiate in them alternatively (from ' History of Suffolk ').

Fordley Church has gone and no visible signs remain. I can find no record of what happened to the bells. Of Middleton Church it has a square flint tower surmounted by a spire with five bells. Of the weight of tenor this is uncertain, but I should think 8 or 9 cwt. The Rector tells me that ' the bells have not been rung for many years, as the headstocks are decayed, but chiming is possible.' Repairs are being done to the spire as all the wooden supports are in a very bad state owing to the death-watch beetle and much of the lead is being replaced. The thatch on the roof is in a bad state and will require rethatching in a few years' time. — Yours faithfully,

A. R. BRIDGES.

Theberton, Suffolk.

IMMANUEL OR ROSSENDALE SURPRISE

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Jones' querv (page 603) and Mr. H. Chant's comment (page 634) the peal referred to was rung at Wendens Ambo. Essex, on November 12th, 1927, by: Walter Mansfield 1, Miss K. Willers 2, Frank E. Haynes 3, William A. Tack 4, Edward H. Finch 5, Albert E. Austin (conductor) 6.

In the 1907 collection it had no name, just No. 22, but we always called it Immanuel. The construction is London below the treble and Woodbine above.—Yours faithfully,

A. E. AUSTIN

Newmarket, Suffolk.

Wedding at Wyke Regis

Twe members of the Wyke Regis band, Miss D. Hill and Mr. F. Symonds, were married in the presence of a large congregation on October 1st at All Saints' Church, with which both have been connected for several years.

The bells were rung as the happy couple left the vestry for the reception, which was attended by all the ringers. During the afternoon the bells were kept going and in the evening a quarter peal of Plain Bob Minor was rung at Abbotsbury by members of the Salisbury Guild after a peal attempt had failed.

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NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS

Tributes to Late President

The National Guild of Police Ringers held their annual meeting at Northampton on Saturday, September 17th. A good company of members and their friends were met by the local members, P.C. W. Hammonds and ex-P.C. W. Robinson, at St. Peter's Church shortly after 10.30 a.m.

The bells of St. Peter's, together with those of St. Edmund's were set going by the early arrivals and the fine weather added to the delight of the occasion. Members travelling from London, Manchester, Birmingham and the surrounding counties arrived before mid-day to make the most of the first visit of the Guild to Northampton.

The bells of St. John's, Kingsthorpe, and St. Giles' were available during the early afternoon, and those of All Saints' between five and six p.m. concluded the day's ringing.

The business meeting was held at the Borough Police Headquarters by kind permission of the Chief Constable.

Ex-Superintendent F. R. Williams, of Manchester, a vice-president of the Guild, took the chair and, in paying a tribute to the late Inspector Harold J. Poole, said that by the sudden and untimely death of their president, Harold Poole, the Guild had suffered a tragic blow. He had been instrumental in the formation of the Guild, was its first secretary and later a very popular president. His untiring efforts were well known as a ringer and he was also a very good organiser. He had no doubt made some of the preliminary arrangements for that meeting. Mr. Williams expressed the wish that from that gathering the Guild's heartfelt sympathy would be conveyed to Mrs. Poole and her family in their great loss. The meeting then stood in silence as a tribute to his beloved memory.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the secretary reported that during the year three peals were rung for the Guild—one at Ashby Folville, one at Bedford to commemorate Her Majesty's review of the Police Forces, and one to mark the retirement of their late president from the Leicester City Force.

During the year two Midland practice meetings had been held at Aylestone and Oakham and were well attended. Sixteen new members had joined the Guild, and by the death of ex-Inspector Poole and ex-P.C. J. Sanderson, membership stood at 123.

The funds of the Guild were satisfactory, ending the year with a balance of £20 13s. 10d.

The secretary concluded his report and thanked the members for their co-operation and attendance.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

The election of a president was next, and P.C. W. Pye, of Manchester, proposed P.C. R. Benson, and ex-Sergeant W. Dowding proposed Inspector J. G. Prior, of the Metropolitan Police. Inspector Prior wished to withdraw owing to his many other commitments.

Sergeant Wilmington then proposed ex-Superintendent F. R. Williams should be elected for the ensuing year.

Ex-Chief Inspector Botterill then took the chair and the meeting decided in favour of P.C. R. Benson as the new president of the Guild.

P.C. Benson thanked members for the confidence they had in him and the honour they had bestowed upon him by electing him to the office of president.

The following new members were elected to the Guild:—P.C. G. E. Iliffe (Leicester and Rutland), Special Constable H. J. Sanger (Somerset County), Special Constable W. Parrott (Metropolitan Police), Special Constable C. J. Watts and Policewoman K. Ager (Manchester).

It was then decided to hold the annual meeting at Manchester.

Inspector Prior then proposed a vote of thanks to the secretary and P.C. Hammonds and ex-P.C. Robinson for the arrangements made for the meeting.

This concluded the business and members made the way to the Church of All Saints.

Dinner had been arranged at the Angel Hotel, where over a hundred members and friends partook of an excellent meal.

The guests included the Chief Constable of Northampton, Mr. D. R. Baker, and Mrs. Baker, the Rev. M. Rowson (Vicar of the Holy Sepulchre), and Mr. G. E. Sismey (churchwarden of All Saints' Church).

After the loyal toast the president introduced the Chief Constable, who welcomed the Guild to Northampton and said he had read 'The Ringer,' by Edgar Wallace, and he claimed to know something of the long pull, but it was his first experience with the National Guild of Police Ringers. He hoped their meeting in Northampton was a happy and successful one and he hoped they would come again.

Mr. Howson suitably responded on behalf of the guests.

Mr. G. E. Sismey remarked that he had always held the Police Service in high esteem; now he had met the Police Guild of Ringers it was unique and should go one higher in his esteem.

Handbell ringing was provided by members and friends of the Guild and the social evening was enjoyed by all the company.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Quarterly subscribers are reminded that the renewal of their subscriptions is now due. Rates: 3 months 7s., 6 months 13s. 6d., 12 months £1 6s. Prompt payment saves clerical work. Remittances to Mr. J. E. Jeater, Greystones, Cusgarne, Truro, Cornwall.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

Weddings Curtail Ringing at Gorleston

For their autumn meeting the Eastern Branch visited Gorleston-on-Sea on October 1st.

A heavy programme of weddings seriously curtailed ringing in the afternoon, so a last-minute rearrangement resulted in the business meeting being held in the ringing chamber, followed by tea in the Church Hall, then the service. Serious ringing was then possible until well into the evening.

Six new members from Catfield were elected to ringing membership, viz., Miss R. Harris, Messrs. G. Hawkes, A. Howes, V. Nichols, R. Nickerson and D. Platford.

The service was conducted by the Vicar of Gorleston, the Rev. E. L. Corbell, the organist being one of the newly-elected members, Mr. G. Hawkes.

An excellent tea was prepared and served by a party of lady church workers under Mrs. E. L. Corbell. A collection taken in appreciation of the ladies' efforts was immediately placed by them to the credit of Gorleston Parish Church Restoration Fund, as was also a profit realised on the tea, and the worthy cause was enhanced by £1 17s. 6d.

A collection for the Diocesan Bell Fund realised 16s. 3d.

Proceedings closed with votes of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Corbell, the lady helpers, the organist and Messrs. Crowe and Bird of the local company.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Ashford Parish Church on October 1st. The bells were available from 3 p.m. and were put to good use until 4.30, when the service was held in the church. This was conducted by Ashford's new Vicar, Canon N. M. G. Sharp, who has come from Birchington in the Canterbury District. In his address he stressed the part which ringers play as an essential component of the structure of church work and worship, and it became evident that we have gained a good friend. A collection taken for the Association's Belfry Repair Fund realised £1 12s.

The Vicar and Mrs. Sharp joined the district in a good tea at the Parish Room, which had been prepared and was served by members of the Mothers' Union. As the Vicar had to leave before the business meeting, Mr. John Willis took the opportunity to thank him, the organist, and the ladies for their share in making the meeting a success.

At the business meeting, the secretary read his report and financial statement for 1954-55. The district had a net increase of 20 new adult members and 14 juniors, and had gained two new towers. The number of peals had decreased, but this was probably due to the extra instructional work taking place. The fortnightly practice meetings in the western section last winter had been a great success and were being repeated this winter. The ringers' service held at evensong at Biddenden on June 26th was an innovation well worth repeating. Bands of junior ringers were being trained at Rolvenden and Cheriton.

He pointed out that, although the first object of the Association was to see that the bells of as many churches as possible were rung well for Sunday services, peal ringing played an important part. It made for good striking and provided a target for the ambitious learner. He thanked the clergy of the churches in the district for their co-operation, and also the editors of 'The Ringing World' and the local Press for their readiness to give space for reports of meetings and other useful publicity.

All the present officers of the district were re-elected. Attention was called to the forthcoming 75th anniversary dinner to be held at Maidstone on October 15th.

Mr. S. G. Waters put forward the suggestion that combined practice meetings be held in other areas of the district similar to those held in the western section, and this met with general approval. Consequently Miss M. Vantom offered to arrange those for the Lydd area, Mr. R. J. Birch for the Hythe area, and Mr. R. J. Carlton for the Ashford area.

Ringing then continued until 9 p.m. in methods up to Spliced Surprise Major. About 50 members were present from 15 towers.

W. P. G.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Northern District

The Northern District met at Ashwell on Saturday, September 24th. The rich music of the heavy six sounded until 4.30, when Father Catterick held a short service which included one of the finest sermons heard in this District. Mrs. Catterick played the organ.

At the business meeting the secretary thanked Fr. Catterick for such a warm welcome and encouragement. The next meeting will be a joint one between the Biggleswade and Northern Districts and will be held at Clifton; the following meeting will be at Great Offley. The secretary also reminded members about their subscriptions.

After the meeting ringing began again with methods ranging from rounds for the learners to Burnaby Treble Bob, the special method for the day, which had gone under the temporary alias of Burnaby Delight.

J. S.

TOURS AND OUTINGS PAGE

DERBY CATHEDRAL

A very pleasant day's outing was spent by the Derby Cathedral ringers and visitors, in and around Manchester on September 24th, the main attraction being the very fine ring of twelve at Manchester Town Hall.

The party left Derby by coach at 7.30 a.m. and the first church visited was Norbury (Hazel Grove), where we were made most welcome by Mr. Basil Jones. We were not, however, able to ring straight away as a funeral was still in progress. The very pleasant eight were rung successfully to Stedman, Grandsire and half a course of Yorkshire Surprise.

Less than a quarter of an hour's journey brought us to Stockport, where Mr. C. Bell met us. The bells were found to be rather noisy and difficult to strike.

A little after 12.30 p.m. the party arrived in Manchester and partook of an excellent lunch, served most efficiently—much to the delight of the younger females present—by Italian waiters.

After lunch the party assembled outside the Town Hall, where a 'silent' course of Grandsire Triples was 'rung' to the great astonishment and bewilderment of passers-by. Owing to the lift being out of order, it was necessary to make the long climb up a great number of steps to the belfry, where Mr. R. Benson met us.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, but an attempt for Stedman Cinques came to grief, probably due to the fact that, not possessing a ring of twelve in our own county, practice is not available. After some rounds, at which one of our younger lady ringers performed remarkably well on the tenor, the back eight were rung successfully to a course of London Surprise. During the ringing Mr. Benson very kindly took some of the party up to the tower to see the bells and the carillon and the bourdon bell (eight tons).

The last tower of the day was Newton-le-Willows, where Bristol and Cambridge Surprise, with an attempt for Spliced Surprise Major, were rung. A very enjoyable tea was provided in the School Room by the parents of one of the ringers.

At 6.30 p.m. the coach left Newton and within four and a quarter hours we were back in Derby. Sincere thanks are offered to Mr. Harold Taylor, who so successfully arranged the outing, and also to those ringers who made us welcome at the various towers. E. A. G. G.

CORSTON, BATH

A tour of South Gloucestershire was selected by the ringers of All Saints' Church, Corston, Bath, for their annual outing on September 17th. The Rector accompanied the ringers.

The towers visited during the morning were Wickwar, Cromhall and Wotton-under-Edge, all very enjoyable. A picnic lunch had been planned near Frocester Hill but unfortunately the turning to this beauty spot was missed and the party had to be content with a roadside halt.

The afternoon ringing was at Stonehouse, where the bells were found to be heavy going (no doubt this was accentuated by over-indulgence at lunch), Minchinhampton and Chalford, where the party had the opportunity of ringing steel bells.

Tea was had at Cirencester, and afterwards the last and best ringing of the day was at Watermoor.

The day was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and sincere thanks are due to the clergy who permitted ringing in their towers and to the members of the local bands who welcomed the party

EMMANUEL, PLYMOUTH

On September 24th Emmanuel ringers assembled at the church at 11.30 a.m. to ring for a wedding, and at 1 p.m. left for a half-day tour, being accompanied by wives.

Dartington was arranged for the first tower, but a funeral that afternoon prevented ringing. The Vicar of Diptford was written to, but we arrived at the same time as the Brixham ringers. However, as this was a new tower to the majority, it was decided to wait and eventually everyone had a ring. Ringing consequently had to be curtailed at the next two towers before tea—Stoke Gabriel and Churston Ferrers. The tea was at Dellers Cafe, Paignton, and was much appreciated.

Two eight-bell towers—Paignton and Upton, Torquay— were enjoyed, and excellent touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung. We were joined by two or three old friends, including Mr. Aubrey Bennett, hon. treasurer of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers.

Our coach driver then took us the whole length of Torquay, Preston and Paignton fronts to see the very fine lighting, and this was greatly admired. After a short stop at Totnes for light refreshments we arrived back in Plymouth at our usual time, just aften 10 p.m.

Ringing was in charge of the captain, Mr. J. P. Sims, and arrangements were made by Mr. H. H. Thomas, hon. secretary. H. T. H.

STEPNEY

Stepney ringers selected Surrey for their annual outing on September 17th. The coach was waiting, the handbells had been procured, in fact they nearly went without the organiser and his family, who arrived late!

However, St. Nicholas', Godstone, was reached with a minute or two to spare and the afternoon started well with Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob. We were delighted to ring with the Vicar, who met us, and we hope he enjoyed our ringing and our company.

The next stop was Bletchingley, where we had tea with Ted Bird and George Olliver. This most beautifully-kept church has a link with Stepney. Travelling with the party was the Rev. P. Tidmarsh, whose first curacy was at Stepney. He hails from Bletchingley and is rightly proud of his home church. Here we rang rounds, Bob Triples, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob Major. The long draught upset one of the young ringers, but the rest had a really enjoyable time.

A shock awaited us at our last tower, St. John-the-Evangelist, Redhill. The organist had arranged an organ recital just when we were due to ring. Full marks to Mr. Comber of the local band, who got everything put right. We rang Grandsire and Stedman Triples, but somehow never did as well as we could have done.

It was the first outing for most of the band and on the whole they did very well. We are extremely grateful to all who contributed towards its success. L. J. F.

Awheel With Reading Ringers In South-East England

Organised by the sons of a well-known Reading ringing family, a week's tour of Sussex and Kent was held from August 20th. The party of 12 included ringers from Banbury, Penzance, Worcester and a much-travelled member from Chichester.

The objective on the first day was Arundel, with ringing at Chiddingfold and Pulborough en route. Punctures and faulty judging of the mileage resulted in a late arrival at Arundel.

Sunday's ringing was at Arundel Parish Church, the anti-clockwise ring at Ditchling and Uckfield where, with local ringers, ringing ranged from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise. After supper at Blackboys Hostel there was an evening 'snatch' at Buxted.

A peal attempt of London Surprise was planned for Monday at Mayfield but the temperature was high, and with a trip after half an hour the attempt was abandoned. Burwash (a delightful light eight) and Hawkhurst were visited before arriving at Goudhurst Youth Hostel in the old Manor House. Singing on the lawn ended the day except for the removal of scrap iron and holly from some of the sleeping bags.

Another peal attempt was scheduled for Tuesday at Goudhurst but the temperature, and the 'go' of the bells combined to make half an hour of Stedman enough. It is a pity that these bells do not 'go' well as they have a splendid tone (8, 25 cwt.) Grandsire, four-spliced and Bristol were afterwards rung. The girls were commissioned to provide a picnic lunch, eaten in a field near Frittenden Church. The beautifully-kept ringing chamber at Biddenden was admired, and the other tower visited was Headcorn with its ground-floor ringing chamber.

More 'dens' were visited on Wednesday, the programme including Benenden, Rolvenden, Tenterden (the heaviest ring of the tour, 30 cwt.), Bethersden and finally, after a visit to the youth hostel to 'make ourselves look more civilised,' Ashford. For the pleasant hour's ringing at Ashford several local ringers and Tom Cullingworth and Geoffrey Pearson, from Maidstone, participated. The highlight was a good touch of six-spliced.

A compliment was paid to the tourists at the first tower on Thursday—Aldington— by a veteran of the local band, who said he had never heard the bells 'tipping' down like it before.' Hythe, including a visit to the crypt with its rows of skulls, and Folkestone were visited before reaching St. Mary's, Dover. One of the touches here was Bob Major, being called by our Chichester friend who, on being asked to include a few singles because of the way he called them, obliged with ten consecutively! The night was spent at Dover Hostel.

There was no ringing at Sandwich on Friday because the bells were 'clocked' from the centre of the ringing chamber. After the last picnic lunch at Pegwell Bay a visit was paid to St. Lawrence's, Thanet (10, 18 cwt.). Rain had stopped when we left the tower. After 20 minutes' ringing at Birchington the twelve at Quex Park were sampled. Unfortunately we did not have a 12-bell band and we had to be content with ringing rounds before Grandsire and Stedman Caters. A course of London Surprise Major was followed by a fall in peal on the top eight. A 16-mile cycle ride to Canterbury Youth Hostel ended the day.

Before dispersing on Saturday, ringing took place on the musical eight at Chilham. So ended another tour, to be remembered by the high temperature and fairly hard cycling of the first few days and, of course, the bells and ringing.

Thanks are accorded to incumbents and local ringers for making arrangements. 'We would like you to know that we thoroughly enjoyed our visit, which was the first for several of us, to the South-East.' D. B.

OBITUARY

MR. TOM HAMMOND

An Appreciation of a Liverpool Ringer

The passing of Tom Hammond leaves more than a void in the ranks—he was the last of the old band and with him passes an era. Above petty parochialism, he was a ringer of the old Cathedral bells, a ringer of the St. Nicholas' bells and a ringer of the new Cathedral bells.

Tom never missed the ringing of bells, they were his special message. It gave him pleasure and assurance when the bells that he had helped to ring were the means of carrying the Christmas, the Easter and the Harvest message into the hospital wards and to hear how much they were appreciated. We have it that Liverpool Cathedral bells alone took the message of Easter to some of the wards in the nearby Women's Hospital.

Liverpool, let it be remembered, has but one clergyman to more than 5,000 inhabitants.

Tom was of an age when the bellringers rang the bells, and the message they carried travelled with the four winds far and wide. Whether the message was being carried to the thousands who thronged the Pier Head on a sunny Sunday in June, or through the soot and smoke of a Lancashire town on a Saturday afternoon, Tom's interest was in the ringing of church bells. Not for him was the recent proud reference of a local incumbent—that his ringers had raised the parish total by nearly £100 at their local church fair. Tom's service was not the raising of money.

He was a great man to argue, but in this perhaps his best might well be remembered; he would listen to a contrary point carefully, and I have known him say, 'Perhaps I am wrong,' and a minute later with his opponent still forcing the issue Tom has said, 'I have said I was wrong, I am sorry.' Truly a great man.

The difficulties associated with the ringing of bells in a tower still in the hands of other authorities he understood, and with a quiet humour he circumvented all difficulties. It was not unknown for him to miss some of the ringing by waiting below to escort ringing friends who had failed to turn up. Would that all might be equally understanding!

Tom has gone to meet his Maker, and his old Ringing Master. From their bellringing life and example we might learn that a bellringer's main service is to ring the bells, wherever they may be, to the honour and glory, and to the good of all mankind. E. L. H.

MR. WILLIAM RIGBY

It is with regret that we record the death on September 23rd of Mr. William Rigby, of Fern Cottage, Lawton, Cheshire, familiarly known as 'Old Bill,' at the ripe age of 94 years.

He was the oldest member of the Chester Guild and North Staffs Association, having been a member for over 70 years. A report of his peals and his long service to the church and ringing will appear when compiled.

The funeral took place on September 26th, and in the evening a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by his old friend, the late W. A. Fitchford, was rung with the bells half-muffled by the following band: Miss Gayner E. Higgins 1, Miss Phyllis J. Holborn (first of Grandsire) 2, Ronald Barlow 3, John Boffey (first quarter) 4, Robert Arrowsmith 5, William Massey 6, Douglas R. Whalley (conductor) 7, Allan Budd (first quarter) 8.

MR. MATTHIAS HOBBS

The death occurred on September 15th of Mr. Matthias Hobbs at the Kettering General Hospital at the age of 72.

'Matt' Hobbs was a ringer at St. Botolph's Church, Barton Segrave, Northants, and was a member of the choir for over 50 years. As a ringer he was well known in Northamptonshire and though he specialised in Doubles methods was a safe ringer on all numbers of bells. A first-class striker, he always enjoyed good ringing.

Prior to the 1914-18 war 'Matt' built up a good five-bell band at Barton Segrave, and in 1909 he conducted a peal of Doubles in 14 methods with an entirely local band. He rang his 100th peal in 1924 and his peal total was in the region of 120.

Although ill-health prevented him from doing much ringing after the end of the last war his interest in the Barton Segrave band remained, and when he was able he would climb the steps and call a touch.

The funeral service, which was fully choral, was held at Barton Segrave, when the bells were chimed as the cortege proceeded to the church, by five of his old ringing friends. Immediately afterwards a well-struck 240 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by B. P. Morris, C. W. Bird, R. F. Turner, R. Marsh and H. Pettitt.

In the evening other ringing friends joined the local company in muffled ringing. B. P. M.

ST. MARY'S, WALTHAMSTOW

Following a 'family' outing in July, the St. Mary's, Walthamstow, ringers decided to hold on September 17th one of those highly-concentrated tours where, if too many long climbs are included, the weak may fall by the wayside and content themselves with studying the architecture of churches visited, turning after dark to the archaic structure of the 'locals.' Organisers of such tours are, therefore, well-advised to keep a close check to ensure that the vital ringer for a course of Cambridge is not pottering around downstairs admiring a 14th century tympanum.

Leaving Woodford at mid-day, with several ringing friends, the first stop was Epping Town, a fine-toned octave, perhaps in need of some attention from the hangers. Keeping to a routine of half an hour's travelling and an equal time for ringing, the pleasant and popular ten at Bishop's Stortford were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain and Treble Bob Royal. Next was the highlight of the trip—Dunmow, considered by many (including the writer) the finest eight in Essex. For the first time for many years on a Walthamstow outing Double Norwich was now rung, and rung well. Little Bob, too, as a novelty. Reluctantly departing to make way for a peal attempt, the next stop was for the light and easy-going eight at Braintree.

Thence to Great Waltham, where a peal band had been busy in the morning. Upon hearing the first octave start up again at 4.30, heads appeared at windows and small knots of villagers gathered in doorways wearing, one fears, glum and apprehensive expressions at the prospect of another three-hour spell. Fortunately ringing was of a good standard and it was not until the final 'fall' that a local spokesman approached and village fears were allayed.

Following tea and a well-earned rest at Chelmsford, the first evening stop was at High Ongar, where strangers, fearing the worst from the ugly yellow-brick tower, must be pleasantly surprised at the excellent tone and 'go.'

From Ongar to Hutton's picturesque little church, its coloured windows glowing among the dark trees. In the trim ringers' 'recess' under the wooden tower we rang such methods as we knew for five bells, then sped to the final tower, Brentwood, finishing the last change precisely on the appointed minute.

It is encouraging to find that after many years St. Mary's band is able to ring Stedman Caters and Double Norwich with very little outside help. It is hoped soon to achieve complete independence.

Thanks are due to all those who kindly waited at each tower to greet us, especially at Braintree, where notice was short. A. B.

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MORRIS—CHAPMAN. — The marriage of Miss Margaret Joan Morris and Mr. Patrick Ivan Chapman will take place at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Kettering, on Saturday, October 29th, 1955, at 10 a.m. All ringing friends will be welcome at the church. Future address: 8, Ash Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire. 7098

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MATTHEWS.—The address of Mr. C. J. and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Matthews is now 145, Wimbledon Park Road, Southfields, S.W.18. 7717

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—As from October 17th my address will be 19, Eastdean Avenue, Epsom, Surrey.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 7112

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MISCELLANEOUS

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS. — Monthly practice, October 15th, has been **cancelled.** 7102

SANDY, BEDS.—Ringing has now been resumed after the tower being repaired. Sunday, 10.15–10.55 a.m. and 5.45–6.25 p.m. Practice, Tuesday, 7.30–9 p.m. 7120

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Glaston Branch. — Meeting, Baltonsborough, Saturday, Oct. 15th, 3 p.m. Service 4.—W. H. Marsh, 4, Dovecotes, Street. 7105

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 15th, at St. Neots (8). Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Make own tea arrangements in local cafes.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 7072

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch. — Meeting, Crimplesham, Saturday, Oct. 15th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Downham Market bells (8) available after 6.45 p.m. — J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7091

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ringing in connection with the annual dinner of the Guild on Saturday, Oct. 15th, at the Lion Hotel, will take place at Holy Trinity Cathedral Church from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. There will be no service this year, but the Archdeacon of Surrey (Ven. G. B. Smith) will preside at the function. 7109

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Wittersham (6), Saturday, Oct. 15th, 2.30 p.m. 7060

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — 75th Anniversary Dinner, Royal Star Hotel, Maidstone, Oct. 15th, 6.30 for 7 p.m. Ringing arrangements: Aylesford, Bearsted, Boxley, West Malling, 3-4.30 p.m.; All Saints', Maidstone, 4-6 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d.—Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher, Kimmeridge, London Road, Ditton, Maidstone. 7081

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Joint meeting, Oct. 15th. Ringing at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, 2.45-4 p.m.; St. John's, Hillingdon, 3-4.30 p.m. and after tea. Service at Hillingdon, 4.30, followed by tea. Social evening in St. John's Road, Hillingdon, 8 p.m.—J. D. Rock. 7070

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kettering Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Thorp Malsor (6), Saturday, Oct. 15th. Special methods: London and Wells Surprise. Names to H. Baxter, 21, Charles Street, Rothwell. 7066

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Salisbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Oct. 15th, at Damerham. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5. Martin also available in evening. 7057

SUFFOLK GUILD.—District meeting, Sudbury, Oct. 15th. All Saints' bells 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in belfry 4.30 p.m. to elect new District secretary. St. Gregory's bells after tea.—C. W. Pipe. 7071

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division. — Southern meeting, Little Horstead, Oct. 15th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7061

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30. Ship 6 p.m. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck. 7097

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Meeting at Charlton Horethorne, Oct. 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 7111

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Quarterly meeting, Westoning, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please send names for tea as early as possible to D. Knox, 17, Woodlands Avenue, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, Beds. 7067

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, Wallasey St. Nicholas, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those notifying by 19th.—Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7115

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting now at **Long Eaton** (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Names to me by 19th, please. Endeavour to make this a good meeting!—N. Bailey, 22, Borrowfield Road, Spondon, Derby. 7114

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Monthly meeting, Saturday, Oct. 22nd at Heath. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. G. Yeomans, Mansfield Road, Heath, Chesterfield.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 7099

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7106

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — S.W. Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Plymouth Emmanuel, Oct. 22nd. Names for tea, by 17th, to T. G. Myers, 79, Regent St., Plymouth. 7075

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Epsom, on Oct. 22nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Scout Hut 5. Numbers for tea, by Oct. 19th, please, to G. F. Oakshott, Downsview, Lewins Road, Epsom Common.—A. H. Smith. 7076

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest at Earlsheaton, Oct. 22nd. **All members welcome.** For teas, please notify H. Dransfield, Ellenroyd, Commercial Street, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, by Oct. 15th.—A. Farrand, Sec. 7007

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Bala Bob. —E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7110

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at Rochester Cathedral. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Names for tea to me by Monday, Oct. 17th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7054

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Halliwell, Oct. 22nd. Bells 2.30. Tea 5. Business 6. Names for free tea, by Wednesday, 19th, to J. F. Wood, 20, Moorside Avenue, Smithills, Bolton.—J. Thornley, Hon. Sec. 7113

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual dinner and social will be held in the Co-operative Assembly Rooms, Uppingham Road, Leicester, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 6.15. Apply early, by Oct. 19th, please, with remittance for tickets (8s. each), to W. A. Wood, Fosseway, Croft, near Leicester. 7077

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Broughton on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 7090

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 6.30, annual dinner and social, Six Bells, 197, King's Road, Chelsea. Ringing: Barnes Parish Church, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, Putney, 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. Names by Monday, 17th, latest, please.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 7119

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Garboldisham on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Fox Hotel. Names for tea, by Tuesday, 18th, to Mr. Eric Bennett, 3, Airey Houses, Blo-Norton, Diss. Blo-Norton bells (6) evening. — A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 7107

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — Autumn meeting, Leafield (6), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte. 7029

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Marlow (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 17th, to W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 7104

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oundle Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Warmington (6), Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, please, to Mrs. Clarke, 7, Bassett Place, Oundle. 7094

PETERBOROUGH GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Ecton (6) on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Service 4.30. Send P.C. for tea, by Tuesday previous, to A. Bigley, 30, Allen Road, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough. 7096

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Stowmarket (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Tea, Dykes Restaurant, opposite church.—B. Chilvers. 7116

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting, Barton-in-Fabis, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Oct. 19th, to Mr. S. Adams, Wilford Road, Ruddington. 7093

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Practice meeting, Heathfield, Oct. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by October 19th, please.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 7108

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Special meeting, Preston Candover, Oct. 22nd. Dedication of the new ring of six bells (tenor 4 cwt. approx.). Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 in Village Hall. Names, by previous Tuesday, to R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 7080

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual dinner will be held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at 5.45 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d. each) obtainable up to Wednesday, Oct. 19th, from Dinner Committee, branch or general secretaries. Bells available: St. John's (8) 3.30–5 p.m., Cathedral (12) 3 p.m. until evensong—provisional on tower repairs being completed. All Saints' bells will not be available.—J. D. Johnson, Gen. Sec., Sedgeberrow, Evesham. 7026

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON SOCIETY. — Annual general meeting on Saturday, Oct 22nd, at St. Olave's, Hart Street. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Business meeting 6 p.m. in St. Olave's Vestry. Constitutional changes will be proposed.—G. McKay, Sec. 7009

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting, Ardleigh, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to F. H. Erith, Vince's Farm, Ardleigh. 7095

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary Cray, Saturday, Oct. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than Monday, October 24th. —A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 7098

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Oct. 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service and tea. Frequent Green Line and local bus services. All members and friends welcome. 7101

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.—Corporate Communion, Sunday, Oct. 30th, at 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast to W. A. Prescott, Elmleigh, South Road, Timsbury, near Bath. 7103

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 318th anniversary dinner, Nov. 12th, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7087

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

Eastern District at Goole

The autumn meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Goole on September 24th and was attended by over 30 ringers representing 18 towers, when good use was made of the eight bells in the tower. The service was conducted by the Rev. G. B. Greathead, curate, nephew of a former Conisbrough ringer, and he also gave the address and played the organ.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the vice-president, Mr. A. E. Sellers. Two new members were elected: Mr. and Mrs. A. Simpson, of Nottingham. York was selected as the next place of meeting, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

The usual votes of thanks were passed, and a message of sympathy and good wishes was sent to Mr. C. W. King, of Goole, who has been ill since early in January last. The members expressed pleasure at seeing Mrs. J. J. Taylor about again after her illness. The best wishes of the members were extended to Mr. and Miss Harrop, of Howden, who are both joining H.M. Forces. An apology was received from Mr. F. Wilkinson, of Pocklington. A collection for the Association Bell Repair Fund amounted to 16s. 2d.

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About fifty ringers and friends attended a joint meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Ladies' Guild, Lincolnshire Branch, held at Long Sutton on September 24th.

Ringing commenced at 2.45 p.m. and a service was held at 4 p.m. with an address by the Rev. Cuthbert Powell. Mr. H. Piggins was the organist. An excellent tea was arranged and this was followed by a business meeting, with the Rev. C. Powell as chairman. After the general meeting had finished the men were duly turned out and the ladies had their meeting. Ringing then continued till about 8.30 p.m. Votes of thanks were expressed to all who had helped, and especially to Mr. Horace Harrison, the tower captain.

The church has a large restoration scheme ahead, and the octagonal spire, which is built of massive timbers covered with lead, is in a poor state, but in contrast the bells are an excellent ring, and the ringers who travelled such long journeys to attend (some over 80 miles) felt that their efforts were well rewarded.

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QUARTER PEALS

DO you read the quarter peals? Whether you do or not the Editor will continue to publish them because through them a true picture of the ringer's service to the Church in the form of Sunday ringing is frequently presented. While peals have their value in setting standards of achievement, it is by the quarter peal, invariably rung by the local band, with perhaps one or two visiting ringers, that the abilities of a tower can be assessed. But here again too strong an accent should not be placed on the word 'ability' in the tower. Every new recruit has to make a start and the Sunday quarter, perhaps hunting the treble to one of the standard methods, is often the beginning of greater things to come. While quarter peals in Surprise methods add a leavening to the column, the repetition of the same names at regular monthly intervals carries with it the suggestion that there is a lack of recruits in the tower. The bracketed 'first quarter in the method' is the hallmark of progress, and without a liberal sprinkling of these the outlook for the future is not good.

The flow of quarter peals into 'The Ringing World' office varies according to the Church's calendar. We are now at our heaviest period with the thanksgiving for the harvest and for patronal festivals. This year we have had a bountiful harvest and from all parts of the country we hear of large congregations assembling to give thanks. It is a season of the year when the community welcomes the bells. Frequently one hears the comment that the public at large is unable to distinguish ringing—the good from the bad. Nothing is farther from the truth. Ringing with a rhythm pleases the ear, and as at harvest time the familiar hymns are looked forward to so with ringing. To the lay ear bell music with the tenor behind is comprehensible, although this statement will be vigorously challenged in some quarters. Well-struck Stedman Triples receives far more approval from the public in most parts of the country than the music of Surprise Major methods. As the message of the preacher and the singing of the choir on these occasions should be of a character that is within the compass of the majority of the congregation, so should the ringing. For a harvest festival service no minister or organist would think of introducing as the anthem one of Byrd's five-part motets, however much it would appeal to the individual members of the choir. The simile, we think, is applicable to ringing. Let the music of the bells be clear, unsullied and true.

Apart from quarter peals being a record of service to the Church they are in many respects the social column of 'The Ringing World.' There is a wealth of personal information of births, marriages and deaths. Frequently the first news to reach the Editor is through a quarter peal. Only the other week he gleaned information about an important appointment to one of our national ringing organisations from the report of a congratulatory quarter peal. A quarter or a peal is invariably the ringer's medium of wishing 'Godspeed' to the young man or girl leaving home for college or National Service. This week the message of the bells accompanied one young man sailing for Cyprus. There always seems to be something topical in the quarter peal column.

Of course, and rightly so, the veterans have their place. To read of the old men of the Exercise in their eighties climbing belfries to ring in birthday quarter peals—and frequently the report is accompanied by the message that Mr. 'X' rang his bell faultlessly—gives one a sense of pride. While many writers have expounded on the wastage in the Exercise, it cannot be denied that when once the love of bells is established in the heart of a man or woman it is a lifelong companion. This week we give a photograph of the assembly of veterans in London; many had travelled long distances to be present; some had not steadiness of leg and found climbing towers a tax on heart and wind; but they came to ring and to talk over the past.

To those who send in quarter peals the Editor would make this request. Follow the style the quarter peals appear in our columns. Name of town or village, county, date, method, ringers and footnote. This simple style has been operative for many years, but has not been grasped—bless you all—by many of our contributors. Because quarter peals appear in alphabetical order in our journal we like each quarter peal to be written on a separate sheet of paper. At times we do not feel too happy with the contributor who endeavours to economise in paper by getting four quarters in different towers on a single sheet by writing on the front and back of the paper. Still more do we object to finding a quarter peal on the back of a peal report. Please keep the two separate. Finally, write as clearly as possible. While the writer might be familiar with the names, compositor, being 100, 200 or more miles away, is not. We try to be accurate, but we feel we could be nearer to accuracy with the co-operation of tower secretaries and correspondents. Good luck to all quarter peal ringers and may we see many more 'firsts.'

MONMOUTH AND SOUTH WALES TOUR

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Sept. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

E. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	ALICK CUTLER	5
RONALD H. BULLEN	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
MAURICE HODGSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.

The following peals were rung for the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association:—

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents in fourteen methods, viz.: (1) Lightfoot and Wearmouth, (2) Rossendale and Stanford, (3) London and Wells, (4) Ipswich and Cambridge, (5) York, Durham, Beverley and Surfleet, (6) Bourne, (7) Norwich. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	4
ANDREW C. SINFIELD	2	*J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5
RONALD J. SHARP	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal of Surprise Minor.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
On Mon., Sept. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,
A PEAL OF 5037 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

*ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Treble*	‡ALBERT R. LAWRENCE	7
*MRS. T. J. LOCK	2	†MARK S. LANCEFIELD	8
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	†KENNETH ARTHUR	9
RONALD H. BULLEN	4	†PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	10
†J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5	*THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	11
‡ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	6	‡DENNIS KNOX	*Tenor*

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal of Cinques. ‡ First peal on twelve bells. A birthday compliment to the composer.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
On Tues., Sept. 6, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

RONALD H. BULLEN	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
C. EDWARD LANKESTER	2	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
JOHN R. COOPER	4	KENNETH ARTHUR	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY (C.C.C. 17). Conducted by K. ARTHUR.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
*MARY LAWRENCE	2	RONALD H. BULLEN	6
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. IVIN. Conducted by C. EDWARD JEFFRIES.
* First peal in the method.

BEDWELLTY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SANNAN,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 992 London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Superlative, 1,632 Cambridge, with 106 changes of method and with all the work of the four methods for each bell. Tenor 14 cwt. 14 lb.

ALBERT R. LAWRENCE	*Treble*	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	5
THOMAS J. LOCK	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
ALICK CUTLER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. CASHMORE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
First peal of Spliced on the bells.

TREVETHIN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
On Thurs., Sept. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. BEESON	5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
MARY LAWRENCE	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	4	LEONARD STILWELL	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

LLANTRISANT, GLAMORGAN.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. ILLTYD, TYFODWG AND GWYNNO,
A PEAL OF 5088 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALICK CUTLER	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
*KENNETH ARTHUR	3	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal in the method.

PENTRE, GLAMORGAN.
On Fri., Sept. 9, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5152 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

RONALD H. BULLEN	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	THOMAS J. LOCK	6
DENNIS KNOX	3	WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CADOC.
A PEAL OF 5376 CAERLEON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

DAVID J. KING	*Treble*	DENNIS KNOX	5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	ALICK CUTLER	6
THOMAS J. LOCK	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	*Tenor*

Composed by DENNIS KNOX. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.
First peal in the method.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYBI,
A PEAL OF 5056 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	*KENNETH ARTHUR	5
JOHN R. COOPER	2	*DAVID J. KING	6
ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	3	LEONARD STILWELL	7
WILLIAM T. BEESON	4	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. M. LAKIN. Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

USK, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F sharp.

C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	*Treble*	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	3	RONALD H. BULLEN	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	THOMAS J. LOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by W. BARTON. Conducted by THOMAS J. LOCK.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Variation. Tenor 19 cwt.

JACK GRACE	*Treble*	JAMES P. BLOND	5
MRS. H. WELLS	2	CLAUDE CORDEROY	6
ALFRED R. GREENOUGH	3	ROBERT B. BLOND	7
HARRY WELLS	4	CECIL CORDEROY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT B. BLOND.
First peal in the method by the local band.

WELFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5008 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
*MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
PETER R. JOHNSON	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BRIAN CHAPMAN	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
* 250th peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Sept. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

*JOSEPHINE A. GREEN	*Treble*	PHILIP G. MORGAN	5
*MOLLIE TILBURY	2	CHARLES G. JONES	6
AUSTIN T. WINGATE	3	F. ERIC ROBERTS	7
JOHN J. WEBB	4	REGINALD T. JONES	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by F. ERIC ROBERTS.
* First peal of Major in the method.
Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who shortly leaves for Germany to complete his National Service.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Sept. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	HARRY POYNER	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	*BRIAN CHAPMAN	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	WILLIAM THORNLEY	7
JOHN A. ACRES	4	SAMUEL J. HAINES	*Tenor*

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

GATESHEAD, CO. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE S. DEAS	*Treble*	KENNETH LAWSON	5
KATHLEEN SOFTLEY	2	CHARLES N. LEA	6
MARGARET GIBSON	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
CHARLES MCGUINESS	4	ROBERT F. TELFORD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the ordination of Canon H. S. Stephenson, M.A., Rector of Gateshead, and as a farewell on his retirement from Gateshead.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 2,240 London, 1,664 Bristol, 576 Cambridge and 576 Superlative, with 115 changes of method. Tenor 15¼ cwt.

WILFRID F. MORETON	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. JACKSON	5
RUTH M. K. HOW	2	JOHN E. SPICE	6
*SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3	ROBIN G. TURNER	7
RODNEY B. MEADOWS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise.
The first peal of Spliced Surprise for the Society.

BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 21 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND CHAD.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in E flat.

*EDMUND MALIN	*Treble*	JOAN BERESFORD	5
†ANN BARR	2	JEFFREY B. WEBB	6
DENNIS BERESFORD	3	PETER BERESFORD	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. All the band are regular service ringers at Lichfield Cathedral.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	WALTER LEE	5
DOROTHY FLETCHER	2	*JOHN D. KAPE	6
DOREEN COKER	3	ROLAND BIGGS	7
PERCY NEWTON	4	ANTHONY E. COX	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
* First peal in the method.
A. E. Cox has now 'circled the tower'.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5120 WATFORD SURPRISE MAJOR

MRS. L. BOUMPHREY	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
BASIL JONES	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
JAMES FERNLEY	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by N. HODGSON. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
First peal in the method by all except conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Washbrook's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	5
JOHN E. S. MORETON	2	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	6
JAMES DRAYCOTT	3	JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
ALAN CATTELL	4	WALTER BEEBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of J. W. F. Trotman, formerly captain at this tower.

PENN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sun., Oct. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 10 cwt. 12 lb.

*CHARLES WATKINS	*Treble*	CYRIL GRIFFITHS	5
JOHN A. RODEN	2	ERNEST STITCH	6
†CHARLES F. W. EYRE	3	HOWARD HOWELL	7
†GORDON SMALLWOOD	4	ARTHUR PEARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST STITCH.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.
Rung for the ordination of Miss Nora Croft as deaconess in this church by the Bishop of Lichfield, Dr. A. S. Reeve. Quickest peal on the bells.

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THROWLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In two methods, comprising 2,880 changes of Superlative and 2,176 of Cambridge, with 134 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	JOHN R. COOPER	5
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
WILLIAM C. MARSHALL	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
*GEOFFREY PEARSON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.
* First peal of two Spliced Surprise.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 DORCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	THOMAS J. LOCK	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	DENNIS KNOX	6
MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

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

ALDBOURNE, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E flat.

FRANK L. HARRIS	*Treble*	JOHN H. GILBERT	5
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	JOHN HARTLESS	6
GEOFFREY K. DODD	3	GEORGE W. MASSEY	7
JAMES E. DANIELS	4	RONALD N. MARLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK L. HARRIS.
The first peal of Surprise on the bells.
A welcome to Susan Jean, daughter of the ringer of the sixth.

BROADCLYST, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

MARIELLA MUNDY	*Treble*	FREDERICK WREFORD	5
NORMAN MALLETT	2	WALTER H. POOLE	6
HAROLD P. BURTON	3	HARRY G. KEELEY	7
ERNEST J. TAYLOR	4	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by G. STEDMAN MORRIS.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. Stockman, of Kingswear, on his 80th birthday, also to Mr. and Mrs. C. Mallett on their silver wedding anniversary. A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

RONALD BIRCH	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
W. ERIC CRITCHLEY	2	NORMAN CHADDOCK	6
MILTON C. FOWLER	3	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	7
LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	4	WILFRID F. MORETON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
First peal in the method on the bells. 100th peal as conductor for the Association.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

TONY PRICE	*Treble*	*JOHN D. ROCK	5
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	RICHARD F. PRICE	6
*FREDERICK R. SCOTT	3	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	7
WILLIAM WELLING	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* First peal in the method.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt. 3 lb.

*MARGARET ROWE	*Treble*	BRYAN S. COPE	5
JOHN KING	2	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	6
RONALD C. NOON	3	PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	7
BARRIE HENDRY	4	GEORGE CARE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. H. BARRETT. Conducted by RONALD C. NOON.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Gwendoline Johnson and Brian Austin, both ringers at this church.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minuets,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

BERNARD V. COLLISON	*Treble*	JOHN T. MEDHURST	5
JOHN O. WELLER	2	LEONARD P. TURLEY	6
BERNARD W. PANKHURST	3	ERNEST J. LADD	7
DORIS E. COLGATE	4	ROBERT COLLINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST J. LADD.
The conductor's 50th peal in the method.
Rung on the 25th anniversary of the first recorded peal by the local band.

SLEAFORD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SLEAFORD SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. in E flat.

WALTER WESTON	*Treble*	RAYMOND F. SMITH	5
JOHN FREEMAN	2	DENIS A. FRITH	6
GWEN I. RUSBY	3	SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS	7
STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
The first peal in the method.
Rung on the eve of the Patronal Festival.

SOUTHPORT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes.*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	JAMES S. WEBB	5
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	JACK ASHCROFT	6
ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	3	RONALD KENRICK	7
*REV. PETER T. ROBBINS	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
* First peal in the method.
Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. David Shiress, former curate of Christ Church, and Miss Julia Jones, of Southport. Also in honour of the appointment of the Rev. P. T. Robbins as Vicar of St. Hilda's, Prestwich.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ALFRED BALLARD	*Treble*	MICHAEL VERNON	5
JEAN A. KIRKMAN	2	*WILLIAM JOHNSON	6
C. ROGER HAYWARD	3	JOHN A. SMITH	7
*GERALD JOHNSON	4	JOHN VERNON	*Tenor*

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by JOHN VERNON.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. The ringers of the seventh and tenor have 'circled the tower'.

SLEAFORD SURPRISE MAJOR.

The method: 58, 16, 12, 16, 34, 58, 14, 38. Second place lead-end 17856342.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Sept. 18, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Grandsire (ten callings), 4 of Plain Bob (four callings), and 26 of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (eight callings).
Tenor 7¼ cwt. in B flat.

*PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	DAVID W. JAMES	3
LEONARD G. TOSELAND ..	2	*BRYAN S. COPE	4
STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*		

Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* 50th peal together.
Fastest peal on tower bells yet rung for the Guild.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

HARRY BUTLER, JUN.	*Treble*	JOHN B. DINENAGE	4
STELLA HUGHES	2	P. GEORGE GOLDER	5
*PETER J. BARKER	3	DAVID W. BARR	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BARR.
* First peal of Minor. Rung for harvest festival.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 NORFOLK SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven 720's, two callings. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*DENNIS SMEDLEY	*Treble*	†GEORGE CHALLANS ..	4
ARNOLD HILL	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE ..	5
HAROLD DENMAN	3	‡DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal of Surprise. † 25th peal at this tower. ‡ 75th peal for the Guild. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and for the Guild.

ELSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents of 720. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb. in G sharp.

MARK W. LEWIS ..	*Treble*	GEORGE R. PAYNE	4
MRS. A. SIMPSON	2	ALLAN SIMPSON	5
F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER ..	3	WILLIAM L. EXTON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.
Mr. F. W. Midwinter has now 'circled the tower'.
Rung to the glory of God, on the eve of harvest thanksgiving at this church, where there are no local ringers.

HANDBELL PEALS

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Sept. 29 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
IN ST. PETER'S BELFRY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents, ten callings. Tenor size 20 in E.

*JAMES F. DODSON ..	1—2	E. JOHN WELLS	3—4
		*†EUNICE A. HILEY ..	5—6

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First handbell peal. † First peal of Doubles. 50th peal as conductor.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. A. Gardiner after an attempt for a peal of Superlative had failed the previous evening.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Sept. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*PETER BERESFORD ..	1—2	*DENNIS BERESFORD ..	5—6
JOAN A. BERESFORD ..	3—4	GEORGE E. OLIVER ..	7—8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* 100th peal together.



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ABBOTSBURY, DORSET.—On Oct. 1st, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. A. Hart 1, Betty J. Marsh 2, Dorothy M. Nice 3, G. J. W. Abbott 4, J. H. Hayne 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. R. F. Symons and Miss D. Hill, two members of Wyke Regis band of ringers.

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Dingle (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Lidbetter 2, H. W. Lidbetter 3, K. Brown (cond.) 4, B. Willgress (first quarter 'inside') 5, Miss M. Lidbetter 6. Rung for harvest festival and as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob Doubles: June Grieveson 1, Diana M. Gough 2, R. D. Brown (first in method) 3, D. H. Paine (first in method) 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, D. Hibbitt (first in method) 6. Rung for the harvest festival.

AUGHTON, LANCS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Rothwell 1, A. Tomlinson 2, J. W. Grounds 3, T. Rogers 4, E. Ashcroft 5, H. Anderson 6, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 7, J. N. Brown 8.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. C. Quick (cond.) 1, E. H. Oxenham 2, V. N. Burrow 3, J. F. Waite 4, D. Bellamy 5, A. G. Cooke 6.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,224 Kent Treble Bob Minor: P. Soars 1, P. Chambers 2, K. W. Graham 3, R. G. W. Soars 4, G. J. Lowe 5, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 6. For harvest festival and to mark the beginning of the Parish Mission.

BARROW-ON-SOAR, LEICS. — On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Soars 1, P. Chambers 2, K. W. Graham 3, R. G. W. Soars 4, G. J. Lowe 5, F. K. Thompson (cond.) 6. For harvest festival and to mark the beginning of the Parish Mission.

BERGH-APTON, NORFOLK.—On Sept. 17th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob): R. E. Lester (cond.) 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, H. C. Boggis 3, L. A. Lester 4, J. W. Forder 5, F. C. Gunton 6. A wedding compliment to John Lester and Joy Gooch, married at this church earlier in the day.

BICKLEIGH, EAST DEVON.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: C. J. Stevens (cond.) 1, Barbara J. Stevens 2, E. J. Taylor 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4, J. Upton 5, D. Cockram 6.

BIRSTALL, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Linch 1, O. Castleman 2, A. Skinner 3, J. Kesterton 4, P. Wells 5, N. Abell 6, R. Barrow (cond.) 7, E. Bass 8. Rung half-muffled for W. Robinson, a devoted church worker.

BISHOPSGATE, E.C.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. Davis 1, J. Tomsett 2, F. Shorter 3, J. Euston (cond.) 4, A. Lewry 5, M. Sinden 6, R. Sanders 7, E. Talbot 8. For harvest festival.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Corderoy 1, H. Dunsden 2, A. Greenough 3, J. Blond 4, F. James 5, R. Blond (cond.) 6, C. Corderoy 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung for patronal festival Evensong.

BRADFORD, YORKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. H. Simpson (cond.) 1, Mrs. M. Evans (first of Kent Major) 2, Mrs. H. B. Schofield 3, Miss A. Laycock 4, F. Rayment 5, H. B. Schofield 6, A. Ashton 7, D. Marshall (Dundee) 8, T. Pedder covering. For harvest festival.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob and 660 Grandsire): R. Baker (cond.) 1, Lucy Allen 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. For harvest festival.

BRAY, CO. WICKLOW.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Bro. W. Farrell, M.M., 1, Bro. E. G. Buchanan, M.M., 2, W.Bro. W. H. Wilson, P.M., 3, Bro. C. J. Reede, W.M., 4, Bro. T. McMorran P.M. (cond.) 5, Bro. R. I. George, M.M., 6, W.Bro. J. A. Atkinson, P.M., 7, W.Bro. J. M. Magill, W.M., 8. First quarter peal rung by a band of A. F. and A. Masons of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and to record the installation of Wor. Bros. Reede and Magill as Masters of their respective Lodges for the year 1955.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Cornhill 1, H. Warboy 2, Miss N. Radley 3, A. Langridge 4, J. Towers 5, D. Hammond 6, A. Radley (cond.) 7, J. Luxon 8. Rung to celebrate Mr. C. Gouldsmith's 70th year as a ringer at the above church; ill health prevented him taking part.

QUARTER PEALS

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 4th, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: C. Bower 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, E. R. Cansdale 3, J. M. Spurgin 4, D. L. Mills (cond.) 5, A. W. Cansdale 6, L. D. Mills 7, E. C. Hynard 8. Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rev. C. H. Sharp, leaving for Hamburg.

BURGH, SUFFOLK.—On Oct 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. J. Crapnell 1, C. R. Lovett 2, R. W. Pipe 3, R. F. Pearce (first quarter) 4, J. Bennett (cond.) 5, C. W. Pipe 6. For harvest festival.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 30th, 1,280 Plain Bob Minor: Margery Birch 1, A. Carveth (cond.) 2, A. F. Burley 3, Hubert Eplett 4, Mary Matthews 5, C. Lanxon 6, E. Jelley 7, J. Jelley 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. A. S. Roberts.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: F. Sheraton 1, Miss M. A. P. Bertie 2, Mrs. D. A. Bayles 3, J. W. Robson 4, J. A. Brown 5, S. C. Walker 6, C. Mordue 7, D. A. Bayles (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Tidy 1, C. Charman 2, W. T. Beeson 3, G. Charman 4, C. Stevens 5, L. Warner 6, H. Charman (cond.) 7, N. Stacey 8. First quarter peal since the bells were rehung. Rung by local service ringers for the harvest festival.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Laker 1, Miss A. Miles 2, L. Tremeer 3, W. Cracknell (first of Grandsire Triples) 4, W. Slaughter (cond.) 5, S. Arnold 6, G. T. Jennings 7, A. Stoner 8. For Evensong.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Turner 1, L. S. Woods (cond.) 2, I. Campbell 3, Mrs. R. Armstrong 4, J. Armstrong 5, F. R. Scholefield 6, N. J. Fleetwood 7, B. Martin 8. Rung for the 150th anniversary of the rebuilding of the nave, and also for the harvest festival.

EGHAM, SURREY.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 7, 6, 8 covering: Miss J. Clare 1, Miss L. Froome 2, Miss M. Gibson 3, Mrs. L. Hiscock 4, W. Peck (cond.) 5, J. Gibson 6, D. Froome 7, L. Knowles 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 3, 6 and 7. For harvest festival Evensong.

ELLESBOROUGH, BUCKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Doubles (120 St. Martin's, 120 St. Simon's, 360 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): K. Vaughan 1, Helen Brant (first in more than one method) 2, W. Lee (cond.) 3, Mary Hobbs 4, R. Woodruff 5, J. T. Cross 6. Rung to welcome the Rev. C. N. White and Mrs. White home after their honeymoon.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 11th, at the Abbey Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, 1,332 Plain Bob Minor: M. J. Lindegren 1, P. J. Rigby 2, P. J. Morton 3, A. Bailey 4, A. Ager 5, M. G. Morton (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Bro. Thomas of the Abbey Community, who died September 9th. Requiescat in pace.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: M. Limmer 1, A. R. Gale 2, W. Butler (cond.) 3, W. Henley 4, Mrs. A. Butler 5, W. Birmingham 6, J. C. Birt 7, D. H. Pearce 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: P. A. Hill 1, D. Frith 2, B. Hunt 3, S. Proctor (cond.) 4, R. C. Chapman 5, R. Read 6, C. Blakey 7, J. Royce 8, H. R. Woods 9, B. Buttery 10. For harvest festival.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 11th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. H. Ashton 1, G. Cherry 2, R. Head 3, L. Runnacles 4, F. W. Croft 5, P. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: S. H. Ashton 1, G. Cherry 2, L. Runnacles 3, P. W. Croft 4, R. Head 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Sept. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. A. Woodley 1, W. White 2, D. Jordan (cond.) 3, A. Woodley 4, W. Corderoy 5, A. Samler 6. First quarter of Doubles for 1, 2 and 4.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—On Sept. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Ayre 1, W. J. Puddifoot 2, H. Gates 3, F. J. Plummer 4, W. C. Hughes (cond.) 5, A. V. Good 6, B. Ellinder 7, R. Goldsney 8. Rung for the institution and induction of the Rev. Gordon H. McNeill Shelford to the Vicarage of Hemel Hempstead.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Golding 1, B. Rose 2, P. Ruch 3, C. Newnes 4, W. Webb 5, J. Sansom (cond.) 6, W. Lewis 7, C. Chase 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Sept. 29th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major on the back eight: D. Cornwall 1, Mary Hobbs (first in method) 2, Doreen Coker 3, J. D. Kape 4, E. Goslin 5, A. E. Cox 6, R. Biggs (cond.) 7, W. Lee 8.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Sept. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): D. Pollard 1, D. Wright 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: D. Pollard 1, Miss P. Drury 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, G. Oliver 4, E. Warner 5, J. Martin (first as cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Miss D. Gibbons, who is leaving for Reading University.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. W. Pullen 1, E. J. Munday 2, J. Smart 3, Audrey M. Trott 4, S. A. Paice (cond.) 5, D. Mitchell 6, L. Stilwell 7, C. Denyer 8. Rung for dedication festival and for the ordination of Peter R. Blackman at Leicester.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: K. Biggs 1, A. Heppenstall 2, D. Coker 3, A. E. Cox 4, J. D. Kape 5, A. Newton 6, D. Cornwall 7, R. Biggs (cond.) 8. First in the method for 1 and 2. Rung for the patronal festival.

HURWORTH-ON-TEES, CO. DURHAM.—On Sept. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. A. Hodgson 1, T. Hill 2, P. C. Holland 3, M. Stewart 4, L. Hodgson 5, T. Cooke (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Peter Holland on his entrance to university.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: Miss J. Creak 1, Mrs. J. Pearson 2, Mrs. O. L. Rogers 3, Mrs. K. Parr 4, T. E. Davies 5, S. Croft 6, L. Pearson 7, H. W. Rogers (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

KENWYN, CORNWALL.—On Sept. 25th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. Penrose 1, Mary Matthews 2, E. Jelley 3, H. Harper 4, A. Carveth 5, H. Eplett 6, W. T. Cook (cond.) 7, J. Jelley 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 4. For harvest festival.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Eaton 1, P. C. Hollingdale 2, D. Fagg 3, A. J. Backshall 4, P. F. Romney (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Rung preceding harvest supper.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: Evelyn Killington 1, J. W. Forder 2, C. Spurgeon 3, C. Bailey 4, G. G. Walpole 5, F. C. Gunton 6, S. W. Copling 7, H. W. Barrett (cond.) 8. For harvest thanksgiving.

LONDON.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): Miss M. Prockson 1, A. W. Coles (cond.) 2, W. Prockson 3, A. Lewry 4, G. Parsons 5, E. Talbot 6, J. Euston 7, H. Barnard 8.

NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Pamela Knight 1, J. Hunt 2, L. E. Hitchins 3, P. W. G. Harding (cond.) 4, E. Hitchins 5, A. Knight 6, F. S. Slatford 7, F. Coombe 8.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss P. Warren 1, Miss J. Wilson 2, Miss E. Taussig 3, G. Battersby (first of Minor 'inside') 4, J. H. Etherington 5, G. L. Grover (cond.) 6. Longest length of Minor 2 and 3. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. H. Jennings, Curate at Merrow, who has left to take up the living at The Bourne, near Farnham.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.—On Sept. 30th, 1,320 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 480 Plain Bob, 360 April Day: A. Hancock 1, W. G. Turner 2, J. Greenwood 3, J. Pearson (cond.) 4, F. Crossley 5. First quarter of Doubles for 3 and 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon H. L. Taylor, Vicar of Lightcliffe.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Evans 1, S. King 2, H. King 3, R. Bridges 4, S. Blatch 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Rung for Harvest Service and as a compliment to the Bishop of Barking, who preached.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. W. Lake 1, S. H. Ashton (first 'inside') 2, R. Head (cond.) 3, K. C. Timbury 4, F. W. Croft 5. Rung for Harvest Fesctival.—Also on Sept. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. W. Lake 1, S. H. Ashton 2, R. Head 3, K. C. Timbury (cond.) 4, F. W. Croft 5. Rung on the eve of Michaelmas.

RADCLIFFE, LANCS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Watson 1, G. Fearnyhough 2, D. Taylor 3, F. Pritchard (cond.) 4, N. Tompkins 5, T. Taylor 6, O. Davies 7, J. Thornley 8. In memoriam Mrs. A. S. Roberts, of Carbis Bay, Cornwall.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Minor (720 St. Clement's Bob, 720 Spliced Single Oxford and Single Court, with 24 changes of method): R. Yelling 1, A. Jones 2, D. Hoare (cond.) 3, E. Brown 4, F. Carter 5, R. Thatcher 6. First of Minor for 1, 4 and 6. For harvest festival.

RICKSMANWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles, 7–6–8 covering (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): Miss A. E. Berry 1, P. Hart 2, T. J. Clark 3, F. W. Elliott 4, D. C. Bartholomew (cond.) 5, H. A. Bradbury 6, D. R. Bartholomew 7, J. Lloyd 8. A farewell compliment to Mr. Peter Grist, a member of the tower, who is now on his way to Cyprus with H.M. Forces.

ROCHDALE, LANCS.—At All Saints', Hamer, on October 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Sylvia Lord 1, Margaret Buckley 2, A. Taylor 3, K. Abbott 4, I. Taylor 5, J. Taylor (cond.) 6.

ROTHLEY, LEICS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: N. Bishop (first quarter) 1, B. S. Payne 2, R. A. Brewin 3, G. M. Brewin (first quarter as cond.) 4, P. J. Plowright 5, M. Bishop 6.—Also 1,260 Doubles (4 extents of Plain Bob, 3 of April Day and 420 Grandsire): M. Bishop 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, G. M. Brewin 3, R. A. Brewin 4, H. Matthewman 5, P. J. Plowright 6. Rung for Matins and Evensong respectively on the harvest festival.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. A. Ward 1, D. J. Kirby 2, Miss A. Smith 3, C. A. Brass 4, B. J. Townsend (cond.) 5, E. H. Norman 6. Rung for Harvest Festival, also in honour of the ordination to the priesthood on Sept. 25th of the Rev. H. A. Pattenden, assistant curate of St. Augustine's.

RUSHOLME, LANCS.—On Sept. 10th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: P. Watson (first quarter) 1, Joyce Halliday 2, T. Taylor 3, D. Taylor 4, G. Fearnehough 5, N. D. Lomas (cond.) 6.

ST. BRIDE'S MAJOR, GLAM.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Simmonds 1, T. E. Hiddins 2, W. T. Petty (cond.) 3, D. W. Evans 4, C. A. Gerrish 5, D. L. Hughes 6. For harvest festival.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Sept. 26th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Cherry 1, P. Jackson 2, L. Runnacles 3, A. Harris 4, P. Croft 5, M. Orme (cond.) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

SAWLEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. G. Newsum 1, D. J. Marshall (cond.) 2, Wm. Simpson 3, O. Cripps 4, R. A. Hickton 5, C. Geary 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Elizabeth Oakshott 1, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 2, S. J. Ivin 3, P. J. Lawton 4, E. Sharp 5, G. Wood (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mrs. H. C. Mann, buried this day.

THETFORD, NORFOLK. — On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Peck 1, Miss Reeve 2, Christine M. Ford 3, S. T. Ford 4, H. Fuller 5, W. Bowers 6, J. Paul (cond.) 7, H. Ivings 8. For Evensong.

TRULL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Perry 1, R. Shire 2, L. C. C. Warren 3, T. Travers 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, S. Bright 6. Rung as a compliment to the 3rd ringer, from Bristol.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. F. Neal 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, D. Neal (cond.) 7, D. K. Brady 8.—Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Cozens (first quarter) 1, Miss G. L. Friswell 2, Miss N. Hales 3, R. K. C. Wilkings 4, D. Neal (cond.) 5, D. K. Brady 6.

WENDOVER, BUCKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, D. Wheeler 2, F. Kirtland 3, R. Eggleton 4, W. Lee 5, A. Hammond 6. For 8 a.m. Communion Service.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, R. Eggleton 2, F. Kirtland 3, R. Woodruff 4, W. Lee 5, D. Harding 6. For Matins.—Also 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Andrews 1, H. C. Jones 2, F. Kirtland 3, R. Eggleton 4, W. Lee 5, D. Harding 6. All conducted by W. Lee. All 10 callings used also Morris's 240. For Evensong and harvest thanksgiving.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch at Trowbridge

The quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch, held at Trowbridge on October 1st, was attended by 38 members and friends, including visitors from Chippenham, Frome and Swindon.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rector, who gave an inspiring address; tea was served in the Co-op Hall.

The business meeting was presided over by the chairman, Mr. Weeks. The next two meetings were fixed for Bradford and Westbury. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells and to all those who made the arrangements. All returned to the belfry where many young ringers enjoyed their first ring on 12 bells. Methods ranged from rounds to Grandsire Cinques. S. C.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held on October 8th at Newbury. The service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Mathews, Rector of St. Nicholas', with Mr. Sellick at the organ.

Tea was served to over 50 in the Parish Room. The chairman, the Rev. Mr. Woodfield, welcomed Miss Marie Cross, the Guild librarian. The Ringing Master (Mr. H. Reed) said that the position of Sunday service ringing was not satisfactory while there were six towers without a regular band. Mrs. Cooper resigned the post of secretary and treasurer, and Miss P. Gaunt was elected to the office.

It was decided to hold four meetings a year instead of six, as at present, the next to be held at Thatcham on January 21st. A social committee to organise functions of various kinds for the ringers has been proposed. Ringing continued until 9 p.m. J. C.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A crop of infrequent names in the peals occurred in the issue of October 7th, writes the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead. Langford, only previous peal 1909; Bramley, first peal since 1939; Coity, the first peal since 1935 and only four in all; Twywell, last published peal was in 1923; Longhope, fourth recorded peal, the last in 1952, but before that, 1922; Tattenhall, this the third peal, the last being in 1938.

Mr. C. Gouldsmith has completed 70 years as a ringer at St. Augustine's Church, Broxbourne, Herts.

Mr. Norman J. Smith, of Chichester, is joining the Missions to Seamen in the Port of London.

Copies of the photograph taken at the Veterans' Reunion may be obtained from F. G. Payne, 104, Milton Grove, Stoke Newington, N.16, price 2s. 6d. each.

Congratulations to the Beresford twins—Peter and Dennis—of Lichfield, on ringing their 100th peal together. We should be pleased to hear of other twins who have passed the century mark together in peals.

There was an anniversary touch about the peal of Grandsire Triples at Sevenoaks on October 8th. Mr. Robert Collins rang the tenor in this peal and one 25 years ago, and Mr. Leonard P. Turley is the son of the conductor of the peal a quarter of a century ago.

The quarter peal rung at North Bradley on October 2nd for harvest festival was also a wedding compliment to Miss Betty Solly, of Margate, on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. J. Russell. Betty learned to ring at North Bradley during the war, when she was evacuated there with her parents. On returning home she joined the band at Birchington.

Visitors to the Guild of Carillonneurs in North America three-day congress at Ottawa included Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes and Mr. Arthur Johnston, son of the late Mr. Cyril Johnston, who was on holiday in Canada from Cambridge University. Over 50 carillonneurs were present and they were the guests to dinner of the Canadian Government at the Chateau Laurier. The Hon. W. Ross MacDonald, leader of the Government, presided.

Following the banquet the carillonneurs gathered on the Chateau terrace for a unique ballet by the Ottawa Classical Ballet Company, directed by Nesta Toumine, and accompanied by Robert Donnell on the Peace Tower carillon.

Renovations to the tower of Worcester Cathedral are sufficiently advanced to permit of ringing next Saturday from 3.30 to 4.35 p.m. on the occasion of the Association's annual dinner.

Fastest peal yet rung on tower bells for the Peterborough Guild was on September 18th, when a peal of Doubles in three methods was accomplished in one hour and 57 minutes at Grafton Underwood, Northants. The weight of the tenor is 7¼ cwt.

Messrs. K. Timbury, R. Head and B. Lake were re-elected captain, vice-captain and secretary of the Pirton, Herts, team at their annual meeting on October 4th. The Vicar (the Rev. G. B. Ince), who presided, congratulated the team on their achievements during the past year.

We regret to report that the chancel of Middleton Church, East Suffolk, was gutted by fire on Friday, October 14th. This was one of the thatched church roofs referred to by Mr. A. R. Bridges in his letter on page 651. Workmen renovating the church spire discovered the fire.

THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY



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The Veterans in London.—Through the initiative of Mr. A. W. Coles these 'Old Timers' assembled in London last month to talk over the past. The average age of those present was 69 years. Our picture was taken after tea in the hall, which had been beautified by the Fan Makers' Company, at the rear of St. Botolph's Church.

SPLICED SURPRISE BY OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

Opportunities are rare for a University Society to attempt a peal of Spliced Surprise. It would be a very strong Society which could raise a resident band for such an attempt, and a band including non-resident members seldom meets. The attempt made by the Oxford University Society in Birmingham on October 1st was at an extraordinary meeting of members who had travelled from as far as Epsom and Liverpool. Most of these members walked from New Street Station to St. Chad's Cathedral Church, where they were surprised, and not a little flattered, to find a former Master of the Cambridge University Guild, Mr. F. E. Haynes, waiting to welcome them. The presence of another friend of the Oxford University Society, Mr. Ralph Edwards, was noted with pleasure, and one wondered whether the critical audience would be augmented by other members of the St. Martin's Guild. In fact, for a few minutes, it was debated whether to include the audience in the band, but the B.R. (W.R.) representative, although 'due here' at 12.45 p.m., duly made his 'expected time of arrival,' walking from the other station.

The attempt eventually began just before 1.30 p.m., but not before Mr. Edwards had discovered when the '65's' were to come up, or before one of the band had been stung by a wasp. The 'light blue line' of 'Boatrace Delight' could just be discerned on the wall, so the door was bolted securely to prevent any other attempts at sabotage.

The band, which included the present Master of the Society (Mr. W. H. Jackson) and the Master of ten years ago (Dr. J. E. Spice), soon settled down and rang the first peal of Spliced Surprise by a University Society without undue trouble. It is to the credit of the Society that four of the band learned to ring while at Oxford, although their ability to ring Spliced Surprise might well be traced to Mr. W. F. Judge.

The thanks of the Society for permission to attempt the peal are tendered to the authorities at St. Chad's Cathedral Church, particularly to Mr. L. Kelly, the Ringing Master.

FAMOUS SUFFOLK TOWER

Prospects of a Ring of Eight

The mediæval church at Stoke-by-Nayland, which Constable put into his famous 'Rainbow' picture, requires £1,600 in order that ravages of the death watch beetle may be remedied.

After the discovery of the death watch beetle about five months ago, Commander C. J. W. Simpson, leader of the North Greenland expedition of 1952-54, and his sisters offered to give two new bells and pay for their hanging as a memorial to their father, Rear-Admiral C. H. Simpson, and mother.

With the new bells, Stoke-by-Nayland will have one of the heaviest rings of eight in Suffolk, with a tenor of 28 cwt. When the old bell frame is removed and a new steel frame erected, five of the bells will have to be retuned, and the treble, which is cracked, recast. It is hoped to have the bells back by next June.

NORTH BRADLEY RINGERS LOSE A FRIEND

Canon S. D. M. Davys is leaving North Bradley, Wiltshire, after 26 years as Vicar there and is retiring, and a farewell peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted on September 24th. This, unfortunately, came to grief after an hour's ringing, but a quarter peal was successfully accomplished.

Canon Davys was a great friend of the ringers and always stressed the importance of their service to the church. He did a great deal at North Bradley, being responsible for the rehanging of the six bells in 1935 and also for the installation of two trebles in 1950 as a Parish Church thanksgiving for victory in the two world wars.

He will be missed by the ringers, as he gave them a free hand to ring the bells whenever they wished, except when a service was being held

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Crewe Branch at Nantwich

Because the pinnacles of 600-year-old Nantwich Parish Church are in a dangerous condition, ringing at the meeting of the Crewe Branch on October 1st was curtailed. More than 50 ringers were present representing 13 towers from as far afield as Sittingbourne, Kent. Methods rung included Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. M. B. Southwell), and an address was given by the Rev. F. G. Gentry (Vicar of Christ Church, Crewe).

Afterwards members were entertained to tea in the Parish Hall, where they were welcomed by the Rector. He referred to the recent death of 94-year-old Mr. William Rigby, a former member of the Guild. The Rector said he had never known Mr. Rigby, but according to his ringing record he must have been a wonderful man.

Mr. D. Smith thanked Nantwich members for their hospitality.

Mr. F. S. Stenson (treasurer), deputising for Mr. Wilfred Kent (secretary, who was unavoidably late), expressed pleasure at the good representation of V.Y.P.s (very young people), who were a 'a grand lot.' He also welcomed a number of veteran ringers.

These included Mr. E. J. (Ted) Rodenhurst, of Hodnet, a former Master of the Shropshire Guild. Mr. J. Griffiths (77), of Gresford, and Mr. William P. Deane (71), of Norton-in-the-Moors, Staffordshire, Ringing Master of the North Staffordshire Association. The visitor from Sittingbourne was Mr. H. Parkes, who is engaged in rehanging bells at Gresford.

Afterwards, at the invitation of Mr. Gentry, members travelled to Crewe to ring the Christ Church bells. Others from Wistaston, Holmes Chapel, Acton and Nantwich went to Acton Parish Church where they rang touches in six methods: Grandsire Doubles, Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Little Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Cambridge

MONMOUTH AND SOUTH WALES TOUR

DURING the nine days of the tour 33 towers were visited, although this record does not compare with the latest development in Spliced Surprise ringing because all the members of the party did not do all their work in all of the towers, and 12 peals were rung out of 22 attempts. September 3rd to 11th was a busy 'week,' and we were scheduled to ring at various places at morning, noon and night. The happiness and harmony of the tour was, in a very large measure, ensured by the initial assistance given by Mr. D. J. King and by the warm welcome and sincerity we received from everyone with whom we came into contact. The local ringers really made us feel that we were among some good friends.

Bridstow, near Ross-on-Wye, Hereford, was first on the list on our journey to the Westgate Hotel, Newport, headquarters for the week. Here a peal of Yorkshire was rung without hesitation, and Maurice Hodgson marked a welcome return to the 'peal column.' Another band called at Monmouth, but after 40 minutes relinquished their attempt to score a peal of Rutland. During this period the remaining ringers of the party visited Goodrich to ring on the six bells there but, unfortunately, as the tenor was being pulled up the clapper fell out, so no change ringing took place.

Most of the party had not visited South Wales before so that in addition to an up-to-date luxury coach, owned and driven by Albert Lawrence, everything seemed fresh and new. Yet we were in a land of Roman and Ancient British settlements, an area enshrined in history.

IN SOUTH WALES

For our first morning we set out to ring for service at Llandaff Cathedral, where one hour's ringing seemed too short a time on this very pleasant ten. The building itself is still undergoing extensive repairs and one unusual and visible feature is along the external cornice, where carved stone heads of reigning monarchs are spaced at about one yard intervals. We met Mr. F. J. Hannington in Cardiff, for he had kindly arranged our Sunday lunch. Following this we journeyed on to Aberavon, where, in addition to the attraction of a very nice ring of eight, we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. A. J. Pitman, the famous composer of extents of Spliced Surprise, and other brother ringers. Pressing on we arrived at Bridgend, where we rang with the local band for Evensong.

Three peal attempts were programmed for Monday and two were successful. We, in effect, excelled ourselves by ringing a peal of Surprise Minor in 14 methods at St. Bride's Major in the morning and a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Newport Cathedral in the evening. The abortive attempt was made at Cowbridge, where Yorkshire was lost after one and a half hours. During the morning the overflow of the party visited two rings of six, Llantwit Major and St. Athan, in a more or less circular tour of the district. An invitation had been extended for us to join in the monthly Surprise practice at All Saints', Newport, and some were able to accept and enjoy the evening.

Tuesday morning arrived and we were to have only half a day peal ringing. Our first call was at Caldicot, and here an extent of Cambridge was completed. Another band stopped at Chepstow, where a peal of Monmouth was to be attempted but merely a plain course was rung. An administrative error had been made as the band chosen was not suitable, on a peal-ringing tour, to ring these bells with a 19 cwt. tenor to a 5,000. The white flag was not hoisted, however, as more than half of a quarter peal of six-spliced was rung before the ringers left the tower. In the afternoon and evening we visited two towers where peal attempts were not possible, and enjoyed to the utmost the pleasure of ringing on grand bells. First, at Abergavenny, where a half course of Cambridge Royal and a special touch by C. E. J. of Grandsire Caters will be remembered by some for a long time. Second, at Ebbw Vale, where we joined in the local practice evening and, returning to our hotel in the darkness, we passed by factories and mines seemingly active with floodlights, flares, huge revolving wheels and large conveyor belts.

A BLANK DAY

On the next day we merely enjoyed some long touches, which did not finish in rounds. Yorkshire was lost at Machen after 55 minutes, London was lost at Caerphilly after two hours and ten minutes, a shift course curtailed an attempt for Aldenham at Marshfield, and a broken rope stopped the ringing at Peterstone after two hours and five minutes.

Thursday arrived and, owing to one or two necessary changes in the bands, the programme was not strictly adhered to. But our efforts proved to be more successful. Eight of the party were left in Newport to ring successfully a peal of Yorkshire at All Saints'; the remainder journeyed in the coach to Bedwellty. This place is over 1,000 feet above sea level and a church has stood here since the fifth century. The present church was built in the 11th century, and St. Sannan, who came from Ireland, was said to have met St. David at this spot. Amongst all this historical background, and much more not here recorded, we were pleased to add our small contribution with the first peal of Spliced Surprise. In the afternoon we visited Trevethin, where an extent of Cambridge was brought round.

And now for our pitiful tale—St. John's, Cardiff, was the tower, Cambridge Royal was the method, three hours and ten minutes was the time the attempt lasted, and the bells were in the plain course before the last three Homes. It was a Wrong-doing, but it happened! The few ringers available were kindly invited to join in practice at Whitchurch.

On Friday we set out for Llantrisant and Pontypridd. A peal of Bristol was rung at the former tower, but Lincolnshire was lost after two attempts within 90 minutes at the latter tower. Llantrisant, meaning the Church of the Three Saints, is known to be the place where the first cremation took place, about 60 years ago. A Dr. Price arranged it for himself and when he died the coffin with his body in was placed on some iron bars supported a couple of feet off the ground at the ends by two walls, and then surrounded and encased by wood faggots on to which tar and pitch were poured. The whole lot was then set fire to. Our afternoon peal attempts at Pentre involved the heaviest tenor on the tour, but Rutland provided the music until the bells came into rounds. Whilst this peal was progressing the coach journeyed right to the end of the Rhondda Valley and over the mountain to Aberdare, where a short ring was kindly arranged after a late request.

We began our last full day by visiting another historical place, Caerleon. In the London Museum is a sculptured panel, found on the site of the recently-exposed temple of Mithras, in the City of London, depicting the slaying of the sacred bull. There is an inscription on the panel which records the donor's name. He was Ulpius Silvanus, a veteran of the Second Augustan Legion, which was stationed, for much of the time while it was in Briton, at Caerleon. Another small contribution to history was also made here when a complete peal of Caerleon, the first in the method, was accomplished. This method is No. 52 in A. J. Corrigan's collection of 370 methods. Llanfrechfra was also visited in the morning, but Yorkshire failed after one hour and forty minutes owing to a rope slipping the wheel. The last two attempts were successful, at Llangibby and Usk, and these completed the peal ringing programme.

We returned on the Sunday, and for morning service assisted in the ringing at Lydney, Gloucestershire.

Handbells were used at various times of the week and one peal attempt was made, but no serious effort was evident on this side of our art.

Whilst, naturally, everyone had fresh experiences in a fresh quarter of this island, we shall be able to recall three incidents in particular. On our journey down, when passing through Ross-on-Wye, the smiling welcome of two policewomen; the taste of a Welsh 'rarebit'; and proof that life is not always consisting of ups and down, as when the lift in the hotel remained stationary between two floors.

In concluding, we sincerely thank all incumbents for permission to ring on the bells; Messrs. King and Harrington and all local towerkeepers and captains for their assistance in the arrangements; and everyone who met us and did anything that ensured for us the pleasures which we most thoroughly enjoyed.

ONCE A YEAR

Less than two miles from Eye, Suffolk, is the small Parish Church of St. Mary, Braiseworth. The little church is not a hundred years old—a pretty interior and lit by oil lamps.

Undoubtedly, years ago services used to be much more frequent than they are now, for when the 1955 harvest thanksgiving service was held on Sunday evening, September 25th, it was the first service there since the 1954 harvest thanksgiving.

The one bell hangs in a turret. It is only a 'swinger'—clang, clang, clang—fully exposed to view of persons in the churchyard. Some wire netting has been put round the turret to keep out the birds, but there is a hole in it somewhere!

While people were waiting in the churchyard to go into the 1955 service there was a strange noise from above. It sounded like somebody beating a hedge with a broom handle. Looking up, one saw the bell on the move—not much at first, then each swing a little wider. And there seemed to be a good deal of pressure on the pulling side. Sticks snapped . . . snapped . . . snapped . . . then, at last, a dull muffled clang, which must have given the operator much encouragement, for the weight on the rope increased and soon we had a clear ring sounding over the countryside. Sometimes the pull was a bit too much, for there were several bumps, which appeared to be the bell hitting the side of the turret, and then one could see some loose masonry!

Inside it was a little different. The ringer stood at the west end of the nave, bending on to the rope to the sound of squeak, groan, clang; squeak, groan, clang—until the Vicar put on his surplice, the harmonium started up and the bell came to an immediate stop when the rope was released—quiet for another 12 months, perhaps.

Raven, 1890, gives the inscription on this bell as follows:—

'Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1879. 1606, recast 1879. R. M. Bingley, Rector. W. Allen, C. Schofield, churchwardens. Hung by G. Day and Son, Eye.'

(Davy, April 22nd, 1819: 'John Draper made me 1606.') C. R.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean A. Howells 1, N. D. J. Webb (first quarter) 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, W. Robinson 4, Cherie Payne 5, D. J. F. Oakshott 6, G. A. Howells 7, D. J. Evans 8. First quarter peal by the local band for over 25 years. Rung for the ordination of the Rev. J. Rose-Casemore.

LETTERS

LINCOLN GUILD PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—I have decided to ask for the withdrawal of the peal rung at Leadenham on July 27th for the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, owing to the low standard of the ringing.

I apologise to the Guild and to 'The Ringing World' for the submission of the report in the first place.—Yours sincerely,

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM.

Lincoln.

HANDBELLS WANTED FOR BLIND PEOPLE

Dear Sir,—I am wondering if any of your readers can help me to obtain a set of handbells, please. There are ten enthusiastic blind handbell ringers in Taunton, but the bells they are using at present are only on loan.

Every effort has been made to get bells, but without success up to now. I shall be grateful for help.

F. M. STOOKE,

Home Teacher for the Blind.

28, Park Street, Taunton.

CALLINGS IN FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

Dear Sir,—I would like to support Mr. T. R. Butler's letter in your issue of October 7th regarding callings to five and six bell peals.

In fact I would go farther and suggest that it is time a ruling was made that in any five or six bell peal no calling should be repeated.

After all, if a conductor can call the standard ten 120's of Grandsire, he should also be able to call sixteen different 240's. Alternatively, if a band can ring Grandsire Bobs and Singles, it should not present much difficulty to learn Extremes as well, by the use of which 32 different 120's can be obtained.

Under the present state of affairs, there does not seem to be anything to prevent a band learning one 120 by heart, ringing it 42 times in succession and calling that a peal. What a farce!—Yours faithfully,

J. H. JOYNER.

Rugeley.

ACLE — A THATCHED ROOF

Dear Sir,—I can add another church to the list of those with a thatched roof. This is St. Edmund's, Acle, where the nave is thatched. The tower is round at the bottom with an octagonal top and contains a ring of six bells. When the bells were restored and augmented in 1933 a special steel frame was built up from the ground inside and independent of the tower so that the latter carries no strain from the bells.

The sixth bell, the treble of the present ring, was given by the then Rector, the Rev. J. E. H. Williams, and his wife. I heard earlier this year of the former's death at Bournemouth, where he was living in retirement, and I cannot let this occasion pass without putting on record the contribution of Mr. Williams to ringing. I think it is no exaggeration to say that but for his efforts the bells of Acle would not be able to be rung to-day. He took a keen interest in the ringers and he and most of his family did some ringing at various times. I was very pleased to hear from Mr. C. K. Lewis that the eldest son of Mr. Williams still does some ringing in Cheshire.

I myself can now look back on about twenty years as a ringer and in doing so I cannot but express my gratitude to the one who introduced me to ringing, the late Rev. J. E. H. Williams. —Yours sincerely,

DENIS A. BAYLES.

Chester-le-Street.

MR. JOHN FOWLER, OF COOKHAM

Mr. John Fowler, of Cookham, whose reminiscences appear in the Cookham Parish Magazine, has a record of 57 years in the choir, as master bellringer and as a church worker.

Concerning his ringing career, he joined the ringers in 1912, and when only 24 was appointed conductor. His first major job was to undertake the preparatory work for the restoration of the bells and the belfry. There was death watch beetle in the tower and the cost of this work was just under £300. The bell fund began with £7 11s. raised by an entertainment. In the course of the work a frame was built to carry two extra bells. These were not provided until 1946. One of the bells bears an inscription commemorating the sacrifice of men of the tower in two world wars. There is only one name for the 1939-45 war, Ronald C. Fowler, John's son, who was killed in September, 1943.

Mr. Fowler has always kept a band together in the tower. To-day there are more ringers than bells—15 on the regular roll with an average attendance of between 10 and 12 every Sunday morning and evening.

In 1928 Mr. Fowler was elected Ringing Master of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and last July his services to the Guild were recognised by his election as a vice-president.

ATCHAM BELLS RING AGAIN

Travellers to North Wales using the A5 road will no doubt remember crossing the Severn between Wellington and Shrewsbury at Atcham, where beyond the older bridge stands the Church of St. Eata but a few feet from the river.

Mainly 12th century, but built on the site of an earlier foundation, the church is believed to be the only one of this dedication. In the tower, which looks over the pleasant Shropshire meadows, there are six bells, four being cast by Rudhall in 1709 and two by Mears in 1829.

Unfortunately they have been heard very infrequently during the last 20 years, but recently they have been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, and were rung for the first time on September 18th by a band of ringers from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, after suitable prayers by the Vicar, the Rev. F. M. Oliver, at the conclusion of Matins that day.

A resident band is being formed with Mr. Mathews, of Berwick Wharf, Atcham, as its captain. F. H. B.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

Members representing twelve towers attended the Society's monthly meeting, held at Rothwell on September 24th.

An unfortunate occurrence during the early part of the afternoon delayed ringing for some time. However, before the meeting ended at 9 o'clock various touches had been rung in a variety of methods, ranging from Plain Bob to Yorkshire.

Tea had been prepared by the local company and helpers in the Church Hall and was much appreciated. The former Vicar of Rothwell, now living in retirement, was present for tea and welcomed the Society on behalf of the present Vicar.

A short business meeting followed, at which all those responsible for the local arrangements were thanked for their work.

During the evening the Vicar, making his first visit to the tower since his induction, joined the company. He apologised for his absence earlier in the afternoon and said how pleased he was to have a church with such a fine ring of bells.

The next meeting will be held at Chapel Allerton on October 29th.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

25th Anniversary at Towcester

The 25th anniversary celebrations of the Towcester and District Branch were held at Towcester on October 8th. Touches were rung in Towcester Church tower during the afternoon, and the Office of the Guild sung in the Church in the evening. The service was conducted by the Rev. D. H. Curtis (Vicar and Rural Dean of Towcester), and the Rev. G. F. Hales (Rector of Green's Norton), a regular ringer in his parish, was the preacher.

The supper was held at the Towcester Conservative Club, with the president of the Branch (the Rev. R. G. Richards, Vicar of Potterspury) in the chair. Mr. B. Morris, Ringing Master of the Guild, proposed the toast of 'The Towcester and District Branch,' and Mr. Mansfield (Green's Norton), in reply, said that the Towcester Branch of Bellringers had been in existence for 65 years. Amalgamation with the Diocesan Guild took place 25 years ago. He gave a short history of local bellringing. The Rev. Guy Marshall, Vicar of Stoke Bruerne, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' and Sir Reginald Manningham Buller, in acknowledging the compliment, spoke of the refreshing and sweetening sound of church bells in the great noise of modern life.

Entertainment was provided by the Lambert brothers (handbells), Mr. and Mrs. Reg Gayton (magic and conjuring), Mr. Monty Saunders and the Rev. J. T. Lewis (vocal items), Mr. Eric Walker and Mrs. Fountaine accompanied on the piano.

The festival committee comprised Rev. D. H. Curtis (chairman), the Rev. G. F. Hales, Messrs. W. A. Yates (secretary), V. Burt, W. J. Garlick, A. Mansfield, G. Mansfield, P. Foster and Mesdames K. Ballard and B. Mansfield.

Among the company of 90 present were Mr. G. F. Roome, secretary of the Northampton Branch, Mr. A. E. R. Walker, secretary of the Culworth Branch, and Mr. R. H. Howson, secretary of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

RETIREMENT OF CANON H. S. STEPHENSON

Throughout his long ministry Canon Stephenson has always been a friend of ringers and it was, therefore, fitting that almost his last function as Rector of Gateshead should be to visit St. Mary's to see the ringers who had come to attempt the peal to mark his retirement, for that same evening he was going off to Ryton, where he will reside, just a few miles from Gateshead. Reference to the peal columns will show that the meeting was not in vain.

In St. Mary's, Gateshead, will be found peal boards that tell the story of Canon Stephenson's ministry as each decade has passed. Perhaps in due course one will appear to record this final stage—his diamond jubilee, which fell on St. Matthew's Day, September 21st.

When Rector of Allendale, Northumberland, Canon Stephenson was instrumental in the installation of the original six in a frame for eight. He moved to Gateshead in 1909 and became Rector in 1914. The announcement of his retirement set Gateshead people wondering what they could do to mark the occasion, for some years ago they had conferred on him the Freedom of the Borough, but eventually the Mayor opened a special fund. An honorary canon of Durham Cathedral, he also became a King's Chaplain, and as one of the senior chaplains he was present at the Coronation of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

He has been a staunch supporter of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association throughout the years and he was president from 1950 to 1953. The good wishes of all ringers in the north-east will go with him in his retirement. D. A. B.

Bells for Army Church in Korea



Sapper Peter Minchin, of Swindon, who was a bell-hanger in civilian life, is here seen fastening the bells to the wooden frame. Assisting him is Sapper Derek Hooper, of Mudford, Yeovil (on the right).



Hoisting this 13 cwt. tenor was child's play to Sapper Hooper, compared with some of the bells he has helped to raise in the home country.

MEMORIES OF THE HOMELAND

One of those delightful stories of the ringer in the Services furthering his art was told in 'The Ringing World' of September 16th by the letter written by Sapper Peter Minchin from Korea, telling how a ring of five bells has been installed in the Church of St. Martha, in Korea, which is situated five miles from the 38th Parallel and three miles from the Imjim River.

Through the kind co-operation of 'The Illustrated Carpenter and Builder' we are able to present pictures of the two ringers instrumental in the hanging of the bells and the construction of the wooden frame. They will, we are sure, be recognised by many ringing friends.

Peter Minchin, whose home tower is at Swindon, is a bellhanger by trade. His two bellringing colleagues are Cpl. Colin Cade (22), of Weir Farm, Scothern, near Lincoln, and Sapper Derek Hooper (23), of Mudford, near Yeovil.

The bells rank among the lightest in any church, a tenor of about 20 lb., but they are sufficient to bring to those in distant Korea memories of England and to enable changes of Doubles to be rung. There are already probationers.

When the bells were dedicated on July 31st by the Rev. E. L. Lake, of the Royal Canadian Army Chaplains Corps, there were only four bells in the turret, but since then a gift of another bell has been received from a neighbouring camp. We are waiting to hear from Korea of the first true 120.



The Church of St. Martha, about five miles from the 38th Parallel, is constructed of local materials and built in the traditional Korean style with wooden structure and mud walls. The bell turret has a ring of five bells.

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DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting at Sunderland

Sunderland, which was the venue of the annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on September 24th, has the greatest number of bells hung for ringing of any town in the Diocese of Durham. Its bells comprise the ten of St. Andrew's, Roker, and the eights of the Parish Church, St. Ignatius-the-Martyr and St. Michael's, Bishopswearmouth, and all were available for ringing at various times between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The members attended Evensong at Bishopwearmouth, which was choral, and included the anthem 'Non Nobis Domine' by the boys of the choir. The service was conducted by the Rector of Bishopwearmouth, the Rev. C. L. P. Bishop, and the address was given by the Rector of Sunderland, Canon R. S. Troop.

Canon Troop took the Association motto, 'Ars Incognito Contemnitur,' as his theme. The man in the street was sometimes nostalgic about bells, but more often the 'unknown art was despised.' But ringing required physical fitness, courage, concentration, team work and obedience to the conductor, and all that provided a parable of the Christian life itself, where similar qualities were needed and where, too, ignorance often resulted in its being despised.

Tea was served in Bishopwearmouth Church Hall to a company of 56, which included representatives from 18 towers, and visitors from Richmond, Ripon and Sutton-on-Trent.

The business meeting followed tea and Mr. W. N. Park took the chair in the absence of the President, who sent a letter of apology and expressed his best wishes for a successful meeting.

The general secretary, Mr. D. A. Bayles, presented his report for 1954-55. He said that the year just ended seemed somewhat of an anti-climax after the visit of the Central Council the previous year, but consideration given to the question of instruction on ringing might lead to important developments in future years, as might also the suggestion of combined planning of District meetings. The handbook, which would contain most of the subject matter omitted from the abbreviated reports, was just about ready for the printer. Meetings had been well attended throughout the year.

While no restoration had been completed during the year word had just been received that Houghton-le-Spring bells could be rung again following repairs to the tower and it was understood that restoration work was in hand at Embleton. Although the year had ended on August 31st it would not have been right to omit mention of the retirement of Canon Stephenson as Rector of Gateshead at the end of September. A day of two earlier he had celebrated his diamond jubilee in holy orders and he had been a firm friend of ringers throughout his ministry. The good wishes of all would go with him in his retirement, and the committee had decided that afternoon to express those sentiments in some tangible form.

The honorary treasurer, Mr. F. Ainsley, presented his cash statement showing that the balance in hand had increased during the year from £90 15s. 11d. to £117 5s., with the corresponding figures for the general fund showing an increase from £69 3s. 8d. to £96 8s. 9d.

The editorial secretary, Mr. J. Brewster, presented the peal report, which showed that 35 peals had been rung during the year—an increase of four over the previous year's total. All the peals were on tower bells and covered 19 towers, involving 73 ringers, among whom were 10 first pealers. Notable performances among individual ringers were R. Park with 17 and W. N. Park with 15 peals, and in conducting D. A. Bayles headed the list with 11, followed by R. Park with 10. The methods rung included the first of Spliced Surprise Major in four methods, the first of Spliced Surprise Minor in 19 methods and the first of Pudsey Royal and Aldenham Surprise Major for the Association.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The president was re-elected and the other officers were re-elected en bloc. This list of officers for 1955-56, therefore, reads as follows: President, R. A. Gofton; general secretary, D. A. Bayles; treasurer, F. Ainsley; editorial secretary, J. Brewster; hon. auditor, J. F. Bird; Central Council representatives, F. Ainsley and W. N. Park; peal referees, W. J. Davidson, J. E. R. Keen, R. Park and W. N. Park.

The District officers show only one change due to Mr. A. Brunton having left the district, and the list now reads:—Northern: Vice-president K. Arthur, secretary G. S. Deas; Southern: T. Cooke and E. P. Rock; Eastern: K. Lawson and W. F. Sheraton; Western: S. Thompson and C. T. Lamb.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had assisted with the meeting and the service—the Rev. C. L. P. Bishop for the service, use of the bells and facilities of Bishopwearmouth; Canon Troop for his address and the use of his bells; the Revs. J. M. How and G. H. Marshall for the use of their bells; the organist, Mr. Hartley, and last, but by no means least, the ladies who had served the tea.

Mr. J. Anderson thanked the officers for the work they had done during the past year, and spoke highly of the part each had played.

It was announced that the committee had arranged the meetings for the coming year as follows: J. W. Parker Commemoration, Sunderland, March 17th, 1956; half-yearly meeting, West Hartlepool, May 12th, 1956; annual meeting, Newcastle Cathedral, October 13th, 1956.

The Rev. D. N. Goldie, of Holy Trinity, Darlington, was elected a clerical member, and four new ringing members were elected—Miss M. Jennings (South Shields), Miss K. Rickaby (St. Cuthbert's, Darlington) and Messrs. B. Gilligan and R. Ridley (Gosforth).

WEDDING AT ROTHWELL

Two popular members of the band of the Holy Trinity Church, Rothwell, Northants, were married on October 8th. They were Miss Gwendoline Johnson and Mr. Brian Austin. Members of the local band rang both before and after the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon G. Turner).

Following a reception at the Tresham Hall, members of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild rang a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major in honour of the occasion.

The couple left for a honeymoon as the peal commenced, and on their return will reside in Kettering.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD

A quarterly meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Yardley Parish Church on October 1st. The ancient church has a fine crocketed spire, containing a beautiful modern octave, upon which some good ringing was obtained during the evening.

The Master, Mr. Albert Walker, who presided at the meeting, referred to the loss sustained, not only by the Guild, but by the whole Exercise, by the tragic passing of that great ringer, Harold J. Poole. He was a ringer who possessed great organising ability, was known personally by the majority of ringers in the room, and his loss would be felt in most of the activities in the art of ringing. The members stood in silence as a token of respect.

Miss Mary Funnell, of King's Norton, and Mr. T. A. Griffin, of Yardley, were elected ringing members. The tower elections of the following life members were duly ratified:—Miss Stella Hughes (Walsall), Miss Elisabeth Grime (Derby), Messrs. Selwyn H. Dearden (Oldham), James Phillips (London, N.W.3) and Richard J. Bowden (Bristol)

The next meeting, being the annual, will be held in the City on January 7th.

The Master referred to the peal recently rung at Southwark Cathedral by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths in celebration of the bi-centenary of the Guild. This fine gesture was much appreciated by the Guild, and the thanks of the members were extended to their friends of the College Youths.

LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL BAND VISIT LIVERPOOL

At 8 a.m. on September 24th Lichfield Cathedral ringers, together with friends from Alrewas, Penkridge and Stafford, set off on their annual outing. A very pleasant run was enjoyed through North Shropshire and Wrexham before a halt was made at St. Mary-the-Virgin's, Pulford, on the main road from Wrexham to Chester. Here an hour's ringing was enjoyed.

Packed lunches were eaten whilst en route for the next tower, which was Neston, where the recently overhauled ring of eight (tenor 14 cwt.) was put to good use. This church seemed to be doing very well for weddings, as there were no less than four booked for that afternoon alone. A course of Double Norwich 'in hand' was also accomplished on the new set of handbells to be found in the belfry. The best ring of eight visited was at St. Saviour's, Oxton. This is a modern church with a central tower. The tenor is 20¼ cwt. in E.

The highlight of the day was ringing on the glorious new Taylor 12 of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, with its tenor of 40 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. The church itself suffered severe bombing during the last war and the wonderful restoration work and the beautiful harvest festival decorations were much admired.

Ringing for the day officially finished at Liverpool, but after a salad tea in Chester an hour had been allotted for sight-seeing, and on setting off from the restaurant the 'best music of all' could be heard in the distance emanating from the tower of St. Mary-without-the-Walls. Most of the ringers eventually found themselves ringing on this good eight.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Bristol and London Surprise Major, Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Surprise Royal and Grandsire Cinques.

The party would like to express their sincere thanks to all incumbents and ringers who met them and gave them the freedom of their belfries, the ringers at Chester for allowing them to 'barge in,' and by no means least to Mr. Oliver for arranging another enjoyable outing.

C. M. S

OBITUARY

MR. CHARLES WILLIAM KING

With deep regret we record the passing on September 29th, at the age of 72 years, of Mr. Charles William King, after a long illness.

He had been a ringer at St. John's Church, Goole, for 53 years and was a life member of the Yorkshire Association, joining in 1902, and was a member of the Selby and District Society of Change Ringers. Although a french polisher by trade for 19 years, he took up a seafaring career in 1914 which he followed until 1954, when he retired because of ill-health. Nevertheless wherever his ship was in port on Sundays he visited his own or other towers to enjoy his ringing.

Because of his seafaring career his peals were limited, numbering 14. He rang in the first peal on the old bells at Snaith Priory Church, as well as in the last peal on the old six and in the first peal on the augmented eight. Mr. King was a very cheery and sociable personality and his passing means a sad loss to the ringers at St. John's Church, Goole. Our sympathy goes out to his widow and family.

The funeral service was held at his home, conducted by Sister M. Hopp, preceding cremation at Lawnswood. A quarter peal (half-muffled) was rung on October 4th in his memory at Goole Parish Church. L. M. W.

MR. FRANK W. ROLLINGS

With deep regret we record the death on October 5th at Weston Favell, Northants, of Mr. Frank W. Rollings, at the age of 68 years.

Mr. Rollings took up ringing early in life. He rang a peal at Weston Favell in 1908—the year in which Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, rehung the bells. This peal and one rung in 1910 for the death of King Edward VII. are recorded in the belfry and will perpetuate Frank Rollings' memory.

Although his main ringing was in his own tower, Mr. Rollings was equally 'at home' on six, eight or ten bells. He rang something like 130 peals in a variety of methods in Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters and Royal. Several peal boards in Northampton churches and elsewhere can be seen bearing his name.

Mr. Rollings was a member of the old Central Northants Association and of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild at its inception, but of late years he allowed his membership to lapse after the deaths of Thomas Law (for many years tower captain), Mr. A. Richardson and, later, the promising Mr. J. Linnett, who died in his twenties. The loss of these completely broke up the old Weston Favell band and the bells were seldom rung until the present team started from scratch.

A sufferer from thrombosis and failing sight, Frank would lend a hand, showing a willing heart. He did, in fact, ring a number of quarter peals of late, despite his two handicaps, and rang for two weddings (his last acts of ringing) on September 3rd. He was an authority on bee keeping and horticulture, and before retiring was head gardener at the Convalescent Hospital, Weston Favell. He is survived by a widow and a daughter.

On October 10th the funeral service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Douglas Hopkins) was attended by a number of friends including Mr. W. Gamage, Mr. F. Hopper and Mr. P. Amos, representing the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Mr. Amos, as tower captain, also represented the local ringers.

The deceased was buried near the sound of the bells which he loved and faithfully served for many years. A wreath was sent by the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

In the evening following the funeral a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung half-muffled, and at the conclusion the Rector went into the belfry and offered memorial prayers of thanksgiving for one who had faithfuly served his Lord and the art of bellringing

At a Guild meeting at Harpole on October 8th Mr. P. Amos touchingly referred to the life and passing of Mr. Rollings, after which all present stood in silence as a tribute to his memory. P. A.

A DAY IN THE DERBY–NOTTINGHAM AREA

By the calendar, September 24th was the first Saturday in autumn, but for an outing arranged by 'Bill' Stote the clerk of the weather provided summerlike conditions. Meeting at Stapleford (Notts) just before 10 a.m. the mixed band found that their visit had been forgotten, for there was no one to meet them. To save time the party then went to the second tower, Stanton-by-Dale (Derbyshire) (6, tenor 10 cwt.), where the Rector and Mr. Gobey welcomed them. After a short ring, back again to Stapleford (6, 7¼ cwt.), where they were successful this time in finding the incumbent and, after a search, the belfry key. After about 20 minutes' ringing the band moved back into Derbyshire to Breaston (6, 7¼ cwt.), where there was another delay owing to two cars going to Beeston in error! Car trouble then delayed the party still further.

Being well behind time, only a very short ring was had at Breadsall (6, 14 cwt.) and then to Ockbrook (6, 9 cwt.), where the bells rang one bride out of church and then welcomed another. After 20 minutes' ringing at Spondon (6, 10 cwt.) the Standard, now repaired, was collected from the garage and the party again redistributed. The next tower was West Hallam, a light eight (tenor 9¼ cwt.) with a long draught which proved rather disconcerting to some of the younger members, but the bells were rung to speed another bride on her way after the reception.

Over the border into Notts to Trowell (6, 9¼ cwt.), where some rope adjustment was necessary as the top of the tenor sally was about chest high. Next stop was Wollaton and another delay, for there was again no key. Luckily a way to the belfry was 'discovered' and these bells (6, 6 cwt.) proved the highlight of the day and the band were sorry to have to leave them so soon despite the noise in the ringing chamber. By various routes (each driver knew the way) the party arrived at Ruddington (8, 15 cwt.), where a meeting was concluding, and with the aid of the last remaining members the tourists got a course each of Bob Major and Stedman Triples before lowering the bells in peal at 8.30.

So ended a very happy day (despite various difficulties) and an outing in which ringers from Warwickshire, Nottinghamshire and Somerset took part. Ringing included Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor and Stedman Triples. The band are grateful to all incumbents who allowed the use of their bells, and the local ringers who met the band, and Bill's great efforts in organising such a successful tour are greatly appreciated. E. T. P. F.

St. Albans Abbey Juniors

Six towers were visited by St. Albans Junior Band on October 1st, when a half-day's coach outing was much enjoyed. The first tower was Hertingfordbury (5), followed by St. Andrew's, Hertford, Bengeo, Hunsdon, Widford and Standon.

Almost every church visited had harvest festival decorations, but the finest display was perhaps in the lovely little church at Widford. The very happy outing finished with a rather riotous journey home. Thanks are due to clergy and ringers who met the party at their churches and to those who granted permission for their bells to be rung

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SMITH.—On October 12th, 1955, at Princess Mary Hospital, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to Robert and June Smith (nee Ainsworth), twin daughters. 7135

MARRIAGES

HAWELL—DEARLING. — The wedding of John Hawell, retired sheep farmer, of Keswick area, Cumberland, and Miss Isabel Edith Dearling (a member of St. Mary's, Wimbledon, ringers) took place on Tuesday, October 11th, at Wandsworth Register Office, London. 7140

HAYWARD—MARLOW. — On Saturday, Oct. 15th, 1955, at St. Mary's Church, Fordingbridge, Hants, Michael John, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hayward, of Woolwich, London, to Rosemary Kathleen, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Marlow, of Bickton, Fordingbridge, Hants. 7159

TURNER—MACEY. — On Wednesday, Oct. 12th, 1955, at St. Mary's, Sutton Valence, Kent, Rev. G. Stanley Turner (newly-appointed Vicar of St. Denys', Eaton, Leicestershire) to Patricia Muriel, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Macey, of Bram Lea, Sutton Valence, Kent. 5157

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HORSMONDEN, KENT. — Practice nights have been changed from Wednesdays to Fridays, 7.30. 7144

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Next meeting, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, St. Dunstan's, Stepney, 3.30. Ship 6 p.m. Nomination of officers.—A. B. Peck. 7097

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Branch.—Meeting at Charlton Horethorne, Oct. 22nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Notify for tea.—H. C. Lintern, Ditcheat. 7111

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Worle, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. C. Wickham, Hon. Branch Sec., Railway Farm, Cheddar. 7127

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—Monthly meeting now at **Long Eaton** (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea (2s.) 5 p.m. Endeavour to make this a good meeting!—N. Bailey, 22, Borrowfield Road, Spondon, Derby. 7114

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District.—Meeting at Sawston, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7106

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting, Dumbleton, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 6 p.m.—Mary Bliss, Branch Sec. 7141

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GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Christ Church, Epsom, on Oct. 22nd. Bells from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Scout Hut 5.—A. H. Smith. 7076

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Offley, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: Bala Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7110

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Annual District meeting on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, at Rochester Cathedral. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7054

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 6.30, annual dinner and social, Six Bells, 197, King's Road, Chelsea. Ringing: Barnes Parish Church, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Mary's, Putney, 4.30 to 5.30 p.m.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 7119

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Meeting at Garboldisham on Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Fox Hotel. Blo-Norton bells (6) evening. — A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 7107

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch. — Autumn meeting, Leafield (6), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. All ringers welcome.—J. Keyte. 7029

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Marlow (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7104

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Rutland Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Barrowden on Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—E. E. Gibson, Hon. Sec. 7131

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Acomb, near York, Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (3s. each) 5 p.m. approx., Church Hall. Names, as soon as possible, to Mr. F. Horner, Linden Lea, 6, Granger Avenue, Acomb, York.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7125

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting, Barton-in-Fabis, Saturday, Oct. 22nd, 3 p.m. 7093

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting at Stowmarket (8), Saturday, Oct. 22nd. Tea, Dykes Restaurant, opposite church.—B. Chilvers. 7116

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Practice meeting, Heathfield, Oct. 22nd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 7108

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Special meeting, Preston Candover, Oct. 22nd. Dedication of the new ring of six bells (tenor 4 cwt. approx.). Service 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 in Village Hall. 7080

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Cossington, Oct. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names, please, to R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 7130

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Dunster Branch.—Branch practice at Dulverton, Saturday, Oct. 29th, 7 p.m.—A. R. Tudball, Hon. Sec. 7129

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Meeting at Adwick-le-Street, Oct. 29th. Please make own tea arrangements.—F. J. Jackson, Hon. Sec. 7147

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, on Saturday, Oct. 29th, at 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Thursday, Oct. 27th (this is essential), to G. S. Deas, 65, Elsdon Road, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne 3. 7149

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting, Ardleigh, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to F. H. Erith, Vince's Farm, Ardleigh. 7095

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, St. Werburgh, Bristol, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Oct. 25th, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, Bristol. 7145

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Upton St. Leonards (8), Oct. 29th, 3 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Service 6.15 p.m. Notify before Oct. 25th for tea.—A. Lynall, Marlyn, Ermin Park, Brockworth, Gloucester. 7132

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Quarterly meeting, Eastnor, Oct. 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea to J. Ward, Woofields, Coddington, Ledbury. 7128

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—Annual meeting, St. Mary Cray, Saturday, Oct. 29th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea not later than Monday, October 24th.—A. Hill, 24, Stanmore Road, Belvedere, Kent. 7098

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Oct. 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service and tea. Frequent Green Line and local bus services. All members and friends welcome. 7101

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8) on Saturday, Oct. 29th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ladies welcome: gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, by Oct. 27th, please, to Jill Haffenden, Church Green, Marden. 7123

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Chapel Allerton (new 6), Oct. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea for those notifying, by Wednesday previous, Mr. Clark, 114, Wensley Drive, Leeds 7.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 7148

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District. — Meeting at Harby, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Names, by the 26th, please, to Mr. J. Butcher, Langar Road, Harby, Melton Mowbray.—J. H. Cook. 7136

SALISBURY GUILD. — Calne Branch. — Meeting, Heddington (6), Oct. 29th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea essential. — W. Hacker, Moggs Lane, Calstone, Calne. 7153

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Freckenham (5), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's, Mildenhall, after tea at Freckenham.—Mrs. E. M. Peachey, Dis Sec. 7152

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Surprise practice, Billingshurst, Oct. 29th, 3.30–5 p.m., 6–7.30 p.m. 7138

MARKSBURY, NEAR BATH.—Corporate Communion, Sunday, Oct. 30th, at 8 a.m. Bells 7.15 a.m. Names for breakfast to W. A. Prescott, Elmleigh, South Road, Timsbury, near Bath. 7103

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Waltham (6), Nov. 5th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Nov. 3rd, to Mr. J. Willows, Snowdon, Grimsby Road, Waltham, Grimsby. 7126

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with the Bridgnorth Branch of the HEREFORD GUILD at Berrington on Saturday, Nov. 5th (brought forward from 12th). Bells available from 2.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, to Mr. W. Lloyd, 113, King Street, Cross Houses, Salop. 7150

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Greasley (8), Nov. 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be sent to me by previous Tuesday. — C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 7133

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY. —Joint meeting, Sheffield, Nov. 5th. St. Marie's R.C., Norfolk Row (8), 2.30–5: Cathedral (12) 6–9 p.m. Tea in Wostenholm Hall 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8, by Thursday, Nov. 3rd. —J. Seager and J. J. L. Gilbert. 7155

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 318th anniversary dinner, Nov. 12th, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7087

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Fourth Annual Dinner at Stork Hotel, Walsall, Nov. 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 9s. 6d.; remittance with order. Accommodation is limited to 100, so early application is advisable. Ringing arrangements: St. Giles', Willenhall (10), 2.30-4 p.m.; St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), 4 p.m.–6 p.m. — Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 7142

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Winchester District. — Preliminary notice: Annual Dinner to be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 26th, commencing at 6.30 p.m. Further details later. Tickets (10s. each) now available from R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 7134

MASONIC RINGERS.—Meeting in Wigan, Lancs, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Peal, other ringing, important business. Will those interested write: Peter Crook, 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton, Lancs. 7137

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Preliminary notice: Annual general meeting, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Jan. 21st, 1956. Full details later.—P. N. Bond, Hon. Sec. 7122

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preliminary notice: The annual general meeting will be held at Shrewsbury on Jan. 28th, 1956.—E. Vaughan Jones, 30, Oakley Street, Belle View, Shrewsbury. 7151

QUARTER PEALS

WALMER, KENT.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Frances Woodcock (first of Major) 1, F. R. Hawkins 2, Mrs. F. Lawrence 3, A. C. Rye (first of Major) 4, F. A. Rye 5, D. Ladd 6, M. Stephens 7, F. Lawrence (cond.) 8. For harvest festival, also as a wedding compliment to Miss A. Devonshire and Mr. G. Gray, two members of the Dover band.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. John's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Janet Goodier 1, Janet Adamson 2, Sylvia Wickendon 3, F. T. Blagrove 4, A. Wratten 5, A. J. Glass 6, B. L. Taylor (cond.) 7, J. Painter 8.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: R. Barlow 1, Phyllis Holborn (first of Major) 2, Gaynor E. Higgins (first 'inside') 3, Rachel Snell 4, P. S. Whalley 5, G. W. Biddulph 6, W. Massey 7, D. R. Whalley (cond.) 8. Rung for evening service and the 18th wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 6th.

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AN AFTERNOON OF QUEENS

KINGSTEIGNTON bells are reckoned one of the best eights in Devon from the Croydon foundry, and they sounded very pleasant from their tall grey limestone tower on October 8th when the South Devon Association held its eight-bell festival there. The only pity was that there weren't more than six bands competing, but somehow that is a usual failing in Devon. Perhaps it's because there are so many six-bell towers, and therefore so many six-bell competitions, that an eight-bell band who aspire to several rows of certificates all round their belfry get so used to ringing six that they decide to stick to it. I knew one fine ring of eight where the ringers rang only six from choice, because it saved the invidious and often troublesome business of dropping two of the service band when they entered for a six-bell event. Perhaps they ring the eight again now; I hope so, but they weren't at Kingsteignton.

However, the standard of the teams that did come was all the higher for their small number, and we heard 'The Queen's Peal' rung handsomely several times during the afternoon. The Queen's Peal, by the way, consists of calling the bells into Queens, 13572468, and then calling them to the plain changes, each going up to the back in turn, until they are back in Queens again. As it combines ease of calling with pleasant music, it's the usual set peal of eight-bell competitions, and more rung to services than any other as well.

We began with a service—and I think the Devon Association ringers sing more heartily than any others in the kingdom—and then the draw was made outside the porch, the judges being safely hidden away for the afternoon. We started with Berry Pomeroy and Chudleigh, who finished respectively 5th and 6th, Chudleigh in particular having a very expensive rise, and neither team quite getting the bells going steadily. Rising eight bells in peal without a false or incomplete round is a great deal more difficult than doing the same on six; the 'pitch'—the height of the swing of each bell as they speak for the first time—is even more important, and without a good pitch, and without packing the bells in so tight that they chime off at first in one downward swoop, a good rise is impossible.

But the next band, Kingsbridge, showed us how to do it; their pitch was splendid, and the bells went up fast and steadily, opening out, as an old ringer once described it to me, 'like a flock of birds flying out of a hedge.' It isn't often you hear that spread-out really well done on eight, but it's an unforgettable sound. Kingsbridge's top ringing was no disgrace to their rise, and they put up a performance which proved to be unbeatable. The judges singled out for special praise the tenor-man, and their astonishment and admiration was all the greater when they heard that he had been knocked down by a car on his way home from work that morning, and came to the coach from hospital with three stitches in his forehead! That was a very special piece of ringing, and earned only 19 faults.

Dartmouth astounded the listeners by beginning with a hopeless jangle and then starting again after a few minutes' silence. When they came down afterwards we heard that they had caught hold of the wrong ropes, and the tenor-man, bursting with determination to get a 16 cwt. bell away really smartly, found himself with the treble. The bell must have been almost as surprised as he was! After their false start—for which we were glad they weren't disqualified—Dartmouth put up a good peal, which got them third place.

Upton, who followed them, tried to rush the bells, and the result was a rather unsteady peal, though their top ringing was tuneful enough with the bells going at 31 a minute. Their tenor-man was praised by the judges for keeping his bell so steady and 'square' at the pace.

The local band rang last, and did themselves lasting credit. They are not a band of very long standing and, like Chudleigh, are remarkable (in Devon Association ringing) for having a young lady among them—a young lady, I may add, whose ringing and appearance do each other mutual credit, and are both an asset to the band. Their rise was not perfect, but their changes were the best of the day; I especially noticed the invariable cleanness of their changing. Call-changes may sound very easy to strike, but when the bells are well below the balance it is not so easy to make one single change cleanly as it is to hunt a bell right through; it means pulling the bell up or down for just one blow, and then getting it back exactly at the height it was before the change was made. Many excellent peals of changes are marred by clips at or just after the changes, but this one was not. Twenty-five faults, most of them lost on the rise, is no true indication of the pleasure that this peal gave us.

The judges came out of their hiding-place, and Mr. Miners, the Secretary of the Devon Association, who came, I think, to show the doctors that they can't keep him out of ringing, gave the verdict on behalf of his confederates,

J. J. and H. J. Brewer, father and son, from Alphington. Mr. Miners is no respecter of persons where ringing is concerned; his one desire is for perfect ringing, and no one can doubt it after hearing his shrewd, knowledgeable and always constructive criticism as a competition judge. Like the competitors in the Caucus-race in 'Alice in Wonderland,' they all got prizes, or at least certificates, and Kingsbridge, who have had a most successful year, carried home the Shield to add to their already very impressive collection of trophies. J. G. M. S.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes.*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5280 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM A LACEY	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
*JOHN A. ACRES	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	8
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	SHIRLEY BURTON	9
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	10
PHILIP A. CORBY	5	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	11
HERRICK B. BOWLEY	6	WILLIAM J. ROOT	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERRICK B. BOWLEY.
* First part of Yorkshire Maximus. First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

TEN BELL PEALS

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5079 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 29 cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	6
CHARLES W. LEE	2	EDWIN C. BIRKETT	7
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	3	FREDERICK G. BEDDOW	8
PERCY SWINDLEY	4	JOHN N. LINDON	9
THOMAS C. LARKEY	5	H. STEWART BAILEY	*Tenor*

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

SHREWSBURY,
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST CHAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

*FREDK. E. WILSHAW	*Treble*	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	6
ROBIN G. TURNER	2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
F. HECTOR BENNETT	3	RALPH G. EDWARDS	8
RICHARD J. WARRILOW	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	9
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	5	*FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. W. GROCOTT.
* 180th peal together.
First peal of Royal in the method rung in the county and for the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

WOLBOROUGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS
On Thurs. Aug. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

JOAN GRAY	*Treble*	REV. J. G. M. SCOTT	5
NORMAN MALLETT	2	G. W. SIMMONDS	6
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	3	BRIAN PIDGEON	7
FREDERICK WREFORD	4	PHILIP J. M. GRAY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PHILIP J. M. GRAY.
To celebrate the birth of a grandson to John Glanvill, a daughter to the Rev. and Mrs. John Scott, and the sixth anniversary of the marriage in this church of Joan and Philip Gray.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Oct. 6, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
C. D. P. DAVIES'S Transposition. Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
JOHN PINFOLD	2	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	6
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	7
TERRY R. HAMPTON	4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 32 lb. in F.

EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON	2	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	6
STANLEY W. COPLING	3	ARTHUR G. BASON	7
JOHN S. BARNES	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung, immediately following the ceremony, in honour of the marriage of Mr. A. J. Harris and Miss N. T. Lummis, only daughter of Canon and Mrs. W. M. Lummis, of Bungay.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	2	BRIAN CHAPMAN	6
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
WILLIAM THORNLEY	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM THORNLEY.
* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' 25th peal and 100th tower.
A 21st birthday compliment to Mr. D. W. Haines, a ringer at Oadby Parish Church.

NEWNTON LONGUEVILLE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH.
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	*Treble*	*CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	5
*BARRY E. SAUNDERS	2	*WILLIAM A. YATES	6
*FREDERICK VICKERS	3	GEORGE F. BURTON	7
*GEORGE W. HOLLAND	4	†ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. † 550th peal. The first peal of Major on the bells, and the first peal on them for 36 years.
Rung for the Feast of St. Faith, Virgin and Martyr.

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THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues, Oct. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Pritchard's. Tenor 18¼ cwt.

GEOFFREY FOTHERGILL	*Treble*	*DANIEL RICHARDS	5
*GILES C. GALLEY	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	6
JOHN HENRY FIELDEN	3	DESMOND PAINTER	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DESMOND PAINTER.
* First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.
Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Marion Grain and the Rev. Hugh Joseph, solemnised the same day.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	*Treble*	DEREK A. WOODWARD	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	2	†FRANK B. LUFKIN	6
*HILDA M. SNOWDEN	3	WALTER ARNOLD	7
CLAUDE SNOWDEN	4	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by HILDA G SNOWDEN.
* First peal on an 'inside' bell. † 350th peal.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 SOUTHWELL SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	5
MRS. PHYLLIS M. POOLE	2	J. FREDERICK MILNER	6
GEORGE SAYER	3	BERT GOGLE	7
ARTHUR G. BASON	4	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
First peal in the method on the bells.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

*ROLAND H. COOK	*Treble*	MICHAEL D. STANIFORTH	5
DOREEN DUTTON	2	PETER J. STANIFORTH	6
†RICHARD E. MANTON	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
*HARRY ALEY	4	PHILIP A. CORBY	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by PHILIP A. CORBY.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

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MRS. W. MAUGHAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM MAUGHAN	5
KENNETH LAWSON	2	MRS. K. LAWSON	6
*PAMELA JAMES	3	HARRY SHORT	7
†MARGARET JAMES	4	ARTHUR WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH LAWSON.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' First peal of Grandsire as conductor.
Rung to welcome the Rev. G. Scott to the parish as curate.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

ROBIN G. TURNER	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
RUTH M. JACKSON	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
DAVID VINCENT	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
GRAHAM McKAY	4	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. KIPPIN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

BORDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

CHARLES E. J. NORRIS	*Treble*	*EDWARD C. BARTON	5
JOSEPH E. GRENSTED	2	*GEORGE KENWARD	6
HARRY SPRINGATE	3	WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT	7
ALBERT DUNK	4	†RONALD E. NORRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT.
* 25th peal together. † 25th peal
The conductor 25th peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung for the 75th anniversary of the Kent County Association, Borden being one of the foundation towers.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

RITA M. STRATFORD	*Treble*	JOHN VERNON	5
NANCY E. MARKLEW	2	JOHN A. SMITH	6
C. ROGER HAYWARD	3	FRANK K. MEASURES	7
MICHAEL VERNON	4	CURZON CLARKE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK K. MEASURES.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Kathleen M. Proctor, a member of the local band, and Mr. Michael E. Brown, captain of Sapcote Tower.

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY AND INDIVISIBLE TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 24 cwt.

VALERIE WILLARD	*Treble*	G. LEONARD HEWITT	5
THOMAS NEWMAN (81)	2	JOHN WHITING	6
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
*ALFRED LYNALL	4	THOMAS BOREHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung for the wedding of Joan Bussey, the only lady of the Cathedral band, to Hubert Matthews at St. Nicholas' Church, Hardwicke.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

EUNICE A. HILEY	*Treble*	SHIRLEY J. CORKE	5
DAVID D. WRIGHT	2	STEWART F. W. KIMBER	6
EILEEN M. TURNER	3	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	7
MONICA E. COLLINS	4	E. JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
Rung on the day of the Guildford Diocesan Guild's Annual Dinner to commemorate the name of John S. Goldsmith.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
C.C.C. No. 36. Tenor 14 cwt.

*G. ARTHUR GOW	*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY	5
†ALICE E. LESTER	2	GEORGE WATERMAN	6
MICHAEL A. MILLS	3	WALTER FELGATE	7
ROBERT E. LESTER	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal. † First Major 'inside.' 100th peal as conductor.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10½ cwt.

HENRY C. WEAVER	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	5
FREDERICK W. BURNETT	2	RAYMOND P. WOOD	6
ERIC N. HARRISON	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
TOWER R. TAYLOR	4	WILLIAM T. BEESON	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.

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HIGHCLERE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt.

*STANLEY G. DAY	*Treble*	*ADRIAN J. TUMBER	5
REGINALD W. REX	2	*BRYAN C. STIRLAND	6
†RONALD F. DISERENS	3	†JOHN N. DISERENS	7
*GEOFFREY K. DODD	4	†NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by RONALD F. DISERENS.
* First peal of Rutland. † 25th peal together.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in C.

*EDWARD BARKER	*Treble*	*JOHN WILSON	5
E. S. PARSONS	2	LESLIE HOUGHTON	6
*M. R. REED	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	7
T. A. BEVIS	4	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. M. Whitehead, recently installed curate-in-charge at St. Nicholas' chapel of ease. Also a 21st birthday compliment to the grand-daughter of Mr. Edward Barker.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

PERCIVAL R. YOUNG	*Treble*	§LESLIE R. G. TAYLOR	5
*JOHN R. HOBBS	2	*ALAN F. LEE	6
†AUDREY STEPHENS	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
‡JUDITH M. MIDGLEY	4	*TERENCE J. MILSOM	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal, at first attempt. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Grandsire and on eight. § First peal of Triples 'inside.' The first peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 EALING SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr.

FRANCIS KIRK	*Treble*	JOHN W. SINFIELD	5
ALICK CUTLER	2	D. KAY ADKINS	6
JOHN S. MASON	3	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY	7
RONALD J. SHARP	4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.
First peal in the method on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Sept. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

SYDNEY FLINT	*Treble*	GEORGE SKELLAND	4
TERRY OWEN	2	ROBERT GUY	5
THOMAS HORRIDGE	3	WILLIAM DEACON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DEACON.
Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Robert Smith, service ringer at the above church.

SEALE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A flat.

ERNEST GARDNER	*Treble*	E. JOHN WELLS	4
ROY COLLINS	2	DUGALD M. MACPHERSON	5
*EUNICE A. HILEY	3	JAMES F. DODSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JOHN WELLS.
* First peal in two methods.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. A. Gardiner, O.B.E., B.Sc., A.K.C.

MEYSEY HAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 9¼ cwt.

GILBERT W. BURGE	*Treble*	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	4
JOYCE MORSE	2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	5
THOMAS F. STONE	3	RAYMOND G. PEARSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter (Susan Louise) to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Godwin, on September 29th

BOSHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*VALERIE M. TUMBER	*Treble*	E. WINIFRED KEYS	4
*ROSEMARIE HIDE	2	NORMAN J. SMITH	5
PAULINE M. SAXTON	3	GERALD M. ROUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN J. SMITH.
* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who is joining the Missions to Seamen in the Port of London.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in E.

DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	*Treble*	†MAURICE STEWART	4
*THOMAS HILL	2	PETER WISHART	5
*THOMAS M. COX	3	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRIAN HARRIS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung on the occasion of the birth of a nephew to Mr. Tom Cox, after meeting short for Triples.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

MRS. G. F. ROOME	*Treble*	BRIAN LINNELL	3
GLADYS A. ASHBY	2	PERCY AMOS	4
GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
Rung half-muffled in memory of Frank W. Rollings, for many years a ringer at the above church, who was interred earlier this day.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 6¼ cwt.

EDWARD C. LESTER	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
CHARLES H. MARTIN	2	WILLIAM E. TURNER	5
RONALD WHITE	3	NORMAN R. GREADY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. Martin on her 88th birthday.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four extents of Cambridge Surprise and three extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALEC T. DENSON	*Treble*	GEORGE E. CRISP	4
E. JACK PARISH	2	MANSFIELD GINN	5
L. VICTOR CHAMBERLAIN	3	GEOFFREY A. LUCAS	*Tenor*

Conducted by MANSFIELD GINN.

COLN ST. DENYS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 extents of Plain Bob (four callings) and 30 of Grandsire (six callings). Tenor 6 cwt.

*HARRY EDWARDS	*Treble*	RALPH E. W. WENBAN	3
MERVYN DAY	2	WILLIAM A. GODWIN	4
PATRICK BARTLETT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by WILLIAM A. GODWIN.
* First peal.
Rung as a 21st wedding anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards.

UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, viz.: Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 8 cwt. 19 lb.

*RUTH A. CAREY	*Treble*	TREVOR A. CROSS	4
DEREK C. JACKSON	2	PETER NASH	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

WASHINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob Tenor 9 cwt. 25 lb. in G.

*DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	*Treble*	BRIAN J. LUFF	4
GEORGE FRANCIS	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
*JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TREAGUS.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

SILK WILLOUGHBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents each called differently.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in A.

LOUIS WILLDERS	*Treble*	JOHN F. PEARSON	4
WILLIAM R. PARKER	2	*GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.
* First peal in the method.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being one 240 and 40 extents (ten callings). Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*GWYNETH R. BROWN	*Treble*	†DEREK H. PAINE	4
*DIANA M. GOUGH	2	‡HARRY W. BROWN	5
STANLEY W. BROWN	3	*ROY D. BROWN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. BROWN.
* First peal. † First 'inside' and first in the method. ‡ First in the method and first peal as conductor. First in the method on the bells.
Rung by the local band as a farewell to the Rector. Rev. Canon H. T. Mogridge, M.A., and in appreciation of more than 29 years' devoted service in this parish.

HANDBELL PEAL

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Mon., Oct. 10, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 52 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor size 14 in E flat.

*JOHN A. SMITH	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	3—4
		*NANCY E. MARKLEW	5—6

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* First peal of Treble Bob in hand



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ANGERSLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 10th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss B. J. Stevens (first in two methods) 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, J. Taylor 3, C. J. Stevens 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5. The conductor's 300th tower in Somerset.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 240 Morris's Grandsire and 540 Grandsire): Miss C. Wheeler 1, J. Day 2, A. E. Hinman 3, G. Bowcutt 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5, T. Clayton 6. Rung as a farewell to Tom Clayton, who is joining H.M. Navy. He has been a regular chorister, server and ringer.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: P. Stacey 1, P. Flack (first in method, aged 12) 2, D. Sutcliffe 3, L. Scoot 4, E. Buck 5, W. Collins 6, C. Harwood 7, J. Dear (cond.) 8.

BARKINGSIDE, ESSEX.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Barranco 1, Mrs. E. Merrett 2, C. A. Hughes 3, E. D. Smith 4, J. Merrett 5, C. M. Smith 6, L. W. Bullock (cond.) 7, J. McPhail 8. First quarter in the method on the bells. Rung prior to harvest festival service.

BITTON, GLOS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Morris 1, Miss J. M. Midgley 2, Miss A. Stephens 3, K. Lovatt 4, T. Bollingbrooke 5, R. A. Southwood 6, R. O. Fry (cond.) 7, T. J. Milsom 8. First quarter in method for 3 and 4.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 16th, at St. Botolph's Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Freiston 1, S. Jessop 2, R. Brown 3, A. Freiston 4, F. Dewey 5, F. Leggott 6, J. Petch 7, W. E. Clarke (cond.) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Jessop.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Oct. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Dunsden 1, R. Blond 2, A. Greenough 3, J. Grace 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy (cond) 6, J. Blond 7, C. Corderoy 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Cullen 1, G. Kite 2, Hilda Oakshett 3, Helen Thoday 4, G. James 5, A. Purdom 6, M. F. Oakshett (cond.) 7, E. Mounter 8. Rung for morning service and as an 87th birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, H. Stebbings 4, S. W. Bigmore 5, K. Everett (cond.) 6. For morning service.

BURSTOW, SURREY.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles: Miss B. F. Turrell 1, L. Penfold 2, D. Wilson 3, W. Slaughter 4, A. J. Bull (cond.) 5, H. Padbury (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. Hackblock (late Rector).

BUSHBURY, STAFFS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. Harrison 1, J. Allen (first quarter, cond.) 2, Gerald Dean (first quarter) 3, George Dean 4, R. Blackwell 5, T. Nott 6. Rung fully-muffled as a token of respect to the late Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Crathorne).

CAMBRIDGE.—At St. Mary-the-Great Church, on Oct. 9th, 1,210 Grandsire Cinques: P. H. Pigg 1, S. Brown 2, C. A. Hurst 3, C. Charge 4, W. J. Ridgman 5, E. G. Hibbins (cond.) 6, B. Pratt (first on 12 bells) 7, P. Newing (first on 12 bells) 8, T. R. Dennis 9, H. Martin 10, J. Quinney 11, A. Rayner 12. Rung by a local band, with the exception of P. Newing, for harvest thanksgiving service.

CLITHEROE, LANCS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Hetherington 1, Miss E. A. Downing 2, Miss R. Parkinson 3, Miss J. Dawson 4, Miss P. M. Bourn (cond.) 5, E. J. Gower 6, W. E. Wilkinson 7, C. Wignall 8. First quarter for 1 and 8. First in method for 2, 3, 4 and 7. Rung for harvest festival.

COLESHILL, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Hales 1, Diana Perrins 2, W. C. Rhodes 3, G. Lane 4, K. Lane 5, J. W. Hovey (cond.) 6, E. H. Hill 7, L. L. Willis 8. Rung as a farewell to C. Hales on leaving for service in H.M. Life Guards.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. W. Cracknell (first of Triples) 1, Miss A. Miles 2, Miss L. Skeet 3, L. Tremeer 4, W. Cracknell 5, G. T. Jennings 6, W. Slaughter (cond.) 7, S. Arnold 8. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

DERBY.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 9th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Fletcher 1, A. Mould 2, J. Bailey (cond.) 3, S. J. Merry (first in method) 4, W. Steen 5, B. Barker 6, F. R. Lowe 7, W. Lancaster 8. For Evensong.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Minor, 720 Oxford Bob, 540 Plain Bob: G. Fry 1, L. Newman 2, L. J. Honess 3, H. Usborne 4, W. R. Manser 5, S. A. Hayzelden (cond.) 6. Rung to mark the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the K.C.A. after peal failure.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. E. Jeffrey (first quarter) 1, E. C. Leigh 2, C. L. Rogers 3, Rev. Shepheard Walwyn (first quarter) 4, S. Jenner 5, D. E. Leigh (first 'inside') 6, E. J. Jenner (first as cond.) 7, W. A. Leigh 8. For the 100th birthday of 'Grannie' Langridge.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. J. Taylor 1, H. S. Morley 2, H. Waud 3, J. Waud 4, A. H. Hawcroft 5, T. H. Foster 6, L. M. Woodhead (cond.) 7, G. Waud 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. C. W. King, Goole.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 9th, for H.C., 360 Plain Bob Minor: A. A. Booth 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, Rev. G. Hales 3, W. Wise 4, C. Massingham 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. For Matins, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob: G. Shellard 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, A. A. Booth 3, G. G. Mansfield 4, C. Massingham 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. For Evensong, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Double Oxford, 180 Plain Bob: Betty M. Mansfield 1, C. Rigby 2, A. A. Booth 3, G. G. Mansfield 4, C. Massingham 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

HECKFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Stedman, 720 Plain Bob and 60 Grandsire): R. F. Diserens 1, G. K. Dodd 2, J. N. Diserens 3, N. J. Diserens 4, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 5. First quarter peal on the bells.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 9th, a quarter peal of Minor: E. Sybil M. Tonkin (first of Minor) 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Laura M. Beeney 3, F. H. Beeney 4, B. Stepney 5, G. Beeney (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (being 660 Grandsire and 600 Plain Bob): Miss M. Carr 1, A. Grout 2, G. Berry (cond.) 3, T. Barrett 4, H. Oglesby 5, P. Shepherd 6. First quarter by 1, 5 and 6. Rung for harvest festival morning service.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Fidler 1, P. Jackson (14) 2, M. Orme 3, K. C. Timbury 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5, P. Meyhew 6. Rung on the back six for harvest festival.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 9th, 1,280 Spliced Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major (15 changes of method): S. Penfold 1, D. W. Beard 2, A. J. Salisbury 3, C. Smith 4, D. M. Salisbury 5, A. House 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

KING'S BROMLEY, STAFFS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Evans 1, Miss M. A. Ward 2, E. Edgington 3, J. Fox 4, J. R. Joyner (cond.) 5, C. A. Brass 6. For harvest festival.

KINGSBURY, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. G. Lane 1, T. Smith 2, R. L. Nutt 3, G. H. Lane (cond.) 4, D. K. Lane 5. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Joseph Gilliver, for many years a ringer at this church.

LANE END, BUCKS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. Hagger 1, W. Woodward 2, K. Seymour 3, S. Smith 4, R. Wright 5, W. Avery (cond.) 6. Rung for the dedication festival. Also on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor, conducted by K. Seymour. For harvest thanksgiving service.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. W. Powell 1, H. Arscott 2, Mrs. C. W. Powell 3, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 4, W. H. Poole 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, H. G. Keeley 7, A. E. Whitemore 8. For evening service.

MICKLETON, GLOS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Fairfax (first quarter) 1, R. F. Kibblewhite 2, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 3, R. Bowld 4, J. R. Niblett 5, D. Clark (first quarter) 6, A. H. Wright 7, F. G. Kinchin 8. Rung, with 4, 6, 8 covering, for harvest festival Evensong.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Gale 1, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith (cond.) 2, C. Tarr 3, H. G. Sparks 4, S. M. Bristow 5, W. J. Nurcombe 6, G. J. Gammon 7, R. Commins 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the English Church Music Singers to Milverton, and conducted by the musical director of the Singers (Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, F.R.C.O. (C.H.M.).

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 13th, 1,360 Plain Bob Major: Mary Worth (first quarter, aged 11) 1, J. Worth (cond.) 2, Mrs. Boumphrey 3, R. Turner 4, L. Boumphrey 5, J. W. Whittaker 6, P. Laflin 7, B. Jones 8.

OCKBROOK, DERBYS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Steen 1, E. A. G. Grime 2, P. M. Giles 3, J. S. Morrison 4, A. Mould 5, M. Bailey (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Juliet Godfrey Grime (sister of the ringer of the second) and Mr. John Michel McKellan.

OLDHAM, LANCS.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. T. Light 1, F. Pritchard 2, D. M. Seville (first 'inside') 3, A. Gilmour 4, J. T. Walmsley 5, D. Sanderson (cond.) 6, T. B. Hartley 7 (covering). First quarter of Minor for 1, 4 and 5. Rung as a welcome home from the Forces for D. M. Seville.

OLD HEADINGTON, OXFORD.—On Sept 18th, 1,260 Doubles (Reverse Canterbury, Plain Bob, Grandside and April Day): R. Gallop 1, D. Simms (first in four methods) 2, J. Cruickshank 3, R. Trebilcock 4, T. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Brown 6. Rung for the 25th birthday of H.R.H. Princess Margaret. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Dart (first of Minor) 1, R. Gallop 2, D. Simms 2, V. Green 4, R. Trebilcock 5, T. Smith (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (comprising Grandsire, Plain Bob, Old, Reverse Canterbury, Reverse St. Bartholomew and April Day): R. Gallop 1, J. Cruickshank 2, R. Trebilcock (cond.) 3, V. Green 4, T. Smith 5, R. Brown 6. First in six methods for 1 and 2. For harvest festival.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Melton (first quarter) 1, L. Pierce 2, H. King 3, E. Bishop 4, K. Brown (cond.) 5. Rung for the christening of Maureen June Tipple, granddaughter of the 2nd ringer.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: W. Smart (first of Minor) 1, Miss K. Ballard (first 'inside') 2, J. Booth 3, P. Foster 4, K. Sheldon (first of Minor) 5, W. A. Yates (cond.) 6. For harvest thanksgiving.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 19th, at the Church of St. John, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rose (cond.) 1, Ruth Morgan 2, J. Haw 3, H. Goakes 4, G. Bush 5, W. Barker 6, J. Bluff 7, G. Cowlin 8. Rung for Battle of Britain Sunday. Also on Oct. 13th, a quarter peal of Plain Bob Major: Ruth Morgan 1, W. Rose 2, D. Bell 3, G. Bush 4, H. Goakes 5, W. Barker 6, J. Haw 7, J. Bluff (cond.) 8. A farewell to D. Bell, who is leaving Peterborough.

RAMSGATE, KENT.—On Oct. 17th, at St. Laurence-in-Thanet, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Woodfield (first quarter) 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, R. Shepherd (first of Triples) 3, T. W. Edwards 4, G. C. Durham 5, S. J. Gee 6, A. E. Jarman (cond.) 7, R. S. Weekes 8. Rung as a compliment to ringers of the 2nd and 7th on their wedding anniversaries, and as a 16th birthday compliment to ringer of the 5th.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Doubles (240 each of New, Winchendon, Grandsire (Pitman's), Plain, St. Nicholas' and St. Simon's): A. Walpole 1, J. Forder 2, G. Walpole 3, H. W. Barrett 4, E. Long (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

ROADE, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (Old, April Day, All Saints', Canterbury and Plain Bob): W. Richardson 1, S. Swannell 2, H. Curtis 3, A. Cozens 4, T. Osborne (cond.) 5. For harvest festival.

QUARTER PEALS

ROSS-ON-WYE, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: Mrs. Beavan 1, J. J. Webb 2, Josephine Green 3, Mollie Tilbury 4, P. G. Morgan 5, A. T. Poulton 6, R. T. Jones (cond.) 7, G. G. Jones 8. For harvest festival.

ROYDON, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss F. Bowsell 1, S. Frost 2, W. Sams (cond.) 3, F. Wright 4, A. Livings 5, J. Frost 6. Rung for harvest festival and also for the christening of the grandson of the ringer of the 5th.

RUGELEY, STAFFS.—On Sept. 9th, 1,260 Doubles (60 of Erin, one extent each of New, Huntspill, St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Martin's, Winchendon, Plain Bob. Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Stedman): R. Chicken 1, I. Oram 2, J. Waters 3, J. Schofield 4, J. Joyner (cond.) 5, B. Vine 6. First in 11 methods by all except the conductor.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.—On Oct. 8th, at St. Michael's Church, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. B. Hall (first quarter) 1, J. Colley 2, A. E. G. Owen 3, P. J. Evans 4, R. F. Davies (cond.) 5, B. Onions 6. Rung for the opening of the new Parish Hall by the Bishop of Lichfield.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Miss J. Goodier 1, Miss S. Wickenden 2, Miss J. Adamson 3, B. T. Lister 4, Mrs. W. Butler 5, J. C. Birt 6, W. Birmingham (cond.) 7, A. D. Rivers 8. First quarter of Bob Triples for 1, 2, 3 and 4. For harvest festival.

STEPNEY, E.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. C. Malden (first of Minor) 1, W. A. Hughes 2, T. G. Fox 3, H. W. Weedon (first of Minor 'inside') 4, A. F. Lewry 5, L. J. Fox (cond.) 6. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. F. Furniaux. Mr. Furniaux is a member of the local band.

TENBY, PEMBROKES.—On Oct. 7th, 1,296 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Lewis 1, A. Walters 2, E. Williams 3, J. Webb 4, M. Jenkins 5, H. Jenkins (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss Webb, daughter of Mr. Jack Webb.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. R. Young 1, R. O. Fry (cond.) 2, Miss A. Stephens 3, Miss J. M. Midgley 4, J. R. Hobbs 5, A. F. Lee 6, R. A. Southwood 7, T. J. Milsom 8. The first quarter on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. For Evensong.

TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. A. Packham 1, K. C. Knight 2, Stella M. Wickens (cond.) 3, F. F. Godsmark 4, P. F. Romney 5. Rung for the induction of the Rev. Basil W. Hazeldine, M.A., as Rector of the parish.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Denson 1, V. Chamberlain 2, G. E. Crisp 3, N. Robinson 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For harvest festival.

WINDSOR CASTLE, BERKS.—On Oct. 11th, at the Curfew Tower, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Renn 1, W. F. Butler 2, K. Buckingham 3, H. Douglas 4, W. Birmingham (cond.) 5, J. Brooks 6, A. J. Glass 7, J. Paynter 8. A farewell to L/Cpl. H. Douglas, R.H.G., on his leaving Windsor after completion of his National Service.

WINSLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Gibbard 1, F. Gregory (cond.) 2, F. Bull 3, J. Hall 4, H. France 5, R. Saunders 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. E. Morgan 1, E. Thomas 2, M. Hendy 3, T. T. Walters 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, V. Cater 6. Rung to mark the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Scudamore, also as a farewell to Mr. T. T. Walters, who is leaving to take up a post in Australia.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss S. Rudkin (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Simms 2, W. S. Butler 3, B. Crook (first 'inside') 4, C. Burton 5, J. Warner 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. For harvest festival.

IRISH ASSOCIATION

When the Eastern District met at St. Mary's, Blessington, Co. Wicklow, on October 8th, there were present a parson, a doctor and an undertaker. The suggested reason, writes our correspondent, is that Blessington bells are about the most difficult in Ireland to handle. The tenor bell 'gives up the ghost' after a few minutes' ringing or at least the ringer does. The trio must have been disappointed at not 'doing any business.' Members always look forward to visiting this church (there were 30 present) and seeing how long the ringer of the tenor can last the pace. Ringing on the six bells included call changes, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles.

On the following day the ringers of St. John's Augustinian Church, Dublin, visited Wexford to help the recently formed new team ring the 10 bells (tenor 32 cwt.) at the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Good progress is reported.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

The Kington District held the autumn meeting at Presteigne. Ringing on the eight bells commenced at 3.30, and the service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. G. Benson, himself a ringer. Tea was provided in the nearby Church Hall, prepared by ringers' wives and friends.

At the business meeting the secretary reported three monthly practices since the last meeting had been fairly well attended. Monthly practices were fixed and also the annual meeting to be held at Staunton-on-Arrow on January 7th.

Ringing was carried on till 8.30 in Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, of Twickenham, who conducts the English Church Music Singers, has in his choir two ringers, apart from himself. When they give a choral recital in a church they endeavour to ring with local ringers either before or after the recital. At Milverton, Somerset, Dr. Neal Smith conducted a quarter peal previous to the recital.

Mr. E. T. P. Field has rung in 300 towers in Somerset. He has just over 30 more to visit.

Our correspondent at St. Luke's, Bromley Common, has written telling us of a 'promising youngster' in his tower. He is Mr. G. Kite, who rang in the congratulatory quarter on his 87th birthday.

Mr. Tom Cox, of Middlesbrough, has never entertained the idea of ringing a peal of Minor, but on meeting short at Ormesby he thoroughly enjoyed his first of Minor and gave a beginner a chance of his first peal 'inside.'

During the week's evangelistic mission at Liss, Hants, the local band rang the bells each evening. A quarter peal on the last Sunday evening unfortunately came to grief, but, writes our correspondent, 'the spirit of service to God and His Church was uppermost in the minds of the ringers.'

It is customary to ring the bells of Cardington Parish Church half-muffled for the R 101 memorial service, and this year, the 25th anniversary of the airship disaster, was no exception. Due to a late start it was not possible to ring a quarter peal as had been intended, and so the composition was shortened to 1,119 changes of Grandsire Triples, and rung by the following band: E. Izzard 1, Miss Joan Fuller 2, Miss Evelyn Steel 3, R. A. Ward 4, R. W. Stephens 5, J. B. Long 6, B. Pattison (conductor) 7, D. Bridges 8.

Mr. Roger O. Fry is proud of the band he has been training at Twerton-on-Avon, his home tower, on their first peal on the bells since rehanging. With the exception of Miss Audrey Stephens, of Ebbw Vale, who is at a training college at Bath, and Mr. Leslie Taylor, of Corston, they are all members of the Sunday service band.

The peal at Medbourne, Leics, on October 15th, is believed to be the first peal on the bells since their augmentation to six, although there have been at least three previous attempts. After the peal the band were entertained to tea by the Vicar.

The quarter peal of Spliced Surprise Major rung at Leatherhead was rung as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Smart, a respected member of the local band. He still regularly cycles to work and rings 'inside' to Surprise Royal and Major.

In connection with the 25th anniversary of the opening of Godalming County Grammar School on October 17th the bells of the Parish Church were rung before and after the service by a band of past and present pupils of the school drawn from Haslemere, Chiddingfold and S. Nicolas', Guildford. The ladies are complimented upon their ringing of this heavy and somewhat tricky octave

Hampshire, as the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead has pointed out in one of his most interesting articles, has a number of unconquered five-bell towers. An attempt was made at one of these on October 9th by a band with a specially imported 'Gunty Waller' (heavy-bell ringer), but after the first quarter he declared that he had done enough hard work for the day, and rushed off to add two more towers to his already gigantic list. However, it is anticipated that another attempt will be made when the cold weather arrives.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

The New Bishop Speaks of the Virtues of Ringing

THE first annual dinner during the episcopacy of the Right Rev. Gerald Ellison, Bishop of Chester, on October 8th, was marked by a record attendance of some 130 persons drawn from practically all parts of the widespread diocese. The capacity of Bolland's was taxed to the utmost but, nevertheless, the caterers provided an excellent meal.

After the loyal toast there was a short interval and then the proceedings began with a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells followed by the toast of 'The Guild' proposed by the Lord Bishop. He said he spoke with great trepidation in the presence of such an assembly, many of whom had rung numbers of peals running into three figures and in various methods, as his only peal was one of Grandsire Doubles. Peals on bells were essentially English and we should glory in this and delight in taking part in something which is part of our national heritage.

The art of ringing required the gifts of the power to take trouble, of concentration, of learning to overcome something which is completely incomprehensible and of self-discipline. One needed to mould self and mind into those of other people. It demanded self-discipline of the mind to overcome mathematical combinations and immense concentration to perform these. All these were taught in the tower.

INTELLECTUAL MORONS

To-day life was rapidly depriving them of chances to practise the arts. Entertainment today was becoming static: just watching or listening instead of practising things for themselves. 'We are becoming a race of intellectual morons who do not create anything for themselves and, therefore, do not know the need for emotional self-discipline and do not know the inward peace and satisfaction which conquering a thing can bring. Our craft is not only something which should be valued for its high purpose and place in our national life but because it represents something which is best in man's life. It would be a sad day if ever it became a dying art.

'We see to-day attempts to recreate the old arts and crafts and how they so often become the province of the long-haired dilettante. Ringing is not a dying art but a flourishing and living art, but there is always the possibility that people will not be prepared to take the necessary trouble and to submit to the discipline needed if the art of ringing is to continue. Ringers have a great contribution to make to the national life by teaching and holding up before young people's eyes in particular, the need for these qualities.'

The Bishop concluded by quoting some lines from Miss Dorothy Sayers' novel, 'The Nine Tailors': 'In this world so many people make noise, why should anyone object to the one noise made to the glory of God?'

A RINGING DEAN

The Master of the Guild, Mr. J. W. Clarke, in his reply, said how delighted they were to have the Lord Bishop and his wife with them, and wished them much happiness in Chester. He (the Lord Bishop) was the fifth president the Guild had had in its lifetime but he was the first ringing president. He had recently been moved to investigate how many ringing clergy there had been at the Cathedral, and the first one he could trace was the Dean of 1733, who was so energetic that he could raise the great bell of the Cathedral by himself. In 1738 the record had it that the tenor was cracked, but whether the Dean had anything to do with it they did not know. The only other Cathedral dignitary who had any connection with ringing was the present Archdeacon of Chester, the Ven. R. V. H. Burne, who once rang a six-score of Doubles and who, in his own words, 'took up bellringing and was in turn taken up by the bell,' whereupon his enthusiasm abated and he turned to water-colour painting as a hobby.

It was 68 years since the Guild was formed and it had never fallen below a high standard because there had always been in the Guild people who were prepared to work and give time to the study of the art and to help other people. All the way through their history there had been someone who had done a great deal of work for the Guild. The present officers all worked hard and in the branches the Guild had enthusiastic officials. With all due modesty, Mr. Clarke went on, the Guild could claim to be, as the Editor of 'The Ringing World' put it a few years ago, in the forefront of the Exercise.

The hon. secretary of the Guild, the Rev. J. Kingdon, proposed the toast of 'The Ladies' and dwelt upon their value, particularly in the tower. To those who disliked climbing spiral staircases he strongly recommended the adoption of the mode of access to the ringing room as at St. Mary-within-the-Walls, Chester, his own church. Two ladders set perpendicularly in a well and at halfway one changes over from one to the other. He felt this was admirable and cited the fact that he had many lady ringers as proof of his statement.

Mrs. C. K. Lewis, in her reply, said that, like the prima donna of the story, this must positively be her last appearance as a speech-maker and she thanked the proposer for his tributes to the ladies. She was gratified to learn they were so much appreciated, since when a new method or composition was being learned they sometimes felt that they became part of the furniture. They were glad to play their part in the advancement of the Guild and the Exercise, some in the tower, others who with John Milton could say, 'They also serve who only stand and wait.'

RISING SPIRITUAL WAVE

The toast of 'The Clergy' was thoughtfully proposed by Mr. C. W. Lawton, who said that he felt that just as in the material world we suffered booms and slumps so in the realms of spiritual matters. He thought we were at the beginning of a rising wave spiritually, and this was due to the devoted ministry of the clergy during the years of spiritual slump, when so many ears are completely closed to the message. The clergyman seldom saw much return for all his efforts and he was called upon to give out much nervous energy in the service of his fellow man. A few years ago it was felt that if the environment were put right then all would be well but they were learning that this was not quite the case. In the Guild they had always had priests who had served them well in office—to mention only one or two, the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Canon C. A. Pearson and the present general secretary—and they looked forward to the future optimistically.

In his reply, the Vicar of Frodsham, the Rev. G. H. L. Green, a newcomer to the diocese, said that the bells helped the priest in the task of proclaiming to the world the message of the Gospel. He referred to the large number of towers in his native Herefordshire which were separated from the church and said he had come to the conclusion that this was to enable the ringers to escape without attending the service for which they had rung. Ringers were skilled people but he appealed to them not to let the pursuit of ringing become the end as it could so easily do.

During the evening tunes were rung on handbells by members of Christ Church, Macclesfield, there were vocal items by Mr. N. A. Parry and Mr. H. Thomas, with assistance from the Allman brothers, and change ringing by members drawn from three branches of the Guild. The final item, before the National Anthem closed the proceedings at 10.45, was an attempt to ring and walk a course of Grandsire Triples by eight members of the Guild, who have all rung a peal going into five figures.

They failed to reach farther than the second lead-head and even that required two attempts. The effect on the audience was remarkable, and the Lord Bishop was heard to say afterwards that he felt like giving them a hand as he felt sure he could have gone into the hunt!

C. L.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Wolstanton ringers are very happy to have with them Miss Phyllis J. Holborn. It is hoped that she will fill the place vacated by Miss Shelagh Collins, who has left the district.

The person responsible for publishing the peal rung at Wolborough on August 18th apologises to the band for the delay in submitting the report.

London County Association members rang a quarter peal of Stedman Triples at Barkingside as a special compliment to the Rev. A. C. Comer-Stone, M.A., who had just been appointed Honorary Canon of Chelmsford Cathedral.

The bells of St. Mary's, Portsea, will be heard in the 'Faith in the West' programme from the West Regional transmitter, to-night (Friday, October 28th) at 7.45 p.m., featuring 'The History of St. Mary's, Portsea.'

Two of Headington's (Oxford) ringers have been demobilised from the R.A.F.—Gordon Collett and David Simms. Malcolm Stone, another Headington ringer, is still in the R.A.F., serving in the Middle East.

The Dean of Windsor graciously permitted a quarter peal to be rung on the bells of the Curfew Tower, Windsor Castle, as a farewell to L.-Cpl. Harry Douglas, Royal Horse Guards, on his demobilisation. During the 19 months he has been in Windsor Harry has endeared himself to local ringers. He returns to his own tower, Malin's Lee, Salop.

At Hardingstone, Northants, where he rang his first peal 31 years ago, Mr. P. Amos gave a talk on bells to the Men's Society on October 18th. The address was illustrated by slides loaned by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Hardingstone is appealing for funds to restore its tower and to recast the second of its five bells, which is cracked.

The quarter peal at Hornchurch on October 9th was very much a farewell, for as it rang out for Matins it carried with it the best wishes of the band to Miss M. Rankin, who is taking up residence at Leicester University, to Miss V. Eaton, who goes to Edinburgh University, and to Mr. D. M. Salisbury, who has entered a training College in London, all of the local band. The band also extended its best wishes to Mr. D. W. Beard, a very great friend, who is taking up an appointment in Gloucester.

CORRECTIONS

In the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Gilmorton on September 28th the treble was rung by Mrs. B. G. Warwick and the second by Brian G. Warwick. The time should read two hours and 36 minutes and not two hours and 49 minutes (see page 659).

In the peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Welford on September 10th the second was rung by Peter R. Johnson and the third by Mrs. B. G. Warwick (see page 659).

We regret in the caption to one of the pictures of 'Bells for the Army in Korea' (page 668) the weight of the tenor was wrongly given. It is only about 20 lb.

GUILDFORD GUILD DINNER

Visiting Peal Ringers' Responsibility Towards Ropes

GREETINGS of good wishes for a happy gathering were read from three Guilds (Yorkshire, Kent and Coventry) holding their dinners the same evening, at the Guildford Diocesan Guild dinner commemorating the name of John S. Goldsmith, at the Lion Hotel, Guildford, on October 15th. The popularity of this dinner increases year by year, thanks to the enthusiasm of the organising committee—Messrs. C. W. Denyer, W. Viggers and Dick Mills (hon. secretary). This year late applications for tickets had to be refused.

The Ven. G. B. Smith, the new Archdeacon of Surrey, presided and he was accompanied by Mrs. Smith. Supporting him was the Master of the Guild (Mr. A. Harman) and Mrs. Harman and, as in previous years, they kindly provided flowers for the table decorations. Mr. Sydney Joyce was the toastmaster.

Mr. F. E. Collins, past master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, was selected to propose 'The memory of John S. Goldsmith and the continued prosperity of the Guildford Diocesan Guild.' He said he knew of John Goldsmith before he had the privilege of meeting him, as when a youngster his ringing master often spoke of Jack Goldsmith. When he met him he found that all the praise he had heard was justly deserved. He was an excellent ringer, a good conductor, a composer and a gentleman—witty and humorous. Many ringers who had these merits had passed on. With Jack Goldsmith they had a continued reminder week by week of his services to ringing. He founded 'The Ringing World' in 1911 and he maintained the publication despite many difficulties until his death in 1942. Fortunately the paper had lived after him and he sincerely hoped that as long as there were bells and ringers it would continue to be published as a permanent memorial to him.

About 27 years ago the division of the Winchester Diocese took place and those ringers in the Guildford area of the diocese decided to form their own Guild. Jack Goldsmith was one of the pioneers in those early days and there was no doubt that much of the Guildford Guild's success was due to him. Since then the Guild had never looked back and it was up to the young members present to see that it continued to flourish. Young people should realise that 'time marches on' and the Guild would soon be their responsibility, and by their work and enthusiasm the Guild would continue to flourish for all time.

A touch of Grandsire Caters was rung by A. H. Pulling, Mrs. Gillian Parsons, Jack R. Worrall, Harry Poyner and T. Mark White.

The toast was formally acknowledged by Mr. C. W. Denyer, a vice-president of the Guild. 'We are all grateful to the memory of his life,' he said.

Mr. A. P. Cannon, proposing the toast of 'The Church and the Ringing Exercise,' said that evening four other ringing dinners were being held—the Snowdon at Leeds, the Kent County Association, the Coventry Diocesan Guild and the Essex Association. Dr. Hatcher, the secretary of the Kent County Association, had suggested that they should send greetings to each other and it was with pleasure that he acknowledged messages of good wishes from the Snowdon dinner, the Kent County Association and the Coventry Guild. He trusted their dinner secretary would acknowledge them.

Dealing with the first part of the toast, he congratulated their chairman, the new Archdeacon of Surrey, on being the first naval officer to become an archdeacon. The connection of the Services with the Church he experienced when he met the new Vicar of Betchworth, who was his commanding officer when he joined up in 1940. He was always safe in asking for those bells for a peal attempt!

He hoped that when ringers made peal attempts in towers they were visiting they would send a contribution to the local bell rope fund or church expenses. He regarded that as more important than a donation to 'The Ringing World' for a peal or quarter peal.

Some people did not like ringing being referred to as 'the Exercise'—but it was an exercise when one got on the back end. He would emphasise, however, that no one could ring the tenor to a peal unless he had seven, five or four other ringers in the peal, and one could not do much on the tenor unless the light bells were rung properly.

Unfortunately for ringing to-day they met too frequent references to the word 'apathy.' If apathy was allowed to come in there was a danger of their ringing deteriorating and already the standard of ringing and peals was lower to-day. The trouble was that there were many ringers who placed ringing second place to other things. Meetings in many areas were not being attended as they should be, and without regular practising their Sunday ringing, which was their duty, would suffer. He would remind young ringers that many of the friendships made in the belfry existed right through life. He would like to see a little more enthusiasm as Mr. Pulling showed 20, 30 and 40 years ago. He was one of the leading lights of ringing of all time, and they ought to be very proud that he was a resident member of the Guildford Guild.

The Archdeacon, in reply, said when they drank the toast of 'The Church' they thought of the Church of England, the Anglican Communion, and it was a great privilege to belong to that Church. If they read the history of the Church they would realise how wonderfully God had led His family through many vicissitudes.

Strange things had been happening in this diocese with a retired Lieutenant-Commander becoming the Bishop of Lancaster and now a retired Captain had been made an Archdeacon. He thought his brother clergy would say, 'It is a good thing if it did not happen very often.'

The Exercise of ringers reminded him when as an elderly curate he visited a ringer. His church did not have proper bells so this bell-ringer went to a church over the border. He (the Archdeacon) asked him if they had a good choir. He replied he did not know as he had to go to the 'local' afterwards as he had taken so much exercise that he needed a rest! The Archdeacon said he thought that was unique in these days.

The ringing of bells was very important to the Church because it was through their work that she spoke to the people outside, calling them to God. Their bells conveyed good news and bad, and one of his earliest memories was the ringing of the bells of Cambridge to announce the relief of Mafeking. Those bells expressed all the relief they felt.

The toast of 'The Ladies' was submitted in a humorous and witty manner by Mr. H. A. Cole. Miss Beth Ealand replied and said one of her earliest memories was Farnham bells.

The entertainment was, as usual, of a high standard, those contributing being Miss Bertha Hann (soprano), Mr. Leonard Starling ('cello), Dr. Walter Wright, Mr. Harold Cole and the Farnham District Glee Singers with their topical verse, and Miss Beth Ealand (accompanist).

THE COMPANY

The company included Mr. A. J. Adams, Miss K. Avenell, Mr. W. A. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barlow, Mr. A. C. and Mr. C. J. Beadle, Mr. and Mrs. P. Bevan, Mr. Brackley, Mr. F. Brady, Major E. J. Bragg, Miss A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. Brown, Miss M. Butter, Mr. A. P. Cannon, Miss M. Cass, Mr. F. Cherryman, Miss S. Corke, Mr. E. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cole, Miss M. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. R. Collins, Miss A. Cox.

The Rev. T. H. and Mrs. Dart, Miss M. Davey, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Denyer, Mr. W. Denyer, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dodson, Miss E. Dopson, Miss H. Draper, Mr. and Mrs. W. Enticknap, Mr. G. Enticknap, Mr. P. Eveleigh, Miss B. Ealand, Miss A. Fisher, Miss A. Goodchild, Miss M. Green, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Grover, Mrs. Gurr.

Mr. B. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. F. Hall, Miss B. Hann, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Haynes, Mrs. Head, Mr. J. Hickox, Miss E. Hiley, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hills, Miss M. Hirst, Mr. and Mrs. A. Holden, Miss R. Holden, Mr. and Mrs J. Horsman, Mr A. C. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hunter, Mr. A. E. Hunter, Mr. H. Hutton, Mr. C. Hopper.

Mr. W. Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Joyce, Mr. S. Kimber, Mr. and Mrs. J. King, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury, Mr. H. Legg, Miss M. Lewis, Mr. D. MacPherson, Mrs. J. McDavitt, Mr. and Mrs. W. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. S. Meadows, the Rev. J. Melhuish, Miss H. F. Mills, Miss J. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mills, Mr. F. Milne, Miss B. Monk, Miss S. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Newton, Mr. North.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. G. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. T. Page, Mr. and Mrs. R. Parsons, Mr. H. Poyner, Mr. and Mrs. Price, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, Mr. D. Purcell, Mr. A. Roberts, Miss H. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schupke, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sherwood, Miss S., Mr. B., Mr. P. Sherwood, Miss J. Short, Miss W. Short, Mr. J. Sims, Miss A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. C. E. Smith, the Ven. G. B. and Mrs. Smith, Miss E. Smith, Mr. L. H. Starling, Miss E. Street, Rev. G. Street.

Miss D. Taylor, Miss A. Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. S. Thornton, Mr. G. Talbot, Miss R. Tinglin, Miss E. Turner, Mr. K. Treweek, Mr. A. Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. W. Viggers, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wells, Mr. E. J. Wells, Miss M. and Miss A. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. R. Whelpton, Mrs. V. Welton, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. White, Mr. T. W. White, Miss J. Whitford, Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Wilds, Mr. K. Williamson, Mr. J. Worrall, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wren, Dr. and Mrs. W. Wright.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Southern District

The October meeting was held at St. Mary's, Barnard Castle. The tower of this 12th century church was added in the 19th century; a framed document in the ringing chamber dated 1823 states that the bells, having a total weight of 72 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb., cost 1s. 3d. per lb.

The meeting attracted ringers from Middlesbrough, Bishop Auckland, Hurworth-on-Tees, Richmond and Darlington. The Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Webster, B.D.) conducted a short service and spoke of the recent televising of his harvest festival and of the many letters of appreciation he had received from viewers all over Great Britain. The service was accompanied by a young Richmond ringer, Malcolm Hammond.

At the business meeting it was stated that in future the meetings would be held in the last week of the month to avoid clashes with other Districts. The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Darlington, on November 26th.

F. W. C.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOATRACE DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—Although I have no desire to poke my oar into the Oxford v. Cambridge argument about 'Boatrace Delight,' may I point out that if the method is really Morning Exercise, as the correspondence says, then far from being 'unestablished' (as one correspondent implies), both the method and its name are over two centuries old; that the word 'illegal' (as dubbed by another) is tactless terminology and that if 'the method is not all that it should be,' neither is a great deal of other stuff apparently rung and recognised at the present time!

It was also interesting to note that two correspondents described Rossendale Surprise (Immanuel) as Woodbine and London, an example, may I humbly suggest, of tactful terminology. —Yours sincerely,

H. CHANT.

Wakefield.

OLDHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—Having been stationed in Oldham for a period of four years and a member of the Parish Church ringers during that time, I was most pleased to read R. H. Dove's letter in defence of these bells.

Although perhaps having more than a 'sneaking regard' for them, I agree wholeheartedly with all that 'R. H.' writes. All the bells are comfortably audible in the ringing chamber, but I admit that they do require 'handling' and cannot be classed as 'learner's' bells.

I personally found great satisfaction in having rung a well-struck touch or peal on them because a little added zest and determination is required by all the band. Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 are on the top tier with some 85ft. of rope, Nos. 3, 6, 7, 9 and 10 on the middle tier with 8, 11 and that beautiful tenor (35 cwt. 4 lb. official) on the bottom tier.

For extra pleasure go to Oldham and handle your bell like a ringer.—Yours sincerely,

P. TOCOCK, R.Q.M.S.

4 R. Tks., B.A.O.R. 30.

PEAL RINGING IN SOMERSET

Dear Sir,—I must apologise for one or two mistakes in my article on Somerset which several correspondents have kindly pointed out to me and which I hasten to correct. Although appearing in their proper category in my records, for some reason I can't quite understand I included Chilcompton, Marston Bigott and Carhampton among the eight-bell towers when actually, of course, they are 6's.

Mr. Horseman is also quite correct in mentioning the omission of Nailsea. On my list it appears with 17 peals, and I am sorry that the recent excellent work in that tower was overlooked for some unknown reason. Perhaps it was because I wrote the article somewhat in haste before going on holiday!—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

Dear Sir,—I note that in his excellent series of articles on peal ringing in the various counties, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead credits Bath Abbey with a peal in 1919 in addition to the peals there in 1906, 1947 and 1953.

I believe, though, that while a peal was claimed during 1919, it was later withdrawn by the conductor. There is certainly no mention of it in the Association peal records.—Yours faithfully,

R. O. FRY.

Bath.

PROTEST FROM WIVENHOE

Dear Sir,—In 'The Essex County Standard' the following letter interested and amused me somewhat. I thought ringers up and down the country might also feel as I did. It reads:—

'BEDLAM OF THE BELLS'

'One of the marvels of this age must surely be that, while motor-cycles and wireless sets have to be kept below a certain noise level, nobody ever seems to complain about the infernal bedlam that periodically emerges from countless belfries all over the country.

'That it is still permissible for groups of infantile-minded individuals to band together and shatter the peace and often the slumbers of the rest of the community with their noisy exhibitionism is something to be wondered at, yet there it is, week after week, these people clatter their bells, and even go to the extent of having a "practice" night. Why, even a five-year-old with a drum doesn't need practice to raise hell. — Signed J. Halliwell, Falcon Hotel, Wivenhoe.'

Yours, etc.,

DOUGLAS C. BARTHOLOMEW.

Rickmansworth, Herts.

STOWMARKET TENOR

Dear Sir,—A peal of Bob Major was rung on the bells of Stowmarket Church on Tuesday, October 11th, in which Miss Hilda Snowden rang the tenor. It was discussed in the belfry and the suggestion made that she was the first lady to turn the tenor in to a peal. Could you please let us know if this is correct? —Yours faithfully,

CLAUDE SNOWDEN.

Stowmarket, Suffolk.

WHERE 'THE RINGING WORLD' IS APPRECIATED

Dear Sir, — Being somewhat far removed from the ringing scene of the homeland, but in contact with the Exercise through 'The Ringing World,' I am able to see the state of things at home in perhaps a different light than my fortunate brethren in the U.K.

To wit: 'Distance makes the heart grow fonder'—and the arrival of 'our journal' over here causes much excitement and attention for the writer at the time and after. As my mail takes at least eight days to arrive, I am able to digest past editions of 'The Ringing World' more than if I were at home; the result is that every article is read and re-read dozens of times until I know them from memory.

Some of my observations as the result of this concentrated reading are these:—

That the front page articles have become more colourful and interesting and carry more weight; the letters you sometimes receive following them prove this. I also note that more ringers are entering into the field of campanological journalism, and I think this to be a healthy sign for progressive thinking and ringing. Further, this shows that there is an increased number of ringers who are not content to have their own thoughts expressed for them by the few, but are launching out and doing it for themselves and to these I offer my hearty congratulations.

Regarding the latest issues (August and September), I read with enthusiasm the accounts of various tours and outings undertaken by our members and they are very entertaining, but I wonder if in the future they will perhaps try a selection of towers with bad going bells for a change—there are many. I quite agree with an organiser's point of view—that good going bells are a joy to ring—but here surely is a lack of enterprise or are ringers getting soft?—Yours very sincerely,

PETER MINCHIN.

Korea.

PEAL RINGING IN SHROPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—In congratulating the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead upon his indefatigable and successful accomplishment of such an enormous amount of invaluable statistical work, may I correct the impression given in his abovementioned article that the first peal in Shropshire was rung at Oswestry in 1731.

The first, one of Grandsire Triples, was, in fact, rung at Ellesmere (my mother tower) on February 4th, 1730, in 3 hours and 5 minutes, and is clearly recorded on a very well-preserved board in the ringing room there. It is not known how the first peal came to be rung in this rather out-of-the-way part of the county—only some 15 years after the earliest in the country—but all the eight ringers' surnames are well-known local ones and researches by the present Vicar, the Rev. G. S. Lloyd, M.A., and Mr. W. A. Farmer, formerly of Shrewsbury, indicate that they were all local men, one of them being the parish clerk of the time.

The next known peal, also Grandsire, was rung in 1894 and this was followed, 26 years later, by one of Kent Treble Bob Major. There have been, in all, 11 peals, mostly Stedman, and, in living memory, some six unsuccessful attempts only on this ancient Rudhall octave, probably the oldest in the county.

Inscriptions on the present bells reveal that three were cast in 1727, four in 1768 and the tenor (21 cwt. in E) recast in 1799. They were rehung and quarter-turned by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1894 and again more recently in 1953, their 'go' now being excellent, and these bells still hang in the original old oak frame, now strengthened by Mears, on which the date 1712 is carved. The church—built by the Knights Hospitaller of St. John—was restored and enlarged in 1849, and the spacious, central tower is supported by Norman arches.

A further unusually interesting feature of the ringing history at this tower is that twice during the past generation a local band has taught itself change ringing here. Just after World War I., led by my father, we taught ourselves, beginning, for some reason, with Stedman and Erin, and each member became a peal ringer and able to conduct at least a quarter peal. Due to a rigid agreement with the then established paid Sunday service call-change band, of which a few of us were also members, a unique and fantastic situation developed and existed for the next ten years or so. Excellent call-changes (without open lead) were rung on Sundays while, for practice on Mondays, equally excellent quarter peals, etc., of Stedman or Erin Triples (with open lead) were tapped off. I do not know whether this ludicrous position has ever obtained elsewhere.

During the past few years, history has repeated itself at this tower and, principally due to the dogged determination and perseverance of the leader, Mr. Arnold Whitehead, whose motto, inspired, I believe, by my late father, has always been 'No call-changes,' local ringers of varied ages have again, off their own bat, mastered the rudiments of change ringing, this time beginning with the more conventional Grandsire and Plain Bob, which are now rung regularly for services, etc. Due to removals, deaths, etc., the 78-year-old tenor ringer, Mr. W. Higginson, sen., is the only remaining member of the former band, and he still covers Grandsire regularly for the present team. — Yours sincerely,

T. R. BUTLER.

Liverpool.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND TENOR

Dear Sir,—The weight of the above bell given on page 665 of 'The Ringing World' is not correct.

The bell was cast at Whitechapel in the early 1800's and some years ago the weight was given to me as 24 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.—Yours faithfully.

U. W. WILDING.

Kirby-le-Soken.

LETTERS—Continued

HISTORY BEHIND PEAL NAMES

Dear Sir,—I would first like to thank Mr. C. Sharples, of Oswaldtwistle, for his information concerning the original name for Rossendale Surprise. It may save a false claim of first peal in the method, as it has clearly already been pealed as 'Immanuel.'

I would like to see an article compiled giving the story behind the names in the Minor Collection, for there must be interesting snippets of earlier ringing history behind them. Am I correct in thinking that those that had not been rung to a 720 and given a name when the second edition was prepared were named according to their type after a random selection of castles, abbeys, lakes and towers in certain localities? Several of these are in or around Derbyshire, e.g., Melandra, Taxal, and I should be interested in ringing lengths of them on towers in the county.

I agree up to a point with Mr. Chant in his criticisms of my previous letter. Over the matter of music in irregular Minor methods I am prepared to believe what he says when I have rung some good irregular ones, but still think that one is going to miss the familiar reassuring roll-ups with the tenors together, and have to put up with more 6–5's, if the bells do not reach the back around the lead end in the natural coursing order (true, of course, with lots of regular methods also).

The conductor will find much interest in the added difficulties of irregular methods, but while not wishing to restrict the quest for new realms, for most of us there would seem to be a largely untouched field in the way of the ones in the Collection, many of the easiest and best of which are rarely practised. I wonder how many 720's of Sandal were rung last year, or what response you would get if you suggested a course of it at an ordinary six-bell meeting where Cambridge could normally be expected.

My plea then is to see more of these methods rung and an extension of the 'Special Method' habit at meetings. A peal attempt in an unfamiliar method is still too often looked upon with suspicion, as a bit of a stunt. Why ring so many peals of Cambridge when there are Kirkstall and Burnaby just as easy and good?

I did not intend to convey in my previous letter that we need only consider ringing methods in Mr. Chant's basic list, such as dropping London out of the programme and ringing the two halves of it as York and Cunecastre in future, but that even if we restricted our quest to the neglected field of the regular methods we should not be sacrificing any of the available types of work; and when the time comes to turn to the irregular for further scope, we shall, except in conducting, still be on familiar ground. In other words, the loss till then of the irregular methods will not be so great as has sometimes been made out.

Finally, I am appalled to find that an anonymous letter under the guise of an exchange between two learners has been used as a platform for yet another attack on that much maligned body of people, the peal ringers. The suggestion is that peal bands steal the cream of other people's learners and give nothing in return. Surely if they only trained them thus in greater ringing skill it would be a benefit to their home towers—happy is the tower captain (or should be, and proud) who sees his pupil get on farther than he has done himself! But in any case I find by experience that it is the peal ringer who is the keenest ringer in all respects: Sunday ringing, the training of real beginners, tower maintenance, etc. The stay-at-homes seem the most narrow-minded and most prone to cause dissension. When the writer of the letter in question says his band has 'outgrown the fascination of peal ringing' and so rates it as an adolescent pursuit, he is casting an unwarranted slur on some of the best men (I did not say best ringers) in the Exercise, an action which I can only put down to what is usually known as 'sour grapes'! He also seems not to realise that the day of the snob band is largely past, and that if he is a trier he will receive help in getting on and the best of fellowship from the vast majority of the peal bands, and catch the enthusiasm which will stand his home tower in good stead.—Yours faithfully,

D. P. JONES.

Derby.

IMMANUEL OR ROSSENDALE

Dear Sir,—Referring again to Immanuel or Rossendale, at the time the method was put together the late Mr. Isaac Whalley, of Immanuel, Oswaldtwistle, put together Stamford and named it Lancashire. The method is Wells below the treble and Woodbine above.

The authorities changed the name to Stamford; it would have been more appropriate to have named it Lancaster and so put it in line with York, Durham, Wells, London, etc. — Yours sincerely,

C. SHARPLES.

Blackpool.

JOINT MEETING AT CROYDON

It was the turn of the Surrey Association to be hosts for the annual joint meeting of the Surrey Association (Northern District) and the Kent County Association (Lewisham District) on October 8th. The 12 bells of Croydon Parish Church proved an attraction as usual, and from 3 to 4.30 they were kept going under the direction of Mr. F. E. Collins. Their music provided a pleasant background to the noise of the shops and stalls of the busy town below.

At 4.30 evensong, conducted by the curate, was followed by an address by the Vicar, the Ven. C. F. Tonks. Both kindly joined the ringers at tea in the Church Hall. The Vicar stated that he was especially pleased to welcome visitors from Kent. For many years he had lived and worked in East Kent, and part of his heart remained there despite eight years in Surrey. He congratulated the ladies on the excellent tea provided, and the ringers on their good fellowship, which was unequalled in other church organisations.

After tea a wait was necessary whilst another service was held, and handbells were brought out to while away the time. Further tower-bell ringing then concluded a most pleasant day.

SALISBURY BRANCH MEETING

The little village of Damerham, in the county of Hampshire but the diocese of Salisbury, was a meeting place on October 15th for ringers from Southampton and Frome, besides young ladies from Cardiff and Guildford at present at the Salisbury Training College. Twenty-seven were at the service and tea, but, thanks to those who came and went, such heights as Cambridge and London were reached during the afternoon.

The Guild service was taken by the Rev. A. Phillips, an honorary member, who gave an address on the necessity of tone, tune and time, not only in bell-ringing, but in the spiritual life of the ringer.

Miss Toni Morgan, of Sarum St. Martin, was elected a ringing member, and the committee's proposal to hold the annual meeting on January 26th at St. Paul's, Salisbury, was confirmed.

The secretary reported having sent a telegram of good wishes from the branch to Miss Rosemary Marlow, of Fordingbridge, on her marriage that afternoon.

In the evening ringing continued at the neighbouring village of Martin.

HEYDOUR, 1947

The peal board commemorating the long peal of London Surprise rung at Heydour, in Lincolnshire, was dedicated last week.

After eight years, memories of that day are disjointed, but those of the red and gold of the creeper on the house which stands close to the church, and the haws in the hedges, still glow. On the other hand, the mundane details of transport to the out-of-the-way hamlet would have been quite forgotten but for the fortuitous finding of an old letter in a schoolgirl hand saying, 'Dad is going to run us to Sleaford to catch a bus for Heydour at 10.30 a.m.' By such methods a collection of wives, friends and ringers from quite long distances began to gather an hour or so after the start of the peal.

Memory or imagination would have supplied the cups of tea which were demanded and provided outside the churchyard gate at the end of the peal, but the same letter tells of the means by which it was done. 'Mrs. Richardson,' it says, 'is sending "the thing"—(her thermos urn)—that she makes it in.'

There is a chill even about warm days in October that makes sitting on a tree trunk uncomfortable after any length of time, and those of us who had the success of the peal very much at heart found it doubly so. I clearly remember thinking in all seriousness, 'So this is what an expectant father experiences.'

The sound of Heydour bells is soon lost because of the dip in which the church stands, and an attempt at a brisk walk was almost immediately abandoned for fear that the bells had stopped. We returned to the church and confined our walk to the village school playground, there besieging Harry Withers, the umpire, in his broad black hat and square-toed boots for information and approbation.

In fact those boots, autumn days, overwhelming anxiety and the Master of the Lincoln Guild drinking tea afterwards are for me inextricably mingled with memories of the long peal at Heydour. M. M. C.

GOLDEN WEDDING AT EDGBASTON

On Wednesday, October 12th, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney W. Freemantle, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Sidney, as he is affectionately known, has been a parish clerk and beadle at Edgbaston Old Church for the past 47 years, during which time, by his genial manner, he has endeared himself to everybody, and more especially to ringers. Before his marriage, Sidney served for a number of years in the Royal Navy; he eventually had to leave to succeed his father as verger at St. Mark's, Woolston, Southampton, at which church he and Mrs. Freemantle were married. The Vicar of this church was the Rev. Mansfield Owen, and on his appointment as Vicar of Edgbaston he took Sidney with him, where he has remained ever since.

On the evening of their golden wedding anniversary a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted, but this unfortunately came to grief after three-quarters of an hour's good ringing. However, on the following Sunday, the local ringers decided to show their appreciation by making a presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Freemantle of a very nice 'Woodmet' tray in gold colour, and wishing them many more years of good health and happiness together, to which Sidney suitably replied.

Associated with this presentation was a former Ringing Master, Mr. D. T. Matkin, now of Bournemouth, and also Edgbaston's latest recruit, Mrs. B. M. W. Dobbie, a prominent Birmingham surgeon, who has taken up ringing and is showing great promise of becoming a practical change ringer.

A DREAM COMES TRUE

And Leeds Gains a New Ring

'It's all very well putting bells in, but where are the ringers coming from?' That answer was given me when I informed a ringing acquaintance that I had been instrumental in Leeds gaining a new ring of six bells.

Whether I was right or wrong to do so when there were, as he argued, more bells already than ringers in the city and at least two rings were silent altogether for want of ringers, is now purely an academic question, as on St. Matthew's Day, September 21st, the Lord Bishop of Knaresborough (the Right Rev. John de Candole) dedicated the new light ring of six at St. Matthew's Chapel, Allerton, Leeds.

Designed by a leading architect of his day, Mr. G. F. Bodley, and consecrated in 1900, the church, which occupies a prominent position off the Harrogate road, was described by a contemporary writer as being 'considered to be the best work Mr. Bodley has ever done.'

The imposing tower, now floodlit at night, was completed even before the church itself and can be seen from several miles away.

The earlier church, further down the road towards the city centre, had contained three bells, one by Barwell and two by Taylor. The Barwell bell was erected in the tower of the new church in 1900, and upon the demolition of the old church in 1935 the two Taylor bells rejoined their old companion.

In 1946 all three bells were recast into four with the same aggregate weight, when a lady parishioner presented a tower clock with Cambridge chimes to fulfil the wishes of her late husband. It fell to my lot to present the clock scheme to the Church Council, and while the possibility of a ring of bells seemed very remote I suggested, nevertheless, that as a precautionary measure the four bells should becast to ringing sizes.

The suggestion was followed and the bells became, in effect, a ring of six minus the fourth and fifth but hung 'dead.'

There the matter might have ended but for a chain of circumstances which led to my being able to raise at the annual parochial meeting last year the possibility of adding to the bells. Anticipating that if there were no protests at the prospect of bells in a 'residential' district, then there might perhaps be an objection raised to the proposal to disturb what was a private gift, I took the precaution to ask for the donor's approval beforehand.

Instead of merely acquiescing in the proposal, however, the donor replied that she would like to bear the entire cost as a memorial to her husband, and so what originated as purely idle speculation became reality. The gift was perhaps the more generous since the lady is a Nonconformist.

The question as to where were the ringers coming from no longer became a hypothetical one but a serious problem, but the installation of the bells late in July created the interest, which had earlier been lacking, and recruits volunteered in such numbers that the instructor was overwhelmed and a waiting list became necessary. At the present time there are more than twice as many ringers as bells.

A congregation of over 400 attended the dedication at Evensong on the Patronal Festival, when the bells were heard for the first time.

The customary dedication 'rounds' were rung by a band made up entirely of ladies and girls from the congregation, a remarkable feature being that five of the six ringers only learned to handle a bell in August, and until they pulled off to ring the actual dedication rounds not one of them had experienced 'open' ringing in the tower, for the bells had even been pulled up with clapper stays on before the service.

Perhaps another remarkable feature was that in spite of these handicaps everyone set her bell on 'Stand' being called, which not infrequently fails to happen with more experienced ringers on such occasions.

Taking for his text the first verse of Psalm 122, 'I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord,' the Bishop referred to the fellowship enjoyed by ringers, the link between the bells and the life of the church and local and national events. He referred also to his recent visit to Borneo and the single bells sending out their message in that semi-heathen land.

After the service the bells were rung by the Leeds Parish Church ringers and a small number of visiting ringers, including Mr. Paul Taylor, representing the bellfounders, and as the congregation left the church 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung by Irvin Slack 1, Jack F. Hodson 2, Paul L. Taylor 3, Margaret S. Rhodes 4, Ronald H. Dove (conductor) 5, Frank Gibbard 6.

The Bishop paid a visit to the ringing chamber and watched the ringing by some of the new ringers from St. Matthew's, including 12-years-old Margaret Clark, who rang the treble in the opening rounds, and 11-years-old Barrie Dove.

The Vicar of Leeds, Canon C. B. Sampson, who was Vicar here when the four bells were installed in 1947 and who read the lessons at the dedication, also visited the belfry.

The bells have been hung in what was previously the clock chamber, the clock being lowered to a new chamber formed by the installation of a new sound-deadening ceiling, which serves also as a rope guide, as the original ringing room was 24 feet in height. Space has been left for two additional bells—either two trebles or a treble and tenor—should these ever be required.

The result is a very pleasant ring of six with a tenor of nearly 7¼ cwt. in B flat, and since the bells hang about 20 feet below the openings in what was the original bell chamber they are very quiet outside—indeed the only complaint which has so far been made is that they are not loud enough, a complaint which is not difficult to remedy.

Ringing is at present confined to call changes but from the very first Sunday the bells were raised and lowered in peal and have been rung three times a Sunday, there being two morning services.

This is almost certainly the first time within living memory that a new ring has been installed in Leeds in a tower where previously there has been no ringing tradition. It is curious that the parish links up a chain of eight adjoining parishes having bells, including one with the bells hung 'dead,' but had the original designs been completed there might well have been 13 adjacent parishes with bells.

R. H. DOVE.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

New Secretary of Sudbury District

A meeting of the Sudbury District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Sudbury on October 15th. At the business meeting the general secretary asked for nominations for the office of District secretary which had been vacant since the resignation of Mr. L. D. Mills. Miss Rosemary Seabrook, 6, Callis Street, Clare, was duly elected.

Mr. C. W. Pipe thanked Mr. Mills in his absence for the good work he had done during his three years in office and asked members to encourage and support Miss Seabrook in her voluntary work on behalf of the Suffolk Guild.

C. W. P.

WEDDINGS

Mr. S. O'C. Holloway — Miss B. K. Campbell

The wedding of Mr. Sidney O'C. Holloway, a popular member of the St. Martin's Guild and for many years a regular ringer at St. Martin's, and Miss Brenda K. Campbell, of Langley, took place at Holy Trinity Church, Smethwick, on October 12th. Several members of the St. Martin's Guild, including the Master (Mr. A. Walker) and the Ringing Master (Mr. J. Pinfold), were among the large congregation present.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Charles Crawshaw and the register was signed in full view of the congregation. There were four bridesmaids, and the duties of best man were carried out by a former Ringing Master of the Guild, Mr. G. W. Critchley, who was returning the compliment paid to himself by Sidney at King's Lynn.

While the photographers, both professional and amateur, were busy, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

After the reception at the New Inns, Handsworth, the bride and bridegroom left for their honeymoon on the Continent.

Mr. H. Matthews — Miss Joan Bussey

Miss Joan Bussey, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bussey, and the only lady member of Gloucester Cathedral band, was married at Hardwicke Church, Glos, to Mr. Hubert Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Matthews, on October 15th. Friends of the bride and bridegroom rang previous to the service, and after the signing of the register the bride and bridegroom and the best man, Mr. Donald Priday, were invited to ring in a touch. As the happy couple left the church they passed through a guard of honour of ringers holding handbells

A reception was held in the schoolroom and was attended by about 50 friends. The honeymoon was spent at Bath.

Mr. M. J. Hayward — Miss R. K. Marlow

On Saturday, October 15th, the wedding took place at St. Mary's Church, Fordingbridge, Hants, between Mr. Michael J. Hayward, of Green Farm, North Gorley, Fordingbridge, and Miss Rosemary K. Marlow, of Bickton, Fordingbridge. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. R. M. Verity), and Mrs. York, a friend of the bride, was the organist.

The local band of ringers, of which the bride is a keen member, rang the bells as the newly-wedded couple left the church. Following a reception in St. Mary's Church Hall, the couple left for a honeymoon at Torquay.

Among the many presents were a fireside companion set and a glass jug from the local band.

In the evening a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted by Miss B. Hiscock 1, Miss K. Fletcher 2, Miss S. Percey 3, M. J. Best 4, F. L. Harris 5, W. E. Cheater 6, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 7, E. J. Doel 8. Unfortunately the peal came to grief through a broken rope after 1½ hours' ringing.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Canterbury District

A large attendance of 94 members and friends attended the annual meeting of the District at Canterbury on Oct. 8th. Ringing was held at St. Dunstan's during the afternoon, followed by the annual service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Lawler, who also gave an address. Some members of the local choir were present, their number being augmented by the ringers.

An excellent tea was provided by the local ringers and friends.

For the business meeting, Mr. J. A. Russell occupied the chair. The secretary's report showed a successful year, the paid-up membership being only three less than for the whole year, with some more subscriptions yet to be extracted. Five new members were elected. Ash was chosen for the next quarterly meeting in January, but before then the district is holding a social. Mr. Russell was re-elected chairman (with congratulations on his recent wedding), Mr. B. J. Luck hon. secretary and Mr. W. S. Palin as Ringing Master. Messrs. D. Chatfield and S. Walter were elected district representatives after a ballot. The other member nominated was Mr. H. R. French, of Sturry, who will be much missed on the committee after 12 years' service.

An interested visitor to the meeting was Miss H. Helmore, daughter of the late Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who was general secretary and treasurer of the Association for so many years.

Further ringing was held during the evening, the bells of St. Stephen's and the Cathedral being available.

Maidstone District

Canon Frank Bennett kindly allowed the annual business meeting of the District to be held in Maidstone Vicarage on October 8th. The officers were re-elected as follows: District secretary, R. L. Sills; district representatives, A. Waddington and W. Manser; 'Ringing World' representative, Mr. P. Town (vice Miss P. J. Butcher). It was reported that Miss Butcher persuaded six ringers to become postal subscribers and three to buy the journal through newsagents. Buckinghamshire was selected for the district coach tour next July.

Evensong was held in the choir of the Parish Church, conducted by Canon Bennett, during which a good course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge Surprise Royal, Yorkshire and Superlative Surprise Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY

It was a lovely autumn afternoon when the Society met at Alrewas on October 8th, and the sound of the bells coming from the tower of the ancient Parish Church added to the attraction of the rural surroundings. It was encouraging to find a good number of young ringers amongst the attendance of 64.

In every way this meeting was most enjoyable—a cheerful service with a good address from the Vicar (the Rev. J. Griffiths), a very pleasant ring of eight bells, a really sumptuous tea and a warm welcome from Mr. Wealthy and the members of the local band. It could be said that the success of this meeting was a reflection of the happy spirit which exists amongst the Alrewas ringers. Suitable thanks were expressed to the Vicar, the organist, Mrs. Ball, Mr. Wealthy and his ringers and the lady helpers for their joint efforts.

Ringing was under the direction of Mr. G. Hughes, Ringing Master. The bells of King's Bromley Parish Church were also available in the evening and a good number of ringers took advantage of this facility.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Stockport, Mottram and Bowdon Branch

A meeting of the branch was held at Fairfield, Buxton, on September 24th, when some 60 members and friends were present. The meeting was a joint one with the Derbyshire Association (Peak District Branch) with whom the Guild enjoy the most cordial relations. The fine ring of eight bells was in good use from early in the afternoon until the usual service in church conducted by the Vicar. In his address the Vicar said that the bells call all to the worship of God: unbelievers, borderline Christians and the faithful.

After the service, tea was served in the Parish Hall by the local ringers' wives and lady ringers and this was followed by the business meeting. The absence of several well-known faces was commented upon by the secretary and the chairman, Mr. Elkins, welcomed the presence of two octogenarians, Messrs. Alfred Barnes and John Wheadon, both of whom are still actively engaged in ringing. After the meeting the small ringing room was filled to overflowing and touches ranging from rounds for the beginners to Spliced Surprise for the 'experts' were enjoyed until a late hour.

C. K. L.

FRAMLAND ASSOCIATION

One of the most loyal supporters of the activities of the Framland Association is its president, Canon C. M. S. Clarke, Rural Dean and Vicar of Melton Mowbray. Canon Clarke was present at the half-yearly meeting at Hose on October 8th, supported by this year's chairman, the Rev. A. G. L. Lancaster, Rector of Waltham-on-the-Wolds, and the Rev. C. D. Stewart Robinson, Vicar of Hose.

The service in church was conducted by Mr. Robinson, the lesson was read by Canon Clarke and the address given by Mr. Lancaster, who had with him in the pulpit an African drum. Mr. Lancaster spoke of the thrill of the approach of Sunday as heralded on the Sabbath eve by the African custom of sounding drums outside the churches. He likened this custom to the use of church bells in this country.

At the business meeting the chairman insisted on giving way to the president, as the president had earlier given way to him in the pulpit. The members were very pleased to see the secretary, Mr. Fred Williams, lately of Eaton and now of Blyth, Nottinghamshire, who had undertaken a 50-mile journey to be present. Mr. Williams agreed to continue in office until the annual general meeting in May. It was suggested that he might even carry on after that time if he felt able to do so as a means of retaining interest in his old locality. Mr. Williams promised to give the matter due thought but if he decided to resign in May after all, to give as much notice as possible of his intentions.

An invitation of the Rector of Waltham to the members to attempt a peal there in November to mark the 80th anniversary of the Association was accepted with enthusiasm.

Mr. Stewart Robinson was most sincerely thanked for his kind reception of the members at Hose, and he expressed his pleasure at being at last the incumbent of a church with bells.

The next meeting is at Melton Mowbray on the second Saturday in May

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 540 Plain Bob): M. Jillian Brierley 1, J. Wheadon 2, N. D. Lomas 3, M. Sage 4, S. Sage 5, D. Mottershead (cond.) 6. Rung for the celebration of harvest-tide.

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MEETINGS

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Meeting, Ardleigh, Saturday, Oct. 29th. Bells (8) 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. 7095

LADIES' GUILD. — Central District. — Meeting at St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, on Oct. 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service and tea. Frequent Green Line and local bus services. All members and friends welcome. 7101

LADIES' GUILD.—Kent Branch.—Meeting at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells (8) on Saturday, Oct. 29th at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All ladies welcome; gentlemen cordially invited. 7123

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Mildenhall District.—Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 29th, at Freckenham (5), 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. St. Mary's, Mildenhall, after tea at Freckenham.—Mrs. E. M. Peachey, Dis Sec. 7152

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Surprise practice meeting at Crawley, Oct. 29th, 3.30-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Local arrangements for tea.—I. Butcher. 7182

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Next meeting at Longwood (8), Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 2.30. Cups of tea provided 5 p.m.; please bring own sandwiches. Business meeting to follow and bells afterwards. No. 90 trolley bus service from Huddersfield. 7178

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Meeting, Milton Ernest (6), Nov. 5th. Usual arrangements from 2.45. Note: Stagsden not available. Please support Rev. Turney with 100 per cent. attendance for first meeting here for 2½ years. **No names—no tea**, this is definite; so names by previous Tuesday. Special method: Annable's London.—Peter Shipton, 16a, Kimbolton Road, Bedford. 7143

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Henley-in-Arden, Saturday, Nov. 5th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Nov. 2nd, please. 7158

DEVON GUILD.—North West Branch.—Annual meeting at Petrockstowe, Nov. 5th, 3 p.m. Usual arrangements.—J. W. Sangwin, Hon. Sec. 7168

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7118

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting at North Nibley (6), Nov. 5th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify by Nov. 2nd.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7174

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Holy Nativity (8), Nov. 5th, 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Please come and help.—A. Bennett. 7187

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey Heath (8), Nov. 5th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7184

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—Meeting, St. Michael's, Nov. 5th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7181

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. T. Ridyard. 16, Vaughan Road, Birkdale, Southport.—W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 7177

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch. — Meeting at Bentham (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Ringing 2 to 8 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to R. Downham, 3, Bank Houses, Bentham.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 7188

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Shepshed, Nov. 5th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting in School 5. Names, by Nov. 3rd. to Mr. G. Butler, 21, Bridge Street, Shepshed.—C. W. Hall. 7124

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Meeting at Waltham (6), Nov. 5th. Usual arrangements. Names for tea, by Nov. 3rd. to Mr. J. Willows, Snowdon, Grimsby Road. Waltham, Grimsby. 7126

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Ringing and committee meeting at Bucknall, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting 3.30 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 2nd. to R. Preston, 76, Ruxley Road. Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge. 7186

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A monthly meeting at Tyringham, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells (5) at 5 p.m. All welcome.—R. H. Howson. 7171

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held in Finchampstead on November 5th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 7165

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Thame on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available afternoon and evening, commencing at 2.45 p.m. All welcome.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame. 7163

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Creaton, Nov. 5th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please. — W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 7172

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, Nov. 5th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Names for tea.—F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7185

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wyke Regis, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting following. Names, by Nov. 1st, please, to Mr. G. W. Abbott, 36, Williams Avenue, Wyke Regis Weymouth.—Hayne, Sec. 7166

SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting with the Bridgnorth Branch of the HEREFORD GUILD at Berrington on Saturday, Nov. 5th (brought forward from 12th). Bells available from 2.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, to Mr. W. Lloyd, 113, King Street, Cross Houses, Salop. 7150

SOUTHWELL GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Meeting at Greasley (8), Nov. 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea **must** be sent to me by previous Tuesday. — C. W. Towers, Thrumpton, Nottingham. 7133

STANWICK, NORTHANTS.—Special meeting and the dedication of a peal board on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 o'clock. Names for tea, on or before Nov. 2nd, to E. A. Knight, Longwood, Stanwick, near Wellingborough, Northants. (Stanwick tower has five bells.) 7164

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. — Meeting at Kelsale and Saxmundham on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells: Kelsale (8) 2.30 p.m.; Saxmundham (6) after tea. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Clark's, Saxmundham. Names for tea to Post Office, Theberton, Leiston.—A. R. Bridger, Hon. Sec. Phone Leiston 57. 7170

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Hartfield (6), Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Wednesday, Nov. 2nd, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 7183

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Nov. 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. N. Guy, Hon. Sec. 7180

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Fareham (8), Nov. 5th, 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. 7169

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Sheffield, Nov. 5th. St. Marie's R.C., Norfolk Row (8), 2.30–5; Cathedral (12) 6–9 p.m. Tea in Wostenholm Hall 5 p.m. Names to Mr. H. O. Chaddock, 1, Hemsworth Road, Sheffield 8, by Thursday, Nov. 3rd.—J. Seager and J. J. L. Gilbert. 7155

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 318th anniversary dinner, Nov. 12th, Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7087

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N. District. — Meeting, Bocking, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 7176

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Esher (8), Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Sandown Tea Rooms 5 p.m. Meeting to nominate officers for 1956, following. Names for tea, by Monday, Nov. 7th, to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham, Woking. 7167

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Great Berkhamstead (8), Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamstead. 7189

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting on Nov. 12th at Willesborough. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 8th, please, to Mr. J. Carlton, 10, Hunter Road. Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. — W. P. G. 7179

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—The social will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12th. St. Dunstan's bells available from 2.30. Tea in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall at 4.45 p.m., followed by the social evening. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, cash with order, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 9th. please, from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7175

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Hailsham, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Ladies please support. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 9th, please, to Miss K. Yeo, 118, Station Road, Hailsham. 7162

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District. — Meeting at Waddington (5), Nov. 12th (first meeting in new church). Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln (20236). 7190

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Dodford, Saturday, November 12th. Tea for those who notify, by Nov. 5th, Miss J. Hill, 14, New Street, Weedon, Northants.—F. W. Hancock. 7173

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Fourth Annual Dinner at Stork Hotel, Walsall, Nov. 12th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 9s. 6d.; remittance with order. Accommodation is limited to 100, so early application is advisable. Ringing arrangements: St. Giles', Willenhall (10), 2.30-4 p.m.; St. Matthew's, Walsall (12), 4 p.m.–6 p.m. — Fred Bennett, Pool House Road, Wombourn, near Wolverhampton. 7142

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION

In his address at the service when the North Staffordshire Association held their monthly meeting at St. Margaret's, Wolstanton, the Vicar (the Rev. S. Snell) requested all ringers to continue doing their great service to the Church. Although in face of some adverse public opinion which might incline to call their ringing madness by their isolating themselves in a tower at the end of a rope instead of watching the local football match, he said this madness was translated into a magnificent obsession.

An excellent tea was provided in the schoolroom by ringers' wives and friends, and they and the Vicar were thanked by Mr. A. Dall (vice-chairman). Miss P. J. Holborn was elected a member of the Association.

A very good standard of ringing was maintained under the direction of the Master (Mr. W. P. Deane) during the afternoon and evening.

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Branch Meeting at Paignton

The quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Paignton on October 15th was well attended. Ringing to suit all tastes in the afternoon was followed by a service in church, conducted by the Rev. G. H. K. Pedley (Vicar), who gave an excellent address.

The much appreciated tea was followed by the business meeting, with Mr. J. E. Lilley in the chair. The election of two non-resident members prior to starting for a peal was confirmed.

An extra meeting is to be held at Buckfast Abbey on November 19th, and the following programme was adopted for 1956: January 14th, St. Michael's, Teignmouth; April, Townstal and Stoke Fleming; June, joint meeting with the South-West Branch in Plymouth; July, Bovey Tracey: October, Buckfast Abbey; November, extra meeting at Wolborough and Highweek, all subject to permission.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar of Paignton, the organist, the ladies for the tea arrangements and Mr. C. F. Austin concluded the business, and ringing took place at All Saints', Babbacombe, in the evening.

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'BELLS UNRINGABLE'

A Norfolk Restoration

THROUGHOUT the country there are many towers whose bells are unringable, or nearly so, and of course they remain unringable until someone takes an interest in them. Such an example is to be found at Shropham, Norfolk, where the tower contains a ring of five rehung in 1901, but which until recently had not been rung for several years.

The Rector of Shropham, fearing great expense, was rather reluctant to allow anyone to do anything in the tower, but eventually he was persuaded to permit a band of voluntary helpers, led by Mr. Charlie Banham, of Caston, and Dr. Jonason, of East Harling, to do some work.

A parishioner had already cleared the bell chamber of sticks, birds' nests and most of the birds—there were a couple left—so work was at once concentrated on the bells and their fittings. Several afternoons and evenings were spent in tightening the oak frame and the headstocks, in cleaning the bearings, and in fitting spare ropes borrowed from East Harling and Caston. This latter job proved rather difficult, for the guides were by no means vertically under each other! Two new stays were also provided. All the difficulties were at last overcome and, apart from a preliminary test, the bells were first rung again for evensong on September 4th.

Details of the bells, obtained from a card in the tower and from L'Estrange's 'Church Bells of Norfolk,' are as follows:—

Treble: 5½ cwt. 'Anno Domini 1618.'
Second: 6 cwt. 'John Thornton Sudbury fecit 1717.'
Third: 7 cwt. '1618.'
Fourth: 9 cwt. 'John Thornton Sudbury me fecit 1717.'
Tenor: 11½ cwt. '1618.'

L'Estrange records that the three shields on the crowns of 1, 3 and 5 are Norwich City, Brasyer ermine, and A B (Alice and William Brend). W

The bells were rehung in new fittings in an oak frame, in which provision was made for a sixth bell, by Mears and Stainbank in 1901.

But what of the future? There is nobody in this small village interested in ringing, otherwise outside help would not have been needed, and there seems nobody who is likely to want to learn to ring. When Caston and East Harling require their spare ropes, Shropham will be without—save for four frail specimens absolutely unserviceable. Even if there were youngsters willing to learn they would be put off by the 'go' of the bells, 3 and 5 being particularly bad. Thus it seems likely that once more they will be left untouched until someone rediscovers them in ten, twenty . . . years' time.

The fact remains that the bells are once more ringable, and their restoration, a credit to those who voluntarily undertook it, stands as an example of what can be done where there is an active interest in campanology. Let us take note of what has been done in this remote country village. Let us each one of us go to our nearest tower with its bells unringable and see if a few hours' work can put matters right. We shall be working for a good cause.

JOHN S. BARNES.

THE BELLS OF SAINT ANDREW

The bells of Saint Andrew
Ring out for his feast
Praise God! cries the great bell
Alleluia; the least.
The bells of Saint Andrew
For centuries have been
The tonges of His worship
The pride of Presteigne.

The bells of Saint Andrew
Have rung through the years
The clear peal for laughter
The muffled for tears.
The bride in her glory
They speed to delight,
in death! and at curfew
They murmur 'good night.'

The bells of Saint Andrew
Must never be dumb,
To aid them, good people,
The Feast bids you come.
So give your thank-offering
(Each pound, each mite tells)
To honour High God:
And Saint Andrew his bells.

Margaret House, Presteigne, St. Andrewstide, 1947.

The curfew is still rung at Presteigne.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

*DENIS A. FRITH	*Treble*	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
†GEOFFREY R. PARKER	2	RONALD C. NOON	8
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	RAYMOND F. SMITH	9
JOHN FREEMAN	4	JOHN WALDEN	10
STANLEY E. BENNETT	5	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	11
JACK BRAY	6	GEORGE E. FEIRN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Stedman Cinques.
G. R. Parker has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques. G. E. Feirn has now 'circled the tower.'

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

EDGAR T. SMITH	*Treble*	DOROTHY T. GARDINER	7
*HERBERT KNIGHT	2	ERNEST STITCH	8
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	9
STELLA HUGHES	4	BARNABAS G. KEY	10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	5	HOWARD HOWELL	11
ALAN FOSTER	6	†CHARLES F. W. EYRE	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE W. HUGHES.
* 550th peal. † First peal on twelve bells.
Rung for the installation as fourth Residentiary Canon and Custos of Lichfield Cathedral of the Rev. Preb. A. T. Jenkins, M.A., Canon Emeritus of Birmingham, recently Vicar of Walsall.

TEN BELL PEALS

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt.

*WENDY V. R. PENNAL	*Treble*	FRANK MACK	6
MICHAEL SPRACKLING	2	FRANK HANSFORD	7
†TUDOR EDWARDS	3	ALBERT M. TYLER	8
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	4	ROGER O. FRY	9
BRIAN GRINTER	5	FRANCIS C. MOGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT M. TYLER.
* First peal. † First peal of Caters 'inside.'

DERBY
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5001 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 lb. in D flat.

*VIVIENNE M. HORTON	*Treble*	*PETER J. SKINNER	6
SAMPSON WALKLATE	2	DENIS R. CARLISLE	7
HAROLD TAYLOR	3	*DEREK P. JONES	8
JOSEPH A. CONSTANT	4	GORDON A. HALLS	9
ALBERT E. THOMPSON	5	MARK J. BARKER	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir A. HEYWOOD Conducted by DENIS R. CARLISLE.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.
D. P. Jones has now rung Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.
Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Disney, of Morley, Derby.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 18 cwt. in E flat.

*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	*Treble*	BRYAN C. STIRLAND	6
ALBERT DISERENS	2	*CYRIL A. WRATTEN	7
†IVOR GOULTER	3	REGINALD WOODYATT	8
†DAVID J. MARSHALL	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	9
JOHN N. DISERENS	5	DAVID BEACHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Surprise Royal.
Rung on the occasion of the Association's annual dinner.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

STANLEY E. BENNETT	*Treble*	CHARLES E. WILLMINGTON	6
JOHN R. MAYNE	2	A. PATRICK CANNON	7
HILDA G. SNOWDEN	3	RICHARD E. PRICE	8
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	9
FRANK L. HARRIS	5	CECIL W. PIPE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

MARSDEN, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

LESLIE W. G. MORRIS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	7
BASIL JONES	3	EDWARD JENKINS	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	PETER LAPLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
First peal on the bells since augmentation.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Oct. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.
A PEAL OF 5088 ARNESBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in F.

BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM THORNLEY	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	*JOHN A. ACRES	6
JOHN M. JELLEY	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
SAMUEL J. HAINES	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 250th peal.
The first peal in the method, which is New Cambridge with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. E. Southgate, ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Leicester on October 2nd, 1955.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*GEORGE CHALLANS	*Treble*	†WILLIAM L. EXTON	5
DENNIS A. SMEDLEY	2	HERBERT T. ROOKE	6
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	†F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	7
†LEWIS HEMSTOCK	4	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD (C.C.C. No. 115).
Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in G

*G. STANLEY BREWIN	*Treble*	*BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	*RALPH ELKINGTON	6
*BRIAN G. WARWICK	3	*ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
*REV. PETER R. BLACKMAN	4	*JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by Sir ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal of New Cambridge.
Rung to welcome the ringer of the 4th who was made Deacon by the Bishop of Leicester on October 2nd and licensed as Curate at St. Andrew's, Aylestone, Leicester.

SHIRLEY, BIRMINGHAM.
THE LADIES' GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in B flat.

*J. MARY FUNNELL	*Treble*	MOLLY P. FLYNN	5
MAUREEN M. FELLOWS	2	SHIRLEY V. RYMER	6
†JILL TOMBS	3	STELLA HUGHES	7
‡SAMELA R. P. THOMAS	4	MURIEL REAY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal. † First peal of Major and first in the method. ‡ First peal on eight bells.
The first peal by members of the West Midland District.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*JOHN R. WATSON	*Treble*	JOHN VERNON	5
MICHAEL VERNON	2	†WILLIAM JOHNSON	6
†GERALD JOHNSON	3	JOHN A. SMITH	7
JOHN H. BAILESS	4	ALFRED BALLARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN A. SMITH.
* First peal on eight. † First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor in the method.
Rung as a compliment to Michael E. Brown, of Sapcote, and Kathleen Proctor, of Ullesthorpe, who were married on Saturday, October 15th.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's variation of Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16¼ cwt. in F.

ARTHUR G. BASON	*Treble*	GEORGE SAYER	5
*GEORGE P. ADAMS	2	†BERT GOGLE	6
H. WILLIAM BARRETT	3	†NOLAN GOLDEN	7
JOHN S. BARNES	4	ALAN C. HAINES	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † 200th peal together.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRUNTINGTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOSEPH W. COTTON	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
*MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN M. JELLEY	4	*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. SPEED. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 150th peal together. 50th peal of Surprise as conductor.
The first peal in the method, which is Southwell with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end.
Rung at first attempt.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

RICHARD BUSBY	*Treble*	ROLAND PARK	5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY	2	*THOMAS W. COX	6
THOMAS COOKE	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
W. NORMAN PARK	4	BRIAN HARRIS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
* First peal of Cambridge.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Peter N. Wansey, M.C., M.A.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5152 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

*BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	*JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	*SAMUEL J. HAINES	6
†ERNEST MORRIS	3	*ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
*JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	*G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by SHIRLEY BURTON. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in the method. † 150th peal on the bells.
The first peal of Major in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

SHALFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

FREDERICK OLDROYD	*Treble*	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	5
*LESLIE C. W. HUNTER	2	ROLAND W. MORANT	6
ANN M. COX	3	†WILLIAM T. BEESON	7
JAMES F. DODSON	4	†A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
* First peal of Double Norwich 'inside,' and has now 'completed the circle.' † 25th peal together.
Rung on the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
J. J. Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	L. JOHN EVANS	5
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS	2	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	6
CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	7
PERCY SWINDLEY	4	*JOHN T. TILSTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal on eight bells.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt.

JOHN E. ROOTES	*Treble*	*KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON	2	D. KAY ADKINS	6
WILLIAM WENBAN	3	GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN	7
†ALBERT C. WENBAN	4	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEOFFREY W. SEAMAN.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.'
A birthday compliment to Joan M. Wilcockson.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt.

GORDON W. WALFORD	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	5
REGINALD BEALE	2	JOHN T. LOCKE	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	WILLIAM E. TURNER	7
STANLEY N. BRISTOW	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by REGINALD BEALE.
Rung as a 25th wedding anniversary compliment to the conductor.

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THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. JACKSON	*Treble*	†DAVID A. EDWARDS	5
*EILEEN M. T. POWELL	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	6
†DAVID HODGSON	3	†PETER R. SANDERS	7
†ROBIN A. HODGSON	4	†JOHN J. P. ELLAMS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. JACKSON.

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

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 BIDDENDEN SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb. in G.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	JOHN M. JELLEY	6
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOHN R. SMITH	4	JOHN E. COOKE	*Tenor*

Composed by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
First peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

SUNDERLAND, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN A. BROWN	*Treble*	ROBIN G. LEALE	5
*KENNETH LAWSON	2	ROLAND PARK	6
*†ROBERT BELL	3	DENIS A. BAYLES	7
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	4	W. NORMAN PARK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by DENIS A. BAYLES.
* First of Yorkshire. † 25th peal.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Pickering, of the local tower, on completion of 50 years' membership of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MARY DOWSETT	*Treble*	*PATRICK W. SALTMARSH	5
PETER J. EVES	2	TERRY EARLE	6
ERNEST W. FURBANK	3	JOE E. G. ROAST	7
BRIAN J. HOWARD	4	†DENNIS A. S. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOE E. G. ROAST.
* First peal of Surprise Major. † 100th peal.

WINCANTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in F sharp.

DANIEL T. MATKIN	*Treble*	†DAVID M. C. HILL	5
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	2	ANTHONY J. SANGER	6
JOAN M. GRAY	3	DAVID HOARE	7
*PHILIP N. TUBBS	4	A. GEORGE CLARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Oct. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	HENRY TOOKE	5
RAYMOND G. LOFTY	2	BRIAN ELVIN	6
EILEEN BRACEY	3	THOMAS SPIGHT	7
MICHAEL J. DAY	4	CHARLES H. MOORE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HENRY TOOKE.
The 200th peal from this tower.
Rung for the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	*Treble*	REGINALD E. LAMBERT	4
WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	2	*COLIN A. TESTER	5
BETTY A. TESTER	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
* 25th peal.
The ringer of the 2nd has now 'circled the tower' four times.

BIRKENHEAD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Wirral Branch.)
On Tues., Oct. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD, BIDSTON,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents, viz.: Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob. Tenor 5 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in B.

*GEORGE M. ROSCAMP	*Treble*	TERRY OWEN	4
CHARLES B. PEMBERTON	2	ALEXANDER J. MARTIN	5
†BRUCE A. CRITTEN	3	FRANK T. PARRY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALEXANDER J. MARTIN.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in seven methods. Mr. C. B. Pemberton has now 'circled the tower.'
A wedding compliment to Miss Diane Minnis, of Bromborough, and Mr. Stanley D. Sutton, of Eidston, married at Bromborough on Saturday, October 8th.

HUNTINGDON.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 changes each of Single Oxford, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Norwich, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

MISS B. SPICER	*Treble*	HAROLD S. PEACOCK	4
JOHN R. G. SPICER	2	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	5
GORDON D. WHITEHEAD	3	STANLEY GILBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY GILBERT.
Rung to celebrate the occasion of the 750th commemoration of the granting of the Royal Charter to Huntingdon by King John on 7th August, 1205.

CHENIES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.
A PEAL OF 5040 NORWICH SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents, with 5-6 the right way throughout.
Tenor 10 cwt. in B flat

STEPHEN H. HOARE	*Treble*	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	4
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE	2	WILLIAM WENBAN	5
*WALTER G. PAUL	3	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
* First peal on six bells. First peal in the method by all the band.

MEDBOURNE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

ERNEST F. PAYNE	*Treble*	RONALD RUSSELL	4
MARY C. PAYNE	2	ROYSTON WILMORE	5
PERCY D. BALDOCK	3	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. STEDMAN PAYNE.

RAMPTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb. in A.

*PAT GRADY	*Treble*	KATHARINE BURCHNALL	4
GRACE BURCHNALL	2	ALEC WILSON	5
*MARGARET ROSS	3	HAROLD DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD DENMAN.
* First peal and first attempt. These are the first two Rampton girls to ring a peal.

WITCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*SHIRLEY PARSONS	*Treble*	†FRANK A. STEPHENS	4
PATRICIA D. PROWSE	2	PETER CLARKSON	5
MARY BLISS	3	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal.
Rung for the wedding of Miss Joan Bussey to Mr. Hubert Matthews.

LUTTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 4¾ cwt.

GEORGE R. G. BUTLER	*Treble*	*STANLEY E. BENNETT	4
MAURICE BENNETT	2	JOHN G. AMES	5
RONALD C. NOON	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.
* 200th peal.
First peal on the bells in seven methods.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being five extents of Single Oxford and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

MADELINE SMITH	*Treble*	DAVID HOUGHTON	4
*CECELIA COWLEY	2	HAROLD MARCON	5
†TOM HARRIS	3	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.
* First peal in two methods. † First peal.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G.

ADRIAN P. BECK	*Treble*	RONALD G. BECK	4
WILKINS MASSEY	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
RONALD SMITH	3	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
Specially arranged for Mr. W. Massey, of Kingston-on-Thames.

BRAMPFORD SPEKE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being two 2,160's and one 720. Tenor 5½ cwt.

ERNEST J. TAYLOR	*Treble*	HAROLD P. BURTON	4
JOHN L. S. GLANVILL	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS	5
FREDERICK WREFORD	3	BRIAN PIDGEON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.
A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Skinner, of East Budleigh, on the birth of a son.

OWSTON FERRY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, Bourne, London, York and Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

C. AUBREY HARRISON	*Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY	4
RONALD CHAFER	2	GEORGE E. FEIRN	5
JACK BRAY	3	WALTER AYRE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

BRERETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's (16 callings) and ten 120's (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

NEIL D. LOMAS	*Treble*	BERNARD J. ONGLEY	3
LEONARD COPNALL	2	SYDNEY SAGE	4
ERNEST PIMLOTT	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.



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DILHORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 960 Stedman, 1,920 Grandsire and 2,160 Plain Bob (four, eight and four callings respectively). Tenor 9 cwt.

ANNETTE GRATTON	*Treble*	*PAMELA J. PEARSON	3
SHELAGH K. SEERY	2	FREDK. E. WILSHAW ..	4
CHARLES H. PAGE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

* First peal.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

HATHERN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

*WILLIAM DAKIN	*Treble*	SYDNEY ADAMS	4
*MARGARET E. HILL ..	2	ALLAN SIMPSON	5
MRS. A. SIMPSON	3	GEORGE R. PAYNE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALLAN SIMPSON.

* First peal of Minor.

SEMPRINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Double Oxford, Single Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WALTER WESTON	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. PARKER	4
JOHN F. PEARSON	2	LOUIS WILLDERS	5
AMOS INGALL	3	JAMES H. MUSSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES H. MUSSON.

* First peal in seven methods.

A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William R. Parker, of Nettleham, on their silver wedding anniversary.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G WARWICK	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	JOHN M. JELLEY	7—8

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT NO. 29.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Heywood's Transposition. Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. THOMAS	1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5—6
JOHN THOMAS	3—4	*VIVIEN BARNES	7—8

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Stedman.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Oct. 20, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT 7, PENNINGS AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor size 14 in D.

FREDERICK A. MUNDAY ..	1—2	HARRY POYNER	3—4
JACK R. WORRALL	5—6		

Conducted by JACK R. WORRALL.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK ..	7—8

Composed by EDWIN J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On July 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. L. Cooper 1, R. N. Smeaton 2, Enid Roberts 3, Joan Gray 4, A. R. Lamphee 5, C. H. Bagot 6, P. Gray (cond.) 7, G. Cox 8. A farewell to Philip and Joan Gray.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Oct. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): J. W. Day (first quarter) 1, E. Littlewood 2, R. H. Cook 3, R. Looker 4, J. H. Cook (cond.) 5, J. Day 6. A compliment to the organist and choirmaster (Mr. Gilbert M. King, B.Sc.) and Mrs. King on the birth of a son (Robin Malcolm).

BAMPTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. T. Hancock (first quarter) 1, V. N. Burrow 2, A. G. Cooke 3, D. M. Bellamy 4, E. C. Quick (cond.) 5, A. C. Banbury 6. Rung for the christening of Mary, baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bellamy.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Shelagh Whitehouse (first in the method) 1, Joyce Fishlock 2, Gillian Parsons 3, I. R. Parsons 4, N. Hobden 5, A. J. Adams 6, H. N. Pitstow (cond.) 7, M. F. Layton 8. For harvest festival.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Oct 23rd, at St. Michael's with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss B. Russell 1, Miss K. Tooze 2, L. W. Moses 3, J. G Davis 4, J. G. Hobbs (cond.) 5, J. Moses 6. Rung in memoriam the Rev. Norman Parcell, a much-loved former minister.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Ann Fundrey 1, S. Ivin 2, J. B. Long 3, C. E. Jeffries 4, R. Lennard 5, D. E. A. Houghton 6, B. Pattison (cond.) 7, D. Jeeves 8.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Shirley Birch 1, Elizabeth Marshall 2, P. Jarvis 3, W. C. Marshall 4, W. W. Ring (cond.) 5, H. Jarvis 6. Rung as a welcome back to the Vicar (the Rev. G. E. Parr) after a long illness.

BIGGLESWADE, BEDS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: M. Webster 1, F. H. Briscoe 2, W. J. Robinson 3, S. Daffin 4, P. Smith 5, N. Bett 6, A. S. Smith 7, B. Sims (cond.) 8. First in method for 1 and 2. For harvest festival.

BOTTESFORD, LEICS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Bolland 1, C. T. Samuel 2, T. G. Goodwin 3, C. H. Jallands (cond.) 4, A. W. Ward 5, T. O. Greasley 6, L. B. Box 7, J. R. Jackson 8. First in the method for 3 and 6. For harvest festival Evensong.

BOW, E.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss J. M. Highley (first in method) 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, F. W. L. Blewer 4, J. A. Hales 5, F. P. Mead 6, J. Hales (cond.) 7, J. Barrance 8. For Evensong, also a birthday compliment to J. A. Hales.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Aug. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Davies (first quarter on eight) 1, G. Watson (cond.) 2, Miss J. Walklate 3, R. Stretton 4, F. Crozier 5, B. Cope 6, B. Hendry 7, C. Everitt 8. First in method for 3, 4 and 5. For patronal festival.

BRIGHTWELL BALDWIN, OXON.—On Oct. 16th, 1,380 Doubles: W. Fulker 1, W. Absolom 2, F. Godden 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, E. Morris 6. For harvest thanksgiving service.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Barley 1, P. P. Barker (first as cond.) 2, G. Bradbury 3, K. Butler, jun. (first 'inside') 4, A. Armstrong 5, A. E. Barker 6, W. Binton 7, E. Barley 8. For patronal festival and a 65th birthday compliment to A. Armstrong.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,259 Grandsire Doubles: K. Wakefield (first quarter) 1, J. B. Long 2, E. Izzard 3, D. G. Horn 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, D. Bridges 6. Rung by the local band for evensong and also as a farewell to D. G. Horn, who is leaving to take up an appointment in the West Indies.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. Ranford 1, R. Lewis 2, C. W. Nutt 3, J. Ward (first of Minor) 4, F. Merrick 5, C. Bowers (cond.) 6. Rung to congratulate Mrs. Mary Hodges, of Cradley, on her 100th birthday.

CRADLEY, WORCS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Overton 1, H. J. Shuck (cond.) 2, A. G. Hall 3, H. White 4, L. R. Hall 5, J. Griffiths 6, H. Wyre 7, W. Lloyd 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. P. Stevens, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.O., on completion of 60 years as organist.

QUARTER PEALS

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Oct. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. E. Jeffrey (first quarter) 1, E. C. Leigh 2, C. L. Rogers 3, Rev. Shepheard Welwyn (first quarter) 4, S. Jenner 5, D. E. Leigh (first 'inside') 6, E. J. Jenner (cond.) 7, W. A. Leigh 8. Rung by the local band to commemorate the 100th birthday of 'Grannie' Langridge.

EWELME, OXON.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Doubles: W. Absolom 1, F. Godden 2, R. Tuckwell 3, J. Godman 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, W. Fulker 6. For harvest thanksgiving service.

GREENWICH, KENT.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Easterbee 1, E. Jones 2, P. Andre 3, S. Ball 4, E. B. Crowder 5, R. A. Ling 6, J. Dafters 7, R. Boyce 8. Rung in honour of the visit of H.M. Queen Elizabeth and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh to the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, on the 150th anniversary of Trafalgar Day.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Sybil M. Tonkin (age 16) 1, Laura M. Beeney (16) 2, Kathleen M. Yeo (first as cond.) 3, F. Beeney (17) 4, G. Beency 5, A. Ellis 6. Rung by the local band as a 16th birthday compliment to L. M. Beeney.

KENWYN, TRURO, CORNWALL.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss P. R. Hosken (first quarter) 1, A. Carveth 2, Mrs. J. M. Simpkin 3, Miss V. M. Matthews 4, D. N. Penrose 5, A. F. Burley 6, H. Harper (first as cond.) 7, A. E. Matthews 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Baker (first quarter) 1, J. Goodman (first quarter) 2, R. W. R. Picton (cond.) 3, R. Picton 4, B. M. Barker 5, R. Scaplehorn 6.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Colcombe 1, T. J. Gundy 2, R. G. Powell (cond.) 3, L. H. Colcombe 4, I. G. Jones 5, R. A. Colcombe 6. For harvest festival.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Oct. 16th, 1,280 Spliced Surprise Major (512 Yorkshire, 576 Cambridge and 192 Superlative): G. Marriner 1, A. H. Winch 2, E. G. L. Coward (first of Spliced Surprise) 3, B. H. Hawkins 4, H. V. Young 5, A. H. Smith 6, A. Harman 7, A. P. Cannon (cond., first of Spliced Surprise) 8.

LEWISHAM, LONDON. — On Oct. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Cairns (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Ling 2, S. Ball 3, F. W. Richardson 4, E. Jones (cond.) 5, T. Easterbee 6, E. B. Crowder 7, P. Andre 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Longworth Dames, M.A., on his institution by the Lord Bishop of Southwark.

LUTTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 12th, 1,680 Grandsire Doubles: J. Delahoy 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 3, J. V. Temple 4, P. G. Butler 5, P. W. Campling 6. Rung for Confirmation service, when seven young ringers were confirmed by the Bishop of Grantham.—Also on Oct. 16th, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: G. R. G. Butler (cond.) 1, Mrs. P. W. Campling 2, Miss P. M. Campling 3, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 4, P. G. Butler 5, J. V. Temple 6. To mark the second anniversary of the Rev. W. H. J. Fenton as Vicar of Lutton.

LYME REGIS, DORSET. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. L. Taylor 1, R. Lancefield 2, W. H. Poole 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 7, C. W. Powell 8. For Evensong.

MANGOTSFIELD, GLOS. — On Oct. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Baker 1, E. Palmer 2, W. Richings 3, J. Jefferies 4, T. Jefferies 5, L. Barry (cond.) 6, J. G. Jefferies 7, E. Cooksley 8.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Bonner 1, Miss J. Cook 2, Miss E. Gibson 3, E. D. Poole 4, E. Silvey 5, L. J. Young 6, R. E. Dean (cond.) 7, J. T. Clay 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss G. E. White and Mr. J. A. Reeves, which took place in S. Rhodesia this day.

MARGATE, KENT.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Nugent 1, P. Page 2, R. G. Dadds 3, L. Twyman 4, P. L. Dadds 5, A. J. Dadds 6, F. Gadsden (cond.) 7, H. Lade 8. Rung as a compliment to Mrs. N. Bridges on the occasion of her 23rd wedding anniversary.

OXFORD.—On Oct. 16th, at New College, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. M. T. Powell (first in method) 1, Miss G. A. Smith 2, D. Hodgson (first in method 'inside') 3, R. A. Hodgson 4, D. A. Edwards 5, P. R. Sanders 6, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 7, J. H. Smart 8.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK. — On Oct. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. Melton (first of Grandsire) 1, L. Pierce 2, L. Sharpe (first as cond.) 3, E. Bishop 4, K. E. Brown 5.—Also on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Melton 1, E. Nice (first quarter) 2, L. Pierce 3, K. G. Brown (cond.) 4, H. King 5. For harvest festival.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,264 Cambridge Surprise Major: R. Wilkinson 1, Marion Skinner (first in method) 2, Shirley Clayton 3, W. N. Genna 4, E. W. Thurlow (first in method) 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, A. R. Twinn 7, F. C. Price (cond.) 8.

PRESTON, DORSET.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Betty J. Marsh (first of Treble Bob Minor) 1, Mrs. A. J. Slade 2, A. J. Slade 3, G. J. W. Abbott 4, J. W. Rose 5, H. J. Ford (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all and on the bells.

RUSHDEN, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Hodgkins 1, O. Payne 2, A. Wilson 3, C. Underwood 4, J. Clarke 5, D. Deighton 6, A. Bigley (cond.) 7, J. Clifton 8. Rung to commemorate the 17th jubilee of St. Mary's Church.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,440 Netherseale Surprise Minor: S. H. Ashton 1, G. Cherry 2, K. C. Timbury 3, A. C. Harris 4, R. Head 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Oct. 18th, 2,160 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Hall 1, Rita Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, A. Ballard 4, A. Chapman 5, M. Vernon (cond.) 6. Rung as a compliment to Michael E. Brown (Ringing Master at this tower) and Kathleen Proctor, who were married at Claybrooke, Leics., on the Saturday previous.

SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,280 Reverse Bob Major: E. Rochester 1, Miss M. Lawrence 2, P. Coles 3, E. Edmondson 4, C. F. Sayer 5, T. J. Southam 6, G. W. Debenham (conductor) 7, W. J. Southam 8. First in the method by all the band. Rung with 5th's Place Bobs with treble behind.

SHOREDITCH, E.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: T. H. Francis 1, Mrs. M. Francis 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, Miss J. Clements (first on 12) 4, B. Blaydon 5, W. A. Theobald 6, G. Peters 7, A. R. Ling (cond.) 8, A. Cave 9, R. F. Deal 10, J. Leeming 11, F. E. Hawthorne 12.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Stella J. Devereaux 1, T. P. Harris 2, P. J. Lawton 3, E. J. Sharp 4, D. R. Brazier 5, P. Newing (cond.) 6.

STAVELEY, DERBYS.—On Oct. 8th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: J. Bailey (cond.) 1, B. Barker 2, M. J. Barker 3, S. J. Merry (first in method) 4, W. Lancaster 5, W. Dickenson 6, D. Cooper 7, F. R. Lowe 8. Rung after meeting short for a peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. H. Bailess 1, Jean A. Kirkman 2, G. T. Ball 3, J. Vernon 4, M. Vernon 5, J. A. Smith 6, C. R. Hayward (cond.) 7, N. L. Walker 8. All members of the local band except the ringer of the 2nd. Rung after Evensong for the harvest festival and the village wakes.

TIRLEY, GLOS.—On Oct. 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: C. Tustin 1, T. Stewart (cond.) 2, W. Bamfield 3, F. Chamberlain 4, H. S. Ball 5, A. Chamberlain 6. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. Fred Bullock (a ringer and chorister at this church) and Mrs. Bullock.

TOTTERNHOE, BEDS.—On Sept. 25th, 1,296 Surprise Minor (720 London, 576 Cambridge): Mrs. J. Brooks 1, J. Newman 2, R. J. Scott 3, D. Broyd 4, J. Sinfield 5, D. Knox (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. J. Newman 1, Mrs. J. Brooks 2, J. Newman 3, D. Broyd 4, R. J. Scott 5, J. Sinfield 6, D. Knox (cond.) 7, C. Brown (first quarter) 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples on the bells. For harvest festival.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: Jean Bassett (first quarter) 1, Ann Bassett (first 'inside' on eight) 2, Edith Bassett 3, F. J. Lambert 4, S. G. Ponting 5, A. Relfe 6, C. A. Bassett (cond.) 7, D. Neal (first quarter) 8. For harvest festival.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (5–7 covering): C. Dunford 1, H. E. Flewelling 2, D. Wells 3, P. Spackman 4, S. White 5, E. F. Brooks (first as cond.) 6, G. Dunford 7. First quarter for 1, 5 and 7. Rung after Evensong as a farewell to the Rev. R. S. Sharpe, who is leaving for St. Mark's, Salisbury.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Last Friday Mr. Daniel Richards, of Great Cheverell, Devizes, Wilts, sailed for New Zealand, having accepted an appointment at Wellington. While at Cambridge he learned to ring with the University Guild and he is hoping to have the opportunity of ringing at Christ Church Cathedral.

One of our regular subscribers who was tardy with the renewal of his subscription imposed a fine of 3s. on himself for his forgetfulness.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Marsden, Yorks, on October 22nd, was rung to celebrate the jubilee of the church (October 12th, 1905-1955). It was the first peal on the bells since augmentation, and the band wish to thank the local company for the privilege of ringing the first peal on the new ten.

News of the safe arrival of the Smith twins was received in the Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, belfry by the prompt despatch of congratulatory messages and floral tokens, which were greatly appreciated. We understand Uncle J. Alan Ainsworth is busy arranging his own form of celebration.

Latest news concerning Marine E. N. Harrison, a member of the Fenham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, belfry, is that, in between various peal attempts in the Portsmouth area, he is busy preparing for, and taking part in various ceremonial parades in London, i.e., Trafalgar Day, Armistice Day, etc.

When a peal board was dedicated on October 22nd at Heydour, Lincs, recording the record length of 14.144 London Surprise Major, rung on October 4th, 1947, it was hoped that the peal attempt which followed would be rung by the same band. This was not possible, but J. L. Millhouse and John Freeman took part in both peals.

At the meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex County Association at Heathfield, the ringers had the pleasure of being handed a bouquet instead of a brick! A gentleman at the nearby village of Little London sent the sum of £1 to the local hostelry for the ringers' refreshment in appreciation of 'the beautiful sound of the bells.'

Mr. William A. Stote, of Coventry, has now rung in 2,000 different towers each containing a ring of five or more bells.

The surnames of seven of the eight ringers in a quarter peal at Cannock, Staffs, on October 22nd began with the letter 'B.' The exception, Mr. A. Armstrong, was being complimented on his 65th birthday.

A band composed of eight visitors to Worcester for the Association's annual dinner and two resident members rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Bromsgrove on October 22nd.

The reproach to members of the Ladies' Guild for not scoring a peal in 1954 has been removed by West Midland District members' peal at Shirley on October 15th.

Congratulations to Mr. Leslie C. W. Hunter, captain of Shalford (Surrey) band, on his first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. 'He rang a very good peal,' was the comment of the conductor.

The peal at Curry Rivel had two bus drivers, Mr. W. F. Slocombe and Mr. R Beale (conductor), in the band. They inquire as to the possibility of a bus crews' peal by either sex.

The peal attempt in honour of the wedding of Mr. Michael E. Brown (Ringing Master) and Miss Proctor, at his own tower, Sapcote, on October 18th, was concluded at the end of the third extent owing to the extremely doubtful condition of the ropes and sallies of the tenor bells.

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THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD

Annual Dinner

A VERY pleasant evening was spent by the 130 members, guests and friends present at the annual dinner of the Coventry Diocesan Guild on October 15th. The chair was taken by the Rev. D. M. Davies, Rector of Stoke St. Michael's, Coventry.

The toast 'The Church and State' was proposed by Mr. D. A. Carpenter, one of the younger members of the Guild, who said that it was not by coincidence that this toast had appeared on the toast lists of ringers' functions for so many years, since ringers were all members of an organisation whose aims included the support of the Church and State. He drew attention to the debt ringers owed to the Church for their existence as ringers, and to the State for not making off with the bells during the recent war. He pointed out how encouraging it was to have the support of the clergy—particularly the local clergy.

THE CATHEDRAL BELLS

In his response the Provost of Coventry, the Very Rev. R. T. Howard, said how much he appreciated bellringing. This, he said, dated from his first appointment—to Luton—where, on his first Sunday, he had been moved to visit the ringers at their work, and while ascending the belfry steps during ringing for evening service the sound of bells had come to have a completely new meaning for him. He went on to refer to the 'Tragedy of Coventry Bells.' These he hoped to see rehung as ringable bells some day, since he appreciated the difference between the sound of bells rung to changes and just chimed in a carillon. Until that day, however, he hoped that ringers hearing the sound of the carillon would understand and still enjoy the fine tone of the bells.

Mr. J. Pinfold, Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, proposed the toast 'The Coventry Diocesan Guild.' His first duty, he said, was to convey greetings from the St. Martin's Guild. This done, he recalled that the Guild was formed in 1907 to fill a local need. He called for all foundation members present to rise and, besides himself, Mr. William E. Collett, of Warwick, was the only one present.

Mr. Pinfold then drew attention to the fact that the Guild was now in a very flourishing state, as evidenced by the gathering present at the dinner. After pointing out that the ringers' number one priority was Sunday service ringing, he said that ringers should be grateful to the clergy for having so often given permission for peals rung for the ringers' pleasure. He called on all ringers for their full co-operation in seeing to it that the bells were rung for Sunday services.

The toast 'Our Guests' followed and, in proposing this, Mr. R. J. Edden, the Ringing Master, welcomed the visitors by name. These included Mr. and Mrs. L. Walmsley, from Leyland, Lancs, and Mr. and Mrs. B. Ellender, from Hemel Hempstead, Herts, amongst many others from nearer to hand. He read apologies from several absent friends including the Lord Mayor and the Bishop of Coventry, Dr. N. Gorton, who, as patron, would have liked to be present but who was prevented by his daughter's wedding. Mr. Edden went on to read messages of greeting from the Kent County, Yorkshire and Essex Associations.

DINNERS A POINTER TO PROSPERITY

The reply to this toast was made by Mr. F. E. Haynes, of Birmingham, who said that there were no less than five annual dinners taking place that evening. Several times in 'The Ringing World' questions had been raised as to the current prosperity of the Exercise and, in his opinion, this large number of dinners provided a favourable answer. The excellent attendance at this dinner was a good indication of local progress. He said that the fact that Coventry possessed no central ring of bells had been to the advantage of Birmingham ringers. They had enjoyed the company of many of the Coventry ringers who might otherwise have stayed at home. But that would not prevent him from saying that he hoped to see a ring of bells in Coventry.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. J. L. Garner-Hayward, Northern District secretary. In this he thanked the chairman and speakers and Mr. H. Webb, the veteran Coventry ringer, for his diligent and painstaking work in keeping the Guild peal book up to date. This he described as a labour of love, and the book was available as evidence in the dining room. He also thanked the entertainers. These included Mr. and Mrs. Reg Hall with songs at the piano; Delmo, the mystic; Messrs. Albert Barley and Hubert Summers, duets; and members of the Guild, who rang Stedman Cinques and tunes on handbells.

During the afternoon the towers of St. Andrew's, Rugby; St. Nicholas', Kenilworth; St. Michael's, Stoke; and All Saints', Allesley, were open for ringing.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

We regret to hear as we are going to press of the deaths of Mr. Lionel H. Page, of Titchfield, Hants, and of Mr. Reginald Charles Sharpe, for many years captain of St. Mary's ringers, Newmarket.

There should be a good attendance at the meeting at St. Mary's, Wisbech, on November 12th, as the bells in this tower have not been rung for over 40 years. The bells have been overhauled and augmented to six by Messrs. John Taylor and Co.

Readers will congratulate William Mann, of Caston, Norfolk, on being appointed head boy of Thetford Boys' Grammar School. This is the second year in succession that a ringer has held this appointment, for last year's head boy was C. J. Billin, of Wymondham. We wonder who will 'complete the hat-trick'!

There is an interval of almost 34 years between the peal of Stedman Triples rung at Hingham, Norfolk, and the only other peal of Stedman rung for the Norwich Diocesan Association on these bells.

The peal at Acle on October 26th was the first by the local band for at least 16 years. Congratulations are due to Mr. Herbert W. Lidbetter and the Misses Lidbetter for their work in training a very young, enthusiastic band of Sunday service ringers.

With the peal of Wye Surprise Major at Loughborough Bell Foundry, Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, completed his 150th peal on these bells. Of these he conducted both the longest and the quickest there, viz: 13,440 Bob Major and Cambridge Minor in 1 hour and 50 minutes. Other peals of note he conducted were the extent of Ilkeston Treble Bob Major 9,160; and Little Bob Major 6,720. Twice he has called 7,008 Bob Major as well as 9,760 with 400 singles and no bobs. He also called peals of Spliced Cambridge and Superlative; 'Real' Superlative; Forward Major and all the standard methods. He rang the tenor to 10,976 Bristol Surprise and took part in the extent of 9,600 Worcester Treble Bob Major.

FOUR GREAT TOWERS OF CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

By JAMES R. LAWSON

AROUND four great towers revolves the life of Chicago University. Mitchell tower, the towers of the Chicago Theological Seminary, the First Unitarian Church and the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel combine to make this a university of notable towers. All are in Gothic harmony with one another. Though three were built almost simultaneously, each stands independent with its own distinct beauty. All contribute toward making this, architecturally, one of the most impressive universities in the world.

Oldest of the four, Mitchell tower, rises above Hutchinson Commons and the Reynolds Club. It was built in 1903 and named after John J. Mitchell, benefactor of the University. Every autumn for the past 50 years its bells have sounded a welcoming peal to new students. During the Orientation week members of the Societas Campanariorum (Society of Bellringers) presented special concerts of English folk music.

MODELLED AFTER OXFORD

Mitchell tower was modelled after Magdalen tower at Oxford. Magdalen tower is somewhat higher than Mitchell (127 feet and 3 inches) but except for differing corner pinnacles the copy is almost perfect. Magdalen tower has ten bells and Mitchell tower has exactly ten bells.

The ten bells came from the Whitechapel foundry in London, where 'Big Ben' and some of the largest bells in the world were cast. The 'tenor,' or largest bell, in Mitchell tower has a weight of 2,443 lb. and is inscribed: 'A gracious woman retaining honor.' The 'gracious woman' was Alice Freeman Palmer, dean of women when the University was young. Directly opposite the entrance to Hutchinson Commons is a plaque designed by Daniel Chester French, which indicates that the ten bells ring as a memorial to Mrs. Palmer.

ONE OF A DOZEN

The Palmer chime is one of approximately a dozen outside England which can be rung by ropes and wheels in the traditional English manner known as 'change ringing.' At the moment authentic change ringing in Chicago must wait until another benefactor presents the ringers with new ropes to replace those rotting after years of disuse.

Before the first world war English change ringing was actually practised in Mitchell tower. On November 21st, 1908, history was made with the achievement of the first successful extent; 720 changes of Plain Bob Minor were rung in 26 minutes by a band of eight trained ringers specially imported from England by the University. One of the original ringers, Francis J. Rumens, from Leeds, is still living in Chicago and is an honoured friend of the Societas Campanariorum.

To-day the bells are sounded by a method known in England as 'clocking.' New students are invited to climb to the fourth-floor ringing chamber and watch the ringers at their 'clocking.' Also in the ringing chamber the Societas Campanariorum holds weekly practice sessions with English handbells loaned to the ringers by another English change ringer, Ernest Weatherby. The 'clocking' is performed each Monday through Friday at 12.15, 6 and 10.5 p.m.

RING GRACE PERIOD

Each night at 10 Bruce Cushna walks across University Avenue from his Alpha Delt fraternity house to play at 10.5 the Alma Mater. This is done in cheerful compliance with a request made by coach Amos Alonzo Stagg, who wanted his football players on their way home to bed by a decent hour. The five-minute grace period was granted so that they might have time for a farewell kiss with their girl friends. Now Bruce rings the Alma Mater for an evening hymn, not as a curfew for amorous football players, but as a bell benediction on the day.

TOPIC FOR THE MONTH – X.

Ringers' Club

SOME say it's only the tone and 'go' of the bells and the ringers' ability that matter. Is this true?

Well, it isn't difficult to say which you'd rather ring in—a badly-lit, untidy, dirty tower; or one neat, clean and bright, where you can hang up your jacket without dusting the hook and sit down without brushing off the bench, and see the ropes without peering through a gloom or being dazzled by sunbeams. Of course such towers are not in the majority, but there are enough of them to affect ringing adversely; and, come to think of it, there's more to carp at! How much more?

WORK FOR MORE THAN ONE

In days gone by these physical aspects were within the province of the 'steeplekeeper,' who sometimes received a token recognition of his services. Nowadays things are frequently left to the tower captain or leader of the band, who is then too often considered responsible for the condition of the ringing chamber and the bells as well. But is this fair? His job is to organise and lead the band of ringers, to plan the training and to direct the ringing, assisted by those with special ability in conducting and instructing. To-day, when spare time is all too readily absorbed, and when modern ways of doings things require closer attention to planning and detail, this maintenance of the belfry in fully efficient condition is more than one person can cope with. In fact, it seems that the present-day tower band, with some exceptions, of course, needs to regard itself, for the efficient pursuit of its pastime, more like a self-administering club, with its headquarters as the belfry.

CLUB PREMISES AND MAINTENANCE

In such an analogy we may, with all due reverence, regard that part of the Lord's House with which ringers are particularly concerned as the ringers' club premises.

Consider any club activity involving equipment or apparatus housed in a related building. For example—a model yacht club, an amateur dramatic society or a gliding club. Generally, in such organisations, the members give a hand in the maintenance of the quarters and the equipment used. Additionally, the social side is encouraged and developed, even to the extent of admitting 'associate' members; i.e., those who, not being 'performing' members, join in and render invaluable help with the ancillary activities that are essential to the healthy life of the club. Purely social occasions such as outings and dinners and dances all play their part in the club's cohesive progress, in fact these supply the 'jam' for the associate members' invaluable work for the club.

From this standpoint we may consider just what, in the belfry, is to be cared for and maintained and how the division of labour for this may be arranged. (Space in this issue is at a premium so the presentation of matter may seem a bit 'telescoped'; but we hope it may nevertheless provoke thought, and action.)

THE SEVERAL JOBS

The maintenance of the fabric of the belfry is, of course, the responsibility of the incumbent; but the tower band may regard as its province the 'conditioning' of the interior and its contents, in its own interests. By 'conditioning' is meant the provisioning of voluntary labour and perhaps a small item or two of furnishing: and not, of course, material replacement, which is normally provided out of church funds. The interior comprises three main portions: (a) the bell chamber; (b) the ringing chamber and (c) the stairways thereto; and in each of these portions some or all of the following eight job categories are called for, as indicated: 1, electrical (a, b and c); 2, mechanical (a and b); 3, ropework (a and b); 4, cleaning (a, b and c); 5, decorating (b); 6, sewing (b); 7, secretarial (b and home); 8, direction (b and home).

In most towers, for efficient working, a different person should assume responsibility for each job category, thus calling for eight in all. But it should be realised that in ringing, as in other activities, it is not essential to have **performing** members of the band for these jobs, except the last-named; and this is where the **associate** members of the band can be invaluable in their aid. But if all jobs can be done by ringing members, so much the better.

Viewed as indicated above, this is how the work pans out:—

Job 1.—In (a), bulb replacement, making up of wander leads and safety light. In (b), bulb replacement, adjustment of lighting, preferably central and from ceiling. (Extension leads from wall sockets are useful.) Attention to electric fire where provided. In (c), bulb replacement. Also electric warning bells, where provided.

Job 2.—In (a), on bells and frame, attention to nuts and bolts. Lubrication of bearings and pulleys. Stay reserves and replacement. In (b), attention to rope guides and repairs to pedestal boxes, etc.

Job 3.—In (a), periodic examination, especially before peals, and taking up, as necessary, for wear, etc. In (b), adjustments for end-length and for rope heights; and in both (a) and (b), splicing as required. Attention to stretching of new ropes and fitting same.

Job 4.—In (a), occasionally, and by a male member preferably No. 2. But in (b) and (c) a female member could do the work; (b) requires regular attention, sweeping floor and dusting round, but (c) only occasionally. There is also the 'spring-clean' of (b), when walls should be swept down all round.

Job 5.—Much can be done in (b) to make the chamber attractive and give a pleasant atmosphere, inducive to relaxed mental condition for concentrating on the ringing. Walls can be distempered, even if only from a lower level (say seven feet) downwards. A coat of paint on old cupboards and other woodwork makes a wonderful improvement, but care is needed in choosing colours!

Job 6.—This is one for the ladies. Curtains at the windows are essential in some towers, where sunbeams can dazzle. Repairs to ropemats and other articles, where the needle can be used, should be dealt with promptly, for obvious reasons.

Job 7.—The secretarial work can be quite heavy in some towers. It may include:—Correspondence, accounts, treasury, tower library, arrangements for outings, suppers, etc., and Press reports.

Job 8.—This is the king-pin of the jobs, of course, and is for a well-chosen tower leader. He must plan (at home) and direct the instruction and the practice-ringing, calling in the assistance of others to help with the conducting and teaching, as necessary.

'CLUB' ORGANISATION

And so a tower band may be organised on a 'club' basis, calling itself what it pleases—'Guild' has been used successfully. Its president might be the incumbent, the tower leader, the chairman and the secretary (sometimes called the tower correspondent), also acting as treasurer, will be responsible for the 'Belfry Fund,' out of which the sundry ancillaries mentioned in 1 to 8 above should be provided. He would also organise the social functions. (Many towers have a summer outing and a winter supper, anyway.) Other jobs could be nominated as 'offices' and appointments made annually. The incumbent should be approached for an annual 'Ringers' Guild' Sunday, when services would be attended by all members—associates and performing—in full force. Ringers would perhaps read the lessons, and give handbell voluntaries in the nave, in lieu of 'anthems.' Addresses could be given on the subject of ringing as a service of the Church, and as to the relationship of the Guild to its territorial association and to the Exercise at large. Trainee members and associate members would be invited to join the Guild and notice might be given of talks and demonstrations to be presented on the national art of change ringing. Collections might be given to the Belfry Fund.

A NEW LOOK

In such an atmosphere the matter of ringing, as viewed by the community, instead of appearing as some remote and mysterious rite (which from that very aspect can become something merely to be tolerated), develops as a vital, even intimate, interest; while the ringers themselves are active in an aura of ever-growing keenness and pride of performance—not the least founded on the attractiveness and efficacy of their 'club' premises.

Isn't it worth more than a thought?

A. Y-B.

A GREAT DAY AT SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE

The tiny village of Shotwick stands at the edge of the Dee marshes and in days gone by was famous as the haunt of smugglers. The tower of its ancient church contains a delightful ring of six installed in 1937, when four trebles were added to two of the three seventeenth century bells which had been derelict for many years. The other bell, the smaller of the old three, cast by Scott of Wigan in 1664, now rests in the north aisle, where it keeps company with the three-decker pulpit and the canopied churchwardens' stalls.

The outstanding event of the year at Shotwick is the harvest festival, the main service being held on a Sunday afternoon in October, when folk from far and near flock to the church to fill not only its ancient box-pews, but also the forms, stools and chairs of many varieties which are packed into the narrow aisles and in every conceivable corner.

Ringing for this great occasion is always provided by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and the fascinating dance of the ropes holds the attention of the many people who arrive very early to be sure of a seat. Regular visitors note that, although the ringers change from year to year, there is always one whose name is Bob, and curiously enough this fellow seems to be the weak member of the band who has to be spoken to so often. The general opinion is that this awkward person is the one standing at the south-east who must surely be very conscious that the great sandstone weights of the clock dangle so perilously above his head.

This year the congregation was greater than ever, for the Lord Bishop was making his first visit to the church. A well-struck extent of Bob Minor being brought round, the bells were set and the floor space beneath the tower was quickly filled. The church was now closely packed from the altar rails to the west door, and the opening hymn, 'Come, ye thankful people, come,' resounded in the timbers of the ancient roof. Later a passage was made—not without difficulty—for the Bishop to proceed to the three-decker from which he preached, and after the concluding hymn the space beneath the tower was eventually cleared and more ringing took place.

It is pleasing to record that the Bishop came down to the belfry with all speed and took a rope in some Grandsire Doubles while those who still remained within the church watched with considerable interest. The Chester Diocesan Guild is very proud of the fact that in the new Bishop of Chester it has its first ringing president and it is hoped that he will be able to visit many towers as he travels about his diocese.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HEAVIEST TENOR IN WALES

Dear Sir,—In reference to the 'Monmouth and South Wales Tour,' reported in the issue of 'The Ringing World' dated October 21st, 1955, the reporter states that at Cardiff (St. John's Church) an attempted peal of Cambridge Royal came to grief after three hours and ten minutes' ringing, and that, with the peal of Rutland Surprise Major at Pentre Parish Church, the heaviest tenor of the tour was rung. This, however, it not the case.

The tenor of the Pentre octave is exceeded in weight by the tenor the ring of ten at St. John-the-Baptist, Cardiff, the heaviest ring in Wales, viz.:—

St. Peter's Church, Pentre: Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in E flat.

St. John's Church, Cardiff: Tenor 27 cwt. in D.—Yours truly,

Barry, Glam. PETER J. ROBERTS.

WITH TRUMPETS AND SHAWMS

Dear Sir,—In the psalter version of Psalm 98 verse 7 is—'With trumpets also and shawms: O shew yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.' On going to St. Mary's Church, Barking, near Needham, Suffolk, for a peal, I noticed a shawm in a glass case. The Rector explained that this was played by one Thomas Emsden in the choir orchestra, before the general introduction of an organ in his church, about the year 1830. I had the pleasure of meeting his granddaughter.

The instrument is curved like a serpent, has a mouthpiece similar to brass band, six holes (three for each hand) conveniently placed for the production of different notes.

The Bible version has cornets in lieu of shawms.

Ipswich. G. E. SYMONDS.

WHY THESE SEVEN VARIATIONS?

Dear Sir,—'Dictators, dictators, dictators'—what a world this is getting! I thought we had a war to do away with these people! Not content with exalting their ugly prowess in political circles, in ministerial and local government offices, they cannot even let so simple a thing as ringing alone—as if the decision of the Central Council last Whitsun was not enough to curb their powers and activities!

Good luck to the team who want to ring Bob Triples, Grandsire Royal and all the rest of it—and I say the same to the team who want to ring a peal of Bob Minor, whether it be seven callings or one, or a peal of Grandsire Doubles, whether it be ten callings or one—what's it to do with anyone else? If there was a competition and a prize at the end, all well and good—but there is not!

Ringing is purely a voluntary thing, and ringers have the perfect right to please themselves what they shall ring. A peal of Bob Minor in one variation (if that is a young band's limit), providing it is decently struck, is far better than some conglomeration of badly struck Surprise Major or Maximus—I've heard some of the latter not worthy of the name of ringing! In any case, why must any young band wait until they can ring seven variations, ten variations, extremes, and all the rest of it, before they go for a peal, if they wish? I repeat—what's it to do with anyone else?

There's enough 'crying the odds' about shortages of young ringers, everywhere, without anyone trying to dictate or put obstacles in the way of the few who do come forward.

The world has far too many dictators nowadays in every phase of life, and the sooner they are put down and their bureaucratic ideals with them, the better. Ringing is not a Trade Union, and I for one strongly resent anyone trying to introduce or force Trade Union tactics into it!—Yours sincerely,

Weston Favell, Northants. P. AMOS.

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR IN EIGHT METHODS

Dear Sir,—In view of the interest taken in Spliced Surprise Major, in which all the bells do all the work in each method, I continued to investigate the possibility of adding something to my last composition, which was in seven methods. I have worked on several, but the only one I have found suitable up to the present is Lincoln, which contains a lot of Pudsey. However, it is a distinct method and I have used it for making up my composition to eight methods as shown in following figures. As pointed out by Mr. L. W. G. Morris in his kind letter of appreciation of my work, there is a limit to the number of methods one can include on this plan.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

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5 2 4 3 6	1		1	1	WDPPS
6 2 5 3 4	2			3	WBSLBB
3 5 4 2 6	1		1		WCCDP
4 2 3 5 6			1	1	LCL
6 2 4 5 3	2				LBPW
3 4 2 5 6	1			1	WDDNN
2 3 4 5 6				1	WWP

N. Lincoln, 416 Lincoln, 448 Superlative, 448 Pudsey, 512 Dorchester, 672 Cambridge, 896 Bristol, 928 Watford, 960 London.

To reduce, omit three Bobs Home (3) and the Bristol leads between at one or both places.

YORKSHIRE ROYAL IN SHROPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—The claim regarding the peal of Yorkshire Royal at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, as the first in the county, is not correct. A peal of Yorkshire Royal was rung at Coalbrookdale on August 21st, 1954, conducted by Wilfred Williams.—Yours faithfully,

Wood Green, N.22. JOHN G. NASH.

Dear Sir,—The first peal of Yorkshire Royal in Shropshire was rung at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, August 21st, 1954.

The footnote to the Shrewsbury peal should have read 'The first of Yorkshire Royal by the Association.'—Yours faithfully,

London. WILFRED WILLIAMS.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. — On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Christine Andrews (first quarter) 1, C. Murphy 2, Ann Vinter 3, N. Hayes (cond.) 4, R. Payne (first 'inside') 5, Alice Reed 6, R. A. Reed 7, L. W. Stead 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, both members of the band. Rung by the Sunday service band.

PEAL APPRECIATED

Dear Sir,—I was one of the ringers who took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Matthew's Church, Buckley, on Saturday, October 22nd.

Many people have since expressed to me their appreciation of the ringing, but none pleased me more than the lady who approached my Vicar and asked who were the ringers on Saturday, as she and her friends had sat and listened to the peal right to the end and they had never heard such lovely music or good ringing, and then she handed him a donation to the Bell Restoration Fund as a mark of appreciation!—Yours fraternally,

DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD.

Buckley, Chester.

STOKE-BY-NAYLAND BELLS

Dear Sir,—The announcement that Stoke-by-Nayland is to have a full octave can only be full of interest to those of us who are critical as to the sound of bells.

This fine tower standing on a hill overlooking the Stow Valley (Harwich can be seen from the top) is ideal for a ring of bells, the acoustics being all that one could wish for.

The tenor is a very good bell by Thomas Mears, 1811, but to my mind fall some bit short of 28 cwt. Allowing for the removal of the cannons and the bellfounders scraping a bit of spare metal in tuning, I should assess the weight at 23 cwt., so they will be a long way from being one of the heaviest eights in Suffolk.

All Saints', Sudbury, was listed at 30 cwt., but the true weight was discovered as 26½ cwt. Bures (Thomas Mears, 1826) was known to be 23 cwt. 11 ib. in B flat, but in 1951 tuning forks and measurements have told us that it is a good 20 cwt. in E. Ringers used to judge the weight of a bell by how it went; bad-going bells gained a little weight every few years.

Those who have not rung at Stoke will be interested to learn that they are hung 123465, with enough timber in the frame to build Nelson's 'Victory.'

The bellfounders have everything in their favour so after June, 1956, Stoke should prove to be a Mecca for ringers—Yours sincerely,

LESLIE D. MILLS

Bures.

A PEAL AT RICHMOND, SURREY

Dear Sir,—The account of the quarter peal at Richmond reminds me of a peal I rang there on June 4th, 1898, under rather trying circumstances. At that time I was frequently at Isleworth for practice, and an attempt for Oxford Bob Triples was discussed, but Freddie Goddard informed us that ringing at Richmond was controlled by a steeplekeeper called 'Old Wheelbarrow,' who sat on a stool and directed the ringing (call changes, I understood), and that until he was gone no peal would be allowed.

It so happened that this old gentleman passed away, and permission to ring was obtained by F. G. Apparently this did not meet with the approval of the locals, as soon after the peal was commenced the clockwinder turned up, making all the unnecessary noise he possibly could in the clock chamber above; then later a stone was thrown through the window, of course breaking it.

Thanks to a very efficient conductor a very good peal was rung. The band was Thomas Beadle 1, Evered J. Walsom 2, John Basden (conductor) 3, Harry Newnham 4, William Crockford 5, Frederick G. Goddard 6, George A. Ransom 7, William Stanney 8.

W. Crockford is still alive, but has not rung for many years. Excepting myself, I do not know whether any others of the band survive.—Yours truly.

H. NEWNHAM.

Alresford, Hants.

REDEDICATIONS

EWHURST, SUSSEX

Many ringers from neighbouring towers attended the rededication of the bells of Ewhurst, Sussex, by the Lord Bishop of Chichester on Saturday, October 22nd. This ring of five bells was last rung on VE-Day, 1945. Much money had to be spent on the roof of the church before the bells could be attended to.

The tenor and treble were cracked and have been recast at the Whitechapel Foundry. All the bells have had the old crowns removed and replaced with the modern type and clappers and have been hung on ball bearings. The wooden beams supporting the bell frame were found to be badly decayed at the ends, and the masonry, where they joined the walls, broken up. They have been replaced with steel girders firmly fixed into the walls.

The original five bells were cast in 1760 and it is possible they were a recasting of an earlier ring of four bells with a new one added. The bell frame, still retained, is dated 1760.

These five bells had their weights cut in, and were inscribed just above the sound-bow wires:

Treble.—Mr. John Richardson, Curate. Lester and Pack, of London, fecit 1760. 5 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. (diameter 29¼ inches).

Second.—Lester and Pack of London fecit 1760. 6 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. (diameter 32 inches).

Third. — Lester and Pack of London fecit 1760. 6 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. (diameter 33 inches).

Fourth.—Edwd. Cox and Jno. Bartlett, Ch. Wardens. 1760. Lester and Pack, London fecit. 7 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. (diameter 34½ inches).

Tenor.—The Rev. Thos. Nairne, Rector. 1760. Lester and Pack of London fecit. 10 cwt. 12 lb. (diameter 38 inches).

The inscriptions on the recast bells read now:

Treble.—Edwd. Wm. Perry and Chas, Jno. Gray, Churchwardens. L et P fecerunt 1760 M et S refecerunt iii Eliz: R. ii (round the lower part of the bell just above the sound-bow wires). And (round the crown of the bell) Sancta Maria o.p.n.

Tenor. — Kenneth Arthur Pearson, Rector. L et P. fecerunt 1760. M et S refecerunt iii Eliz: R. ii (just above the sound-bow wires) and Sancte Jacobe o.p.n. (below the crown).

A tablet on the wall under the tower records that the restored ring was consecrated by George Kennedy Allen Bell, Bishop of Chichester, on October 22nd, 1955.

The verdict of visiting ringers was that the tone and go of the bells were good. Refreshments were served after the service.

QUENIBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

For 80 years the bells of St. Mary's, Queniborough, Leics, have been silent. Through the initiative of this small parish, which has perhaps the finest spire in Leicestershire, the four old bells have been retuned and a new treble added. These have been rehung in a metal frame, the contract having been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. The tenor is 10¼ cwt.

The dedication service took place on October 27th, Bishop H. A. Maxwell performing the ceremony. Rounds were rung on the five bells immediately after the dedication as the clergy returned to the chancel, the ringers being representatives of the district committee and the founders.

After the service touches were rung by visitors from seven local towers, and all visiting ringers with Bishop Maxwell were entertained to a buffet supper by the Vicar and churchwardens.

A band of learners has been receiving instruction for some time so that the bells will be rung regularly by a local band. Good luck, Queniborough!

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE

The rededication of the fine eight at Eccleston, following their rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co., took place on Sunday, October 23rd. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Stockport, the Rt. Rev. D. H. Saunders Davies, at morning service, and began at the chancel steps when the Bishop called for the Archdeacon's Certificate authorising the work to be carried out. This document having been examined, the Bishop, Rector and wardens proceeded to the west end and ascended to the ringing chamber where suitable prayers were said.

The ropes, suitably tied together with ribbon, were handed to the Bishop by Mr. Samuel Jones, who has been a ringer here since the bells were opened in 1907. The ribbon was released and the bells rung in rounds for a few minutes as the procession returned to the vestry, the ceremony having been relayed to the congregation in the church below by means of loud speakers.

To the singing of the hymn. 'Lifted high within the steeple,' the Bishop, Rector and choir entered by the west door and processed to the chancel. A break was made in the service at the end of the first lesson and the procession re-formed and moved to the undertower where a single rope was suspended from the tower above. This the Bishop handed to the Rector as a token with the injunction, 'Receive these bells and take care that they be ever and only used in God's service and for His glory.' The procession returned to the choir during the singing of the Te Deum.

In his sermon the Bishop spoke of the use of bells in the service of the Church and also of the unique English art of change ringing, drawing a parallel between the path of a bell in changes to the path of the individual through life. At the conclusion of the service the bells were again rung as a very large congregation left the church.

The present church at Eccleston was built by the first Duke of Westminster and dedicated on Ascension Day, 1900. Its bells, a very fine ring of eight with a tenor of 26¾ cwt. in D, are well known to ringers, and to the older members of the Exercise the name of Mr. H. W. Wilde, the eminent composer and conductor who died in 1932, will be associated with them.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Mr. M. Orme Leaving for National Service

The Northern District met at Great Offley on October 22nd. After a short service, at which Miss Mayes played the organ, the ringers were greeted as they walked through the fog along the road to tea by the strains of 'Old Man River.'

The chairman for the business meeting was Mr. M. Orme, who is about to leave for National Service. The problem of the lack of Hitchin ringers was discussed, the final decision being that the secretary should write to Mr. Fidler suggesting that monthly special practices should be held in order to help learners and in the hope that interest would be aroused.

Miss Elizabeth Symons, of Norton, was elected a member.

The Rector of Stevenage will be unable to be present on the fourth Saturday in November, so the next meeting has been brought forward to the 19th, with Dr. Gullick as Ringing Master. The special method will be Painswick College Bob.

Ringing in the evening ranged from rounds to Bala Bob. J. S.

THE MAJOR HESSE WEEK-END

The annual gathering at Wrington to honour the memory of Major John H. B. Hesse was held on the fourth Saturday in October, the Saturday nearest the anniversary of his death. Major Hesse was a well-known ringer throughout the country and it was he who was the prime mover in the augmentation of Wrington bells from six to ten in 1911.

A good peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Wraxall in 2 hours and 56 minutes on the Friday evening, but the peal attempt at Wrington on Saturday afternoon came to grief after just over one hour's ringing.

Tea was afterwards taken at a nearby hotel and Mr. Knight said he had received a letter from Mrs Hesse, who was very sorry she was unable to be present as she was away from home for three months. Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas and Messrs. Stafford Green, H. Sanger and A. A. Hughes also sent letters of apology for absence. After tea Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells. Those present at tea were the Rector of Wrington, the Rev. B. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. H. Knight and Messrs. W. Birmingham, R. Bowden, L. Derrick, J. Dyke, R. Fry, W. Kingcott, C. Lewington. B. Lister and H. Price. M. J. H.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION

Four teams entered for the Halifax Association quarterly cup contest held at Earlsheaton on October 22nd. Result:—

Meltham	..	58 faults
Sandal	..	123 „
Lindley	..	144 „
Friezland	..	29 „

The test piece was 600 changes of any Treble Bob Minor method.

Friezland were declared the winners.

At the business meeting following the contest votes of thanks were expressed to the Vicar, churchwardens and the local company for the excellent arrangements made on behalf of the Association, and the bells of Friezland were offered for the venue of the next meeting and contest in April, 1956.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

Ringers from Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Northampton, Earls Barton, Bozeat, Rushden, Finedon, Higham Ferrers, Easton Maudit, Dallington, Irchester, Stanwick, Mears Ashby, Isham, Billing and Ecton attended the quarterly meeting of Wellingborough branch at Ecton on October 22nd.

The Guild service in the afternoon was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. S. Woolcombe). Mr. J. S. Line was the organist. A collection for the Restoration Fund amounted to £1 12s. 7d. It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Irthlingborough in January.

The bells were rung in the afternoon and evening by ringers of both sexes, whose ages ranged from 14 to 85.

Handbells were rung by Messrs. A. J. Tyler, J. King, J. Skerritt and A. Bigley.

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A Week-end in East Devon

A party of six ringers from Long Ashton, Clutton, Leicester and Nailsea, with the organiser, Cyril Deem, and other local friends, enjoyed a ringing week-end on August 8th-9th in East Devon. Headquarters was the 'ringers' hotel,' the King's Arms, East Budleigh.

Proceedings got off to a fine start on Saturday, when, after ringing on the light six at Otterton, one of the 'away' team got locked in the tower. This was purely accidental but the gentleman in question thought it was a practical joke and patiently sat down on the steps to wait. While his chauffeur was wondering where he was, and the tower captain was in the process of being whisked off (complete with key) to the next tower, the imprisoned ringer went back to the ringing chamber and furiously chimed the treble, thereby narrowly averting solitary confinement!

Colaton Raleigh's six were next tackled, followed by the beautiful light ring at Harpford (7 cwt. 4 lb.), where Reverse Canterbury Minor was one of the methods rung. After a welcome cup of coffee Aylesbeare was visited and then on to the Taylor eight at Ottery St. Mary, where good Grandsire and Stedman Triples and a course of Bob Major were rung.

An excellent lunch at Ottery preceded ringing at Feniton, Payhembury (a lovely tenor) and Clyst Hydon, where, while some watched the antics of the local football team, others watched the antics of the tenor man coping with a brand new rope! Plymtree was the last stop before tea and we feel we did not disgrace ourselves at this champion call change tower.

A hasty call at Cullompton and we were able to ring some good Grandsire Caters and passable Stedman Caters on the lovely light ten there (one member's 600th tower). The light eight in the tiny tower at Sowton were next visited and ringing included a lightning touch of Stedman Triples—so fast, in fact, that, as someone said, there wasn't time to go wrong! Pinhoe and the octave at St. David's, Exeter, concluded the day's ringing.

Sunday service ringing was at Sidmouth and East Budleigh (where all the party attended the harvest festival service) and we had a final pull at Lympstone after lunch which concluded the official operations, although one of the party rang at Heavitree (Exeter) for Evensong, and the Somerset contingent were made very welcome at Ruishton, with its lovely little six augmented from three a couple of months ago.

M. J. H.

Nailsea Seek Adventures On Outing

The annual meeting of the Nailsea ringers was on October 1st, when they were joined by friends from Backwell, Long Ashton, Clutton, Langport and Coventry.

None of the towers had been chosen by merit of their tone of 'go,' and Iron Acton, the first visited, was not conspicuous for the latter. The next tower was Wapley (tenor 17 cwt.), where it was unanimously decided that the five bells were 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 of a ring of eight. Erin Minimus with a tenor sounded better than Doubles.

The Vicar met the party at Grittleton and told them that he knew the condition of the ropes was not good. Part of the way through the last touch Mr. Derrick proved too much for the fourth rope, which broke below the sally, so the bells were rung down and the rope spliced before going on to Yatton Keynell, where multi-minimus methods were rung on this recently re-hung four.

Ringing at Corsham (6, 23¼ cwt.), where two local ringers joined in, ended the day's scheduled activities. Some of the conductors had great difficulty here in making themselves heard on account of the noise in the ringing chamber and the bells cast rope easily—the tenor ringers noticed this particularly.

Sincere thanks were expressed to Michael Horseman, the organiser, and to the clergy (who met us at every tower) for the use of their bells.

M. E. F.

TOURS AND OUTINGS

Society of Rambling Ringers

During their tour of Norfolk and Suffolk, which started on July 30th, the Society of Rambling Ringers held their business meeting and elected the following officers:—Ringing Master, John E. Cook; Deputy Ringing Masters, Denis Mottershead and Clive M. Smith; hon. secretary, Jean A. Brooks, 78, Melton Road, Syston, Leicester; peal secretary, John R. Ketteringham.

It was decided that all non-touring members should pay a yearly subscription of one shilling, and touring members 2s. 6d. (as at present). The annual reunion will be at Leicester on December 17th. All past and present members and any interested in joining the Society will be welcome and should contact Jean A. Brooks.

New members predominated in this year's tour, which lasted 15 days. Methods rung during the tour were Cinques: Grandsire; Royal: Cambridge, Kent, Plain and Little Bob; Caters: Stedman, Grandsire; Major: Bristol, Cambridge, Yorkshire, Rutland, Superlative, Ipswich, New Cambridge Surprise; Triples: Grandsire and Stedman; Minor: Cambridge, Bourne, York, Durham, Beverley, Surfleet, Lightfoot, London, Wells, Chester, London Scholars, Kent, Oxford, Plain St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Double Oxford; Doubles: Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's.

Towers visited:—

Saturday, July 30th: King's Lynn, Gaywood (6), Clenchwharton (5), Tilney, All Saints' (6).

Sunday, July 31st: Fakenham, Wells-next-the-Sea (8), Wiverton (6).

Monday, August 31st: Cromer (6), Aylsham (10), Marsham (8), Buxton (6), Lammas (5), Salle (8).

Tuesday, August 2nd: Northrepps (6), Paston (6), Knapton (5), Scottow (6), Coltishall (6), St. George's, Colegate, Norwich.

Wednesday, August 3rd: Mattishall (6), East Dereham (8), Hingham (8), Garveston (6), Wymondham (8), Hethersett (8), St. Giles', Norwich (8).

Thursday, August 4th: St. John-de-Sepulchre, Norwich, St. Michael, Coslany (8), Saxlingham Nethergate (8), Shotesham (5), Lodden (8), Norton Subcourse (6), St. Peter Mancroft (12).

Friday, August 5th: Randworth (6), Wroxham (6), Catfield (5), Winterton (6).

Saturday, August 6th: Beccles (10), Bungay (8), Alburgh (8), Redenhall (8), Diss 8).

Sunday, August 7th: Stowmarket (8), Fornham St. Martin (6), Fornham All Saints (5), Bury St. Edmunds, St. Mary's (8), St. James' (10).

Monday, August 8th: Eye (8), Debenham (8), Stonham Aspal (10).

Tuesday, August 9th.—Ipswich, St. Mary-le-Tower (12), St. Margaret's (8), St. Clement's (6), St. Matthew's (6), Grundisburgh (10), Woodbridge (8).

Wednesday, August 10th: Lavenham (8), Sudbury, St. Gregory's (8), All Saints' (8), Bures (8).

Thursday, August 11th: Great Tey (8), Earls Colne (8), Halstead (8), Pebmarsh (6), Sible Hedingham (8), Castle Hedingham (6).

Friday, August 12th: Clare (8), Cavendish (6), Foxearth (8), Radwinter (8), Saffron Walden (12).

Saturday, August 13th: Ickleton (8), Cambridge, Great St. Mary's (12), Cambridge R.C. (8), Cambridge, St. Andrew's (8).

The Mobile Youths' Tour

We had decided to take advantage of the September 'long week-end' to make our excursion into the country, and chose Manchester Cathedral as a suitable marshalling point. Both cars successfully fought their way through Manchester's chaotic traffic to Cheshire's open country, and we reached Bollington at the appointed hour. Here we met Mr. Moss, 64 years a ringer at this church. He still rings regularly and looks good for another 64! The way to the belfry was almost as tortuous as our navigation in Manchester, but after passing through the organ-blowing mechanism we soon had this good-going but rather harsh-toned eight ringing Bob Major.

At Sutton we received a cordial welcome from Mrs. Lowson and thoroughly enjoyed a very pleasant six rung from the ground floor The only real mishap here was the mistaking of this tenor for one later in the day less than half the weight by one of the female members of the party.

After receiving directions from local guides for finding our next tower, Bosley (6), the two cars performed superlative long dodges from one side of the lane to the other in their attempts to turn round. The stone tower at the west end of Bosley's brick church was ascended by a near vertical ladder from a form in the church. The bells proved to be a most unbalanced ring of four old bells and two trebles. The tone of the tenor made Minor sound very odd, so it was here that we made our first ventures in Doubles ringing.

After a meal at Congleton we finally persuaded the sexton to open the tower. If the sexton did not know we were coming 'The Congleton Chronicle' certainly did, for we had hardly rung a course on this excellent-toned but not easy-handled bells when the Press entered. However vague the reporter's views on ringing had been before, they were now quite distinct!

The next call will long be remembered for the fine-toned six at Holmes Chapel, recently put in good order; the delightful multi-bob touch of Bob Minor called by Anne; and the magnificent wood ceiling in the church recently exposed by the removal of plaster covering.

Goostrey (6, 6 cwt.), our next call, had a tower of hazards. Heads were bumped, dresses were ripped, shins were barked on doors, organ-blowers and projections, and all this for an odd-going ring which the local ringer told us went better to Doubles.

The two cars then left this all-brick church by entirely different routes, one guided by Ordnance, the other by intuition, and finally arrived on opposite sides of the same famous beauty spot—Lower Peover. Here we preferred to ring with the church door closed, for when it is open, though it is both cooler and lighter, the fifth cannot see the fourth and vice-versa.

The husbands in the party were quite relieved to find their wives' attempts to prove themselves worthy of being the wives of Cheshire yeomen, by the lifting of the church chest lid with one hand, were foiled by the chest being locked. We were then able to get down to serious ringing, rendered difficult by new ropes. We liked this Warner six and considered this delightful half-timbered church deservedly popular.

Thence down the cobbled lane to the main road, the bigger car leaving the smaller in a fine burst of speed. We soon came to Knutsford, another good six, but, for a change, rung anti-clockwise. Lower Peover, as a half-timbered church, is long remembered as a fine example of its kind, so also is Nether Alderley, a beautiful stone church in a truly glorious setting This, plus a fine Rudhall six, recently brought up to scratch by a dose of bellhangers' tonic, made a perfect ending to a good day.

Methods.—Doubles: Grandsire, Stedman, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob; Minor: Plain Bob, Little Bob, St. Clement's, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent; Triples: Grandsire, Stedman; Major: Plain Bob. P. J. H. H.

OBITUARY

MR. CLEMENT GLENN

A dear friend, Mr. Clement Glenn, known affectionately as 'Clem,' collapsed and died by the roadside after ringing for service at Bulwell, Notts, on Sunday, October 23rd.

The news of his sudden death spread very slowly over the country, and few friends saw him laid to rest on Thursday, October 27th. It was a sad end that such a brilliant conductor of odd-bell methods had so few ringers attend his funeral at Horbling, Lincs.

A brother and sister-in-law and three friends were present, together with the following ringing friends: Mrs. A. Richardson and Mrs. E. Wayman (Surfleet), Mr. A. Holmes (Edenham), Messrs. J. E. Allen and C Wander (Donington), Messrs. W. E. Allen, G. Carpenter, B. H. Dalton and J. T. Rolt (Billingborough). Mrs. A. Richardson represented the Ladies' Guild, and Mr. J. E. Allen the College Youths.

Two courses of Grandsire Doubles on handbells were rung over the open grave by: J. E. Allen 1-2, C Wander 3-4, Mrs. A. Richardson 5-6.

After the interment the tower bells were raised, a 360 of Plain Bob Minor was rung and the bells were lowered by Mrs. J. T. Rolt 1, J. E. Allen 2, Mrs. A. Richardson 3, A. Holmes 4, B. H. Dalton 5, C. Wander (conductor) 6.

Clem's oft-repeated wish 'to lie in Horbling Churchyard with my feet to the Fens' had been fulfilled. J. E. A.

MR. FRANCIS SHEPPARD WILSON

Many ringers will be sorry and surprised to know that Mr. Francis S. Wilson, of Lilliput, Parkstone, Dorset, passed away on May 30th. The tardiness of the announcement arises from Mr. Wilson having withdrawn from active ringing for some long time before his death.

Mr. Wilson, in his profession as a bank clerk and manager, had moved around the country quite a bit and had at all times keenly fostered activity in the Exercise at his 'home' tower for the time being—Ludlow, Cheltenham, Wincanton and Midhurst were some of them, and there is a photograph of F. S. W. hanging in St. Mary's, Portsea, tower. It is said that whenever he went to ringers' meetings he always carried a gladstone bag full of handbells 'just in case.' Certainly on one ocasion he 'dropped everything' and picked up his handbells to join an outing party who had stopped for 'elevenses' at Wincanton.

In the Bournemouth district he did much to pioneer the double-handed handbell ringing movement, which was started with the imposition of the ban on tower bell ringing in 1940. He took part in all the first odd-bell peals rung on handbells in Bournemouth and, on occasion, generously 'stood' a small celebration after success.

One must be honest in writing of the departed, however; Mr. Wilson's limitation in double-handed ringing (he could only ring the back pair in odd-bell methods) made him a little 'difficult' in later years. He was so keen that he wanted to be 'in' on everything, and was undoubtedly 'hurt' when even-bell methods were chosen for peal attempts and that there was no place for him in the wonderful records put up by the Bournemouth handbell band in later years. This undoubtedly led to his withdrawal from the scene and in consequence, give more time to his beloved bowls. Nevertheless his keenness and pioneer work should be remembered with gratitude by the Exercise. An attempt is being made to get possession of his ringing records with a view to compiling a list of his peals. A. V. D.

MR. WILLIAM KEATES

A ringer of Mere, Wilts, Mr. William Keates died recently at Chichester, at the age of 69. He was the best type of ringer, for although not particularly skilled, he was never late for, or absent from ringing. A good churchman, he was a great supporter of all his church activities, and during his association with his church frequently acted as voluntary verger on weekdays. A record of service such as his—he was a ringer for 50 years—provides a worthy example for emulation.

He was a man of singleness of purpose, and it is related of him that when he was asked to ring the tenor to what proved to be his first peal he asked for time to consider. A few days later he agreed to make the attempt. It was found out subsequently that, in order to make sure that he could ring the tenor for three hours, he had tied the clapper and rung the bell silent for three hours. Only when he was sure that he would not let the band down did he consent to make the attempt. Would that we were all as conscientious.

The funeral took place at Mere, where many mourners attended, and these included both ringers and members of the British Legion.

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MEETINGS

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Willingham, Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7118

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—Meeting at Bushey Heath (8), Nov. 5th, 3 p.m. Own tea arrangements.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7184

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — South Oxon Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Thame on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells available afternoon and evening, commencing at 2.45 p.m. All welcome.—H. Badger, Branch Sec., The Blue Man, Thame. 7163

SALISBURY GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—Meeting, Wyke Regis, Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting following.—Hayne, Sec. 7166

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District. — Meeting at Kelsale and Saxmundham on Saturday, Nov. 5th. Bells: Kelsale (8) 2.30 p.m.; Saxmundham (6) after tea. Tea 5.15 p.m. at Clark's, Saxmundham. Names for tea to Post Office, Theberton, Leiston.—A. R. Bridger, Hon. Sec. Phone Leiston 57. 7170

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Hartfield (6), Nov. 5th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7183

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting, Ryde, Nov. 5th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—A. N. Guy, Hon. Sec. 7180

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, Fareham (8), Nov. 5th, 2.30 p.m. Service in Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. in Parish Hall. 7169

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) and SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Joint meeting, Sheffield, Nov. 5th. St. Marie's R.C., Norfolk Row (8), 2.30–5; Cathedral (12) 6–9 p.m. Tea in Wostenholm Hall 5 p.m.—J. Seager and J. J. L. Gilbert. 7155

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields (near Tottenham Court Road Tube Station) on Monday, Nov. 7th, at 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 7198

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 6.30-8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 7215

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — 318th anniversary dinner, Nov. 12th. Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, S.E.1, 6.30 p.m. Tickets 16s. 6d. Ringing at St. George's, Camberwell, 12–1 p.m., Southwark Cathedral 1.30–2.30 p.m., St. Michael's, Cornhill, 3.30 to 4.30.—A. B. Peck, 1, Eversfield Road, Reigate. 7087

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Shelley, Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Gardeners Arms. Those requiring tea must notify, not later than Nov. 9th, Mr. J. W. Buxton, Royd House, Shelley, near Huddersfield.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 7227

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Practice meeting, Rockwell Green, Nov. 12th. Bells 6.30 p.m.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 7225

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Silsoe on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Special method: St. James' Youth Exercise. All welcome.—L. H. Bywaters, Dis. Sec. 7192

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT R.S.—Meeting at Patrington on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Church Room 4.30 p.m. (price 3s. 6d.). Names for tea to Mr. L. Rodmell, Highfields, Patrington, E. Yorkshire. 7220

CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 12th, at St. Peter's, Macclesfield. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Dolphin. 7206

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Chesterfield District.—Monthly meeting, Old Brampton (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Bring own food; cups of tea available.—A. B. Cooper. 7228

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Gateshead, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea (3s.), by Nov. 10th, to Mr. N. Elliott, 18, Mersey Road, Gateshead-on-Tyne. Method: Yorkshire. 7204

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at Clay Cross. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by Thursday, to Rev. Wynford Phillips, The Vicarage, Clay Cross.—B. A. Sollis, Hon. Sec. 7209

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Leigh (6), Nov. 12th. Names to B. Pankhurst, Chestnuts, Leigh, Tonbridge. Dinner postponed to Jan. 14th.—C. A. Bassett. 7210

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District — Meeting at Little Shelford, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (5) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Stapleford (6) after tea. —H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7214

ELY ASSOCIATION. — Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, Wisbech, St. Mary's, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. E. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7218

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N. District. — Meeting, Bocking, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Numbers for tea to Mrs. M. Moore, 244, Broad Road, Bocking, Braintree. 7176

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — Wanborough (6), Nov. 12th. Tea.—Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon. Phone 3936. 7212

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—Meeting, Esher (8), Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea in Sandown Tea Rooms 5 p.m. Meeting to nominate officers for 1956, following. Names for tea, by Monday, Nov. 7th, to R. Collins, The Mount Cottage, Chobham, Woking. 7167

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—Quarterly meeting, Cound, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Teas.—G. Randle, Ashford, Ludlow. 7201

HEREFORD GUILD.—Ross District.—Meeting, Weston-under-Penyard, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea and meeting 4.30. Names for tea to W. T. Poston, Viewlands, Ross-on-Wye. 7194

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Great Berkhamstead (8), Nov. 12th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. Porrett, 18, Cowper Road, Berkhamstead. 7189

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Cheshunt, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please.—T. J. Southam, Dis. Sec., 17, Upper Heath Road, St. Albans. 7217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting on Nov. 12th at Willesborough. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 8th, please, to Mr. J. Carlton, 10, Hunter Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent. — W. P. G. 7179

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—The social will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12th. St. Dunstan's bells available from 2.30. Tea in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall at 4.45 p.m., followed by the social evening. Tickets 2s. 6d. each, cash with order, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 9th, please, from B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7175

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—Meeting at Hailsham, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. followed by business meeting. Ladies please support. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 9th, please, to Miss K. Yeo, 118, Station Road, Hailsham. 7162

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', West Derby (6), on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells available from 2.30 Service 4.30. Tea in the Church Hall, Moscow Drive, at 5, followed by business meeting. Nominations required for Branch officers. Names of all those requiring tea **must** be forwarded, before Wednesday, Nov. 9th, to Mr. W. H. Rawsthorne, 35, Liddell Road, Liverpool 12.—P. W. Cave, Hon. Sec. 7196

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—Meeting at Preston, St. Mark's, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, 9th, to Mr. R. Cliff, 10, Mona Street, Preston. Frequent buses, P1, from Town Centre (Lancaster Road) and Railway Station. Everybody welcome.—L. Walmsley. 7226

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—Meeting at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Tea in Bay Horse, only for those who notify, by Wednesday, 9th, Mr. P. Scholfield, 3, Joshua Street, Todmorden.—F. Pritchard. 7205

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at St. Martin's, Bowness, on Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to F. Wilson, Woodside, Bank Road, Windermere.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7209

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Meeting at Cossington, Nov. 12th. (Please note altered date.) Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by the 10th to Miss M. Carpenter, Main Street.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Lincoln District. — Meeting at Waddington (5), Nov. 12th (first meeting in new church). Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln (20236). 7190

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Holloway (between Holloway Tube Station and Highbury Corner) on Nov. 12th at 3 p.m. Service and business. Tea shops nearby. —T. J. Lock. 7199

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Souldern (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names for tea to C. Kinch, Causeway, Bicester. 7197

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Reading Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Nov. 12th. Pangbourne bells at 3. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 at Lantern Cafe. Names, by Nov. 2nd, to W. D. Short, Church Cottage, Whitchurch, Oxon.—R. G. Burton. 7224

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at Cuckney (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. No tea arrangements.—H. Denman. 7222

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting at Merstham, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Nov. 9th, to Mrs. Morris, Merlebank, Church Hill, Merstham. 7211

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. —Quarterly meeting, Pulborough (8), Nov. 12th. Names for tea, please, by previous Tuesday, to W. L. Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 7223

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A combined meeting of Alton and Petersfield and Winchester Districts at Alton on November 12th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. No business meeting. Numbers for tea, by Nov. 9th.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Warsash, Southampton. 7216

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Upton-on-Severn, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting. Names, by Tuesday, Nov. 8th, to E. F. Cubberley, Park Cottages, Kempsey, near Worcester. 7229

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at Ightham. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7202

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Derby Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 16th, to Mr. H. Taylor, 27, New Chester Street, Derby. For people in Leicester area, train leaves London Road Station, Leicester, 1.52 p.m.—meeting in booking hall 1.40 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. M. Simpson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7200

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Surfleet (12), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 7203

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Upton on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 7232

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, at Bassaleg, near Newport. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business.—Jacqueline Evans, Branch Sec. 7195

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A BUSY MONTH

ALTHOUGH the great national newspapers cover the country and are read eagerly, yet the various types of local papers, usually published weekly, are read just as eagerly, and what would England be without them? They are in the main good friends of ringers and very willingly publish items of interest to the ringing fraternity. The dedication of a new ring of bells or the reopening of a rehung ring is duly reported in full along with appropriate photographs.

During October there was a spate of bell dedications and the pages of numerous local papers contained detailed reports, publicity which is of great value to the various bell funds. The month opened in grand style, for on Saturday, the 1st, there were celebrations at Belstone and Revelstoke in Devon. The moorland village of Belstone formerly had five bells; now they have been rehung with new fittings in a new cast iron frame, with a tenor of 5 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb., and a treble added to make six. The service of dedication was carried out by the Bishop of Crediton in the presence of a large congregation. Eleven bands of ringers were invited to ring and good use was made of the bells. After the service, tea was provided in the Village Hall. Sports were held in an adjoining field, followed by a dance and social.

Away down at Revelstoke, Preb. C. C. Cox was officiating at the reopening of the ring of eight there. These bells have a tenor weighing about 16 cwt.; they have been quarter turned, provided with new clappers and ball bearings. After the service a double ringing competition was held; the first was for the eight-bell bands and the second for the six-bell bands. As can be expected, some good ringing was heard. In Noss Mayo the critics of the ringing gathered in the Swan, where full advantage was taken of the licence extension that had been obtained for this special occasion, whilst in the Schoolroom a social and dance carried on until past midnight. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had carried out the work at both churches and Mr. John P. Fidler represented them.

A fortnight later we find Mr. Fidler again in the West Country at Kilmington, Devon, where Messrs. John Taylor and Co. had completed the restoration of the six bells. This work involved the recasting of the 4th and 5th bells, the quarter turning and tuning of the other four bells, restoring the old timber bell-frame and the provision of new headstocks, wheels and ball bearings. Again the Bishop of Crediton officiated and the church was packed to capacity. Immediately the service was over the numerous invited bands took charge of the bells and rang at their allotted times. The tenor bell here weighs 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. Those who were not ringing partook of tea in the Village Hall.

A week later, October 22nd, was the occasion of exceptional celebrations at Preston Candover, in Hampshire, and the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth had very good reason for jubilation, for his new ring of six, with a tenor of 3 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb., was dedicated. Mr. P. L. Taylor and Mr. Arthur Fidler were present from Loughborough along with numerous ringers from the surrounding district. On Saturday, August 20th, Mr. Brinkworth had the rare and unique experience of ringing a quarter peal on his bells before they left Loughborough. The new bell frame was built over a pit, so that when the bells were hung in it it was possible to ring them; quite a number of visiting ringers had the pleasure of ringing them during the time they stood in the erecting shop.

The Bishop of Crediton had another engagement on October 29th, when he visited Witheridge, Devon, for the dedication of the restored ring of eight bells. For years these bells have had an unenviable reputation, but that is a thing of the past. The old beetle-ridden timbers have been removed from the tower, the bells have been rehung in a massive cast iron frame complete with new fittings, and new floors have been installed to replace the old decayed ones that had done service for very many years. The tenor bell weighs 23 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. and can now be rung with greater ease than was once the case. Many bands of ringers from North Devon visited Witheridge and were well rewarded for their journey. Amongst the visitors was Mr. Paul L. Taylor along with Mr. John Oldham.

It so happened that the Preston Candover and Witheridge bell frames were constructed side by side in the erecting shop at Loughborough and presented an interesting contrast. The Preston Candover frame occupied an area of 7ft. 6in. square, whilst its neighbour occupied an area something like 19ft. x 21ft.; in fact, it seemed as though the Preston Candover bells could be placed in the Witheridge tenor pit.

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The month closed with the dedication of the bells of Wisbech St. Mary. Where there were five, now there are six and the tenor is 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb., and a very nice ring they are. The office of dedication took place during the morning service on Sunday, the 30th, and the ceremony was performed by the Lord Bishop of Ely. There was a large congregation, but owing to the time of the service very few visiting ringers appeared. Mr. John P. Fidler, however, was able to be present to represent the founders. During the period the work on the bells was under way a new band of ringers was trained and they rang remarkably well on this special occasion. 'X.'

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 41 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

Lester L. Gray	*Treble*	Thomas C. Larkey	7
Stephen L. Parry	2	Frederick Almond	8
John F. Grove	3	Leslie Boumphrey	9
Jack N. Brown	4	Edwin C. Birkett	10
Robert L. Piron	5	Percival W. Cave	11
Alan P. Cave	6	Stewart Bailey	*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. Groves. Conducted by Percival W. Cave.
Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Thomas W. Hammond, who for close on 40 years was a member of the St. Nicholas' band, and who died on Wednesday, September 14th last.

LONDON, S.E.1.
LONDON COUNTY ASSOC. & N. SOUTHWARK DIO. GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes.*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, Southwark.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS
Tenor 48 cwt.

Mrs. Olive L. Rogers	*Treble*	‡John Hales	7
Thomas H. Taffender	2	William D. Grainger	8
*Thomas E. Davies	3	†William A. J. Knight	9
†Wilfrid G. Wilson	4	†Leonard W. Bullock	10
*Arthur W. J. Butler	5	Frank B. Lufkin	11
†E. John Wells	6	Harold W. Rogers	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves. Conducted by Harold W. Rogers.
* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells. ‡ First peal. First peal of Maximus as conductor. Ringers of 5 and 9 have now rung Kent from Minor to Maximus.
A birthday compliment to Mrs. O. L. Rogers and Squire Croft.

TEN BELL PEALS

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 35¼ cwt.

*David Banks	*Treble*	*Alexander E. Marsh	6
Fred Bennett	2	James E. Kirby	7
Peter Woodward	3	John E. Kirby	8
*David Cubitt	4	Charles Barker	9
Mark L. Lockwood	5	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Moorhouse. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal of Bob Royal.
Rung to commemorate the restoration of these bells.

LEOMINSTER, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Priory Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 22¼ cwt.

*Rosemary Jarrett	*Treble*	George Davis	6
*Josephine Green	2	Austin T. Wingate	7
Leslie Evans	3	†William E. Thompsett	8
*Philip G. Morgan	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	9
Frederick R. Harris	5	Reginald T. Jones	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. Shepherd. Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.
* First peal on ten bells. † 75th peal.

RANMOOR, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 16 cwt.

Ronald Birch	*Treble*	Herbert O. Chaddock	6
Rev. G. Gordon Graham	2	*Ian M. Holland	7
*H. David Holland	3	Gordon K. Chaddock	8
Dennis Holland	4	*William Holland	9
*John S. Seager	5	Barry Holland	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Armiger Trollope. Conducted by Barry Holland.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Oct. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Five-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

Charles W. Blakey	*Treble*	A. Victor Williams	5
*Arthur Tomlinson	2	Sydney Leatherbarrow	6
James Taylor	3	Joseph Thornley	7
Harold Parkinson	4	Kenneth Hartley	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
* 600th peal for Lancashire Association.
A 21st birthday compliment to Miss Alice Williams, daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Oct. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Thurstans' Four-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*Gwen I. Rusby	*Treble*	George H. Randles	5
*Michael W. Crowder	2	Jack L. Millhouse	6
Norah M. Bibby	3	John A. Freeman	7
Jack Bray	4	*W. Arthur Crowder	*Tenor*

Conducted by John A. Freeman.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
In memoriam Charles William King, of Goole.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

Mary Shearsmith	*Treble*	Dennis A. Chapman	5
Barry Sullivan	2	Douglas Thorp	6
Percy Whitaker	3	Brian Harris	7
Roy Bettley-Cooke	4	Gordon Benfield	*Tenor*

Composed by Wm. Sottanstall. Conducted by Roy Bettley-Cooke.
Rung on the same day as the Snowdon Dinner in Leeds.

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WRAXALL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb. in E flat.

HERBERT W. KNIGHT .. *Treble*		WILLIAM H. KINGCOTT ..	5
ERNEST F. SHEARN	2	GEORGE PRESCOTT	6
*JOHN M. STALLARD	3	ROGER O. FRY	7
*JOHN W. OWEN	4	LEONARD DERRICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER O. FRY.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.
In memoriam John H. B. Hesse

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

THOMAS BEVAN .. .. .. *Treble*		GEORGE A. PARSONS ..	5
ARTHUR F. WARREN	2	*ARTHUR W. J. BUTLER ..	6
FREDERICK A. BARKER ..	3	*BERNARD J. WILLIS	7
MAX P. PAGE	4	*LEONARD E. TUBB	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by BERNARD J. WILLIS.
* First Major peal in the method.
First Treble Bob Major peal on the bells since augmentation.
Rung as a 70th birthday compliment to Frederick A. Barker.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE W. CREASEY .. *Treble*		JOHN A. FREEMAN	5
SYDNEY A. CHAMBERS ..	2	JOHN WALDEN	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ..	7
GEORGE H. RANDLES	4	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.
Rung immediately after the dedication of the peal board recording 14,144 London Surprise Major rung in the tower on October 4th, 1947.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
On Tues., Oct. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY C. WEAVER .. .. *Treble*		LEONARD STILWELL	5
A. PATRICK CANNON	2	ERNEST TREAGUS	6
RICHARD WILSON	3	RAYMOND P. WOOD	7
EDGAR R. RAPLEY	4	ERIC T. LEE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND P. WOOD.
Specially arranged and rung for the centenary of the bells.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*PETER WATSON .. .. *Treble*		*GEOF. D. FEARNEHOUGH..	5
*TREVOR TAYLOR	2	SYDNEY SAGE	6
†IVOR JENKINS	3	*DEREK TAYLOR	7
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. ..	4	NEIL D. LOMAS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN PRITCHARD. Conducted by NEIL D. LOMAS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

PATRICIA H. JONES .. .. *Treble*		*CHRISTOPHER E. SLADE ..	5
JACQUELINE S. EVANS ..	2	DONALD G. CLARKE ..	6
REV. IVOR J. RICHARDS ..	3	DAVID J. KING..	7
JOHN E. MORGAN	4	JAMES L. FITZGERALD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID J. KING.
* First peal 'inside.'
Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Lewis, the local towermaster and former master of the Association, who has been ringing at Caldicot for over 60 years.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in E flat.

NORMAN TOMPKINS .. .. *Treble*		HARRY PARKER	5
RAYMOND JOHNSON	2	JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
CECIL RADDON	3	PETER CROOK, SEN.	7
VICTOR NEAL	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by PETER CROOK, SEN.
In memoriam John and Betty Potter.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

*CYRIL RUSBY .. .. .. *Treble*		A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ..	5
†DENIS R. CARLISLE.. ..	2	JOHN J. L. GILBERT	6
CYRIL WRIGHT	3	NORMAN CHADDOCK	7
†FRANCIS R. LOWE	4	JOHN E. TURLEY..	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN E. TURLEY.
* First peal of Surprise. † 100th peal together.
A birthday peal for the conductor.

HITCHIN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

RONALD J. SHARP .. .. *Treble*		BRIAN BLADON	5
*K. PATRICIA HUTTON ..	2	FRANK W. CROFT	6
DEREK P. JONES	3	MICHAEL ORME	7
DENNIS KNOX	4	PHILIP MEHEW	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal of Yorkshire. First peal of Yorkshire on the bells. This composition was rung for the first time.
A farewell to Michael Orme on his departure for the R.A.F. Also a wedding compliment to Mr. Patrick I. Chapman and Miss Joan Morris, married at Kettering on this day.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
Consisting of 840 changes each of Grandsire and Double Court; 420 each of Double Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire, St. Clement's, College, Court and Oxford; 280 each of London, Hereward and Double Oxford, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. SKIDMORE.
Annual peal for the Association.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

VIVIENNE M. HORTON .. *Treble*		H. GEORGE HART	5
JOHN M. JELLEY	2	HAROLD TAYLOR	6
ELSIE K. HART	3	JOSEPH WM. COTTON.. ..	7
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	4	JOHN R. MAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM BARTON. Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.
First peal in the method for the Guild.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF 5056 WYE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's. Tenor 10 cwt. in F sharp.

H. GEORGE HART .. .. *Treble*		*JOHN R. MAYNE	5
ELSIE K. HART	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	6
JOAN A. BERESFORD	3	PETER BERESFORD	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* 100th peal of Surprise Major. First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild, and by all the band except the ringer of the sixth.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 15 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Saviour,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr.

Margaret E. Ridyard .. *Treble*	*Charles B. Pemberton .. 5
Doreen Dutton 2	Ronald Kenrick 6
Alexander J. Martin .. 3	*Percy Swindley 7
John W. Griffiths 4	Joseph Ridyard* .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Joseph Ridyard.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Edna Wharton, daughter of Mr. William O. Wharton, towerkeeper at Oxton.

SEATON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Gregory,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt.

Henry G. Keeley .. .. *Treble*	William A. Yates .. 5
Canon C. Carew Cox .. 2	Cuthbert W. Powell .. 6
*Richard P. Lancefield.. 3	*Harry J. Gaylard 7
Walter H. Poole 4	G. Stedman Morris .. *Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Wilde. Conducted by G. Stedman Morris.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung for All Saintstide.

TICHMARSH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

George W. Jeffs .. .. *Treble*	Cecil Wade 5
*William Rose.. 2	George Bush 6
Leslie Witten 3	James Haw 7
Albert Scott 4	John H. Bluff .. .. .. *Tenor*

Composed by John Barker. Conducted by John H. Bluff.
* First peal of Plain Bob Major away from treble.
Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Canon Lucock, and also for the 50th anniversary of his ordination.
This peal contains the sixth bell 22 times wrong and 22 times right in 5-6.

TILEHURST, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Four-part Variation. Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.).

Ronald F. Diserens .. *Treble*	*John N. Diserens 5
Albert Diserens 2	*Geoffrey K. Dodd.. .. 6
Alfred K. Street 3	Noel J. Diserens 7
*John Waters 4	Bryan C. Stirland .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Stedman Triples.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BARKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Double Court, two extents of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob and two of Plain Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt 1 qr. 7 lb. in G.

*Raymond F. Taylor .. *Treble*	George E. Symonds.. .. 4
Patricia M. Clarke .. 2	Robert E. Lester 5
Felix H. Erith 3	Urban W. Wildney .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Urban W. Wildney.
* First peal and first attempt.
Arranged and rung to mark the completion of 30 years as Rector of Barking-cum-Darmsden by Canon S. H. De la Bere.

EAGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents of 120 (15 different callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

Katharine Burchnall .. *Treble*	William L. Exton 4
Grace Burchnall 2	F. William Midwinter .. 5
George E. Foster 3	Charles J. Copp .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Foster.
A 22nd wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Copp.

WALPOLE ST. PETER, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being seven extents in ten methods: (1) Double Court, (2) St. Clement's, (3) Plain Bob, (4) combined Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (5) spliced St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Plain and Double Bob, (6) spliced College and Reverse Bob, and (7) Cambridge Surprise. 44 changes of method. Tenor 12 cwt. 38 lb. in G.

Edward Barker .. .. *Treble*	Cecil V. Ebberson.. .. 4
John E. Fox 2	*Claude Cousins 5
Wallace W. Cousins .. 3	Nolan Golden .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Nolan Golden.
* 250th peal.
A birthday compliment to Mr. Wallace Cousins.

WINWICK, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 22 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 20 of Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

R. Frank Baker .. .. *Treble*	*Ralph Chapman 3
*Lucy Allen 2	E. J. Whiting 4

*Cyril Clarke .. .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by R. Frank Baker.
* First of Doubles. First peal as conductor.
First peal on the bells.

WRANGLE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicolas.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Joseph Bailey .. .. *Treble*	Albert E. Flatters .. 4
*Eric Flintham 2	†Derek Smith 5
William E. Clarke .. 3	John R. Young .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Young.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

George A. Naylor .. *Treble*	George Kenward 4
Doris G. Dobbie 2	Stanley B. Dobbie 5
*Edward C. Barton .. 3	Eric Naylor .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Eric Naylor.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal on the bells for 30 years.

ULCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Nicholas.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Bourne, York and Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

Jack Bray .. .. .. *Treble*	George W. Moody 4
Ronald Chafer.. 2	Harry Hall 5
C. Aubrey Harrison.. .. 3	Walter Ayre .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Walter Ayre.
First peal in seven methods on the bells.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Tues., Oct. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of Single Oxford. Tenor 9½ cwt.

George A. Naylor .. *Treble*	Edward C. Barton 4
Eric Naylor 2	William A. Wood 5
Joseph Grensted 3	George Kenward .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Geo. A. Naylor.
Rung for St. Crispin's Day, and also as a birthday compliment to Anne, daughter of E. C. Barton, ringer of the fourth.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Oct. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR
Being seven extents called differently. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*LEONARD COPNALL	*Treble*	NEIL D. LOMAS	4
*ERNEST PIMLOTT	2	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	5
BASIL JONES	3	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.
* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Oct. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 extents (ten callings) and Morris' 240.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb. in G.

*MARGARET DINGLE	*Treble*	†HERBERT W. LIDBETTER ..	4
†DORIS E. LIDBETTER ..	2	*BEVAN WILLGRESS	5
KENNETH L. BROWN ..	3	†MAY LIDBETTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH L. BROWN.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor in the method.
Rung by the Sunday service band as a farewell to Bevan Willgress, who is shortly leaving to do his National Service with the R.A.F.

DUNKERTON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Oct. 27, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 18 lb.

WILLIAM F. J. COPE ..	*Treble*	ERNEST E. BRAY	4
*W. JOHN PHIPPEN	2	GEORGE J. HAWKINS ..	5
S. ARTHUR READ	3	†ELISABETH A. G. GRIME ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.
* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal.

DARLINGTON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 33 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being 720 each of Cunecastre, Newcastle, Chester, York, Wells, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb. in B flat.

ROBERT T. SIMPSON	*Treble*	RICHARD BUSBY	4
FREDERICK W. COOKE ..	2	W. NORMAN PARK	5
DORIS M. KILLINGLEY ..	3	ROLAND PARK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROLAND PARK.
Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. D. N. Goldie, M.A., lately Archdeacon of Cyprus.

NEW BUCKENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being three extents of Plain Bob, two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, and one extent each of Double Court and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	CHARLES E. G. BANHAM ..	4
WILFRID G. SAUNDERS ..	2	FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	5
WILLIAM M. MANN	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

SHOTWICK, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	*Treble*	JOHN E. BIBBY	4
HENRY O. BAKER	2	J. WILLIAM CLARKE ..	5
WILLIAM G. BIBBY	3	*SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Bob Minor.
A wedding compliment to Canon A. J. Humphreys and Mrs. Humphreys.



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TILNEY, NORFOLK
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*DAVID SMITH	*Treble*	JOHN WILSON	4
EDWARD BARKER	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
HUBERT C. CROME	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
* First peal and first attempt.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt. 26 lb. in F sharp.

RONALD DANIELS	*Treble*	NORMAN LINE	3
PERCY AMOS	2	REX LINE	4
GEORGE F. ROOME	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ROOME.
Rung to mark the Festival of St. Simon. First peal in the method by all the band, and for the Guild.

PRESTON CANDOVER WITH NUTLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, viz.: London, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.

ADRIAN J. TUMBER	*Treble*	ROBERT C. KIPPIN	4
NELIA M. LEAHY	2	PETER NASH	5
MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH	3	J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
The first peal on the bells. Rung to mark the dedication of the new bells. Also as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Thorne, B.E.M.; a diamond wedding compliment to the parents of the local captain's wife, and a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Harman.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Plain Bob and four extents of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb.

JEAN A. KIRKMAN	*Treble*	*WILLIAM JOHNSON	4
CECIL E. CARR	2	JOHN A. SMITH	5
*GERALD JOHNSON	3	C. ROGER HAYWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by
C. ROGER HAYWARD (Plain Bob), JOHN A. SMITH (Kent Treble Bob).
* First peal in two methods.

LYNSTED, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sunday, Oct. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents of April Day (three callings), St. Simon's (four callings), St. Martin's (four callings), Stedman (six callings), Plain Bob (four callings), Reverse Canterbury Pleasure (four callings), Grandsire (six callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb. in G.

ALBERT DUNK	*Treble*	GEORGE KENWARD	3
EDWARD C. BARTON	2	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	4
ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*		

Conducted by ERIC NAYLOR.
First peal in seven double methods by all the band.

HANDBELL PEAL

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Sept. 17, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 39 *Minutes,*
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different callings. Tenor size 18 in G.

PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	3—4
JOHN KING	5—6		

Conducted by ROBIN G. TURNER.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. King.

John Taylor & Co.
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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: May Lidbetter 1, June E. Gladman 2, K. L. Brown (cond.) 3, H. W. Lidbetter 4, B. Willgress 5, Doris E. Lidbetter 6. First in method for 2 and 5. Rung as a farewell to Bevan Willgress, who is leaving to join the R.A.F.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: June A. Grieveson 1, R. D. Brown 2, Hazel Craven 3, Diana M. Gough 4, S. W. Brown (cond.) 5, H. W. Brown 6. The ringer of the 2nd has now 'circled the tower.' Rung as a token of thanks to Mr. C. W. Linington on his retirement as Southern Division secretary.

ANCASTER, LINCS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. A. Hill 1, Miss P. A. Holmes 2, W. R. Read (cond.) 3, B. Hunt 4, B. Buttery 5. Average age of band 16 years.

ASHCOTT, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 24th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Walton 1, W. Stevens 2, D. Miller 3, C. Clarke 4, M. Stone 5, R. Short (cond.) 6. First quarter of Surprise by all except treble ringer. First of Surprise on the bells. Believed first of Surprise by all-Bridgwater branch members.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Harding 1, D. J. Jeeves (first 'inside') 2, C. H. Harding (cond.) 3, W. Sims 4, F. Hull 5, A. Burns (first quarter) 6. First quarter peal on the bells since augmentation to six.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Knight (first in method) 1, A. W. Bond 2, C. Riddleston (first 'inside') 3, A. W. Gravett (cond.) 4, W. H. Hargreaves 5, J. V. Lonsbrough 6, R. G. Cross 7, G. North 8.

BULWELL, NOTTS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Simpson 1, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 2, P. M. Giles 3, P. E. Ball 4, J. Troughton 5, A. Simpson 6, P. H. Whitaker 7, K. W. Rainsden (first quarter) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Clement Glenn, late ringing master at Bulwell, who was interred at Horbling, Lincs., this day. The calling was taken from Holt's Original, one of Clement Glenn's favourite compositions. Afterwards the Rector came up into the belfry and conducted a short memorial service.

CAYTHORPE, LINCS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Proctor 1, Miss Bibby 2, C. L. Simcock 3, J. Walden 4, B. Hunt 5, G. Randles (cond.) 6, J. Cragg 7, G. W. King 8. For harvest festival Evensong.

CHARMINSTER, DORSET.—On Sept. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Furmage (first quarter) 1, E. Amey (first away from treble) 2, Mrs. M. M. Godley 3, C. Vowles 4, R. H. Duke (cond.) 5, B. Hine (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Fred Dunn, a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Charminster, for 45 years, who was interred this day.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 25th, at the Church of the Annunciation, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Donn 1, J. Morris (cond.) 2, J. Sims 3, K. Small 4, T. Easterley 5, J. Hurrell 6, F. Hurrell 7, F. Mounce 8. for the Feast of Dedication.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Hoodless 1, B. M. Buswell 2, J. D. Clarke 3, T. G. Goodwin 4, P. Giles 5, B. Box 6, A. Simpson (cond.) 7, G. R. Payne 8.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Major: H. Charman (cond.) 1, C. Charman 2, G. Charman 3, A. Tidy 4, C. Stevens 5, J. Pell 6, L. Warner 7, W. T. Beeson 8. For Evensong. All local service ringers.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,264 Little Bob Major: B. Martin 1, A. C. Chaplin 2, F. R. Scholefield 3, Miss M. Turner 4, Mrs. R. Armstrong 5, N. J. Fleetwood 6, J. Armstrong 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. First in method for 1, 3, 4, 6 and 8. Rung for the dedication of the standard of the Dagenham branch of the Royal Artillery Association.

DOVER, KENT.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. A. Gray 1, Mrs. H. George 2, Miss A. Banks 3, H. J. Saunders 4, J. Willis 5, G. Gray 6, C. George (cond.) 7, E. T. Ellender 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

EAST BUDLEIGH, DEVON.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (650 Grandsire and 600 Plain Bob): W. Palmer 1, N. Skinner (first in two methods) 2, S. Skinner (cond.) 3, C. Savage 4, M. Board 5, H. Luxton 6. Rung for patronal festival and to honour the birth of Garry William Skinner and Russell Keith Board, sons of the conductor and ringer of the fifth.

QUARTER PEALS

EDINBURGH.—On Oct. 29th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Patricia Craig 1, Kate Branson 2, A. McI. Smith 3, J. Killick 4, A. W. Lloyd 5, W. H. Pickett 6, C. R. Raine (cond.) 7, A. Mauran 8. First quarter for 3 and 4. Rung for the first Evensong of the dedication festival.

EPSOM, SURREY.—On Oct. 23rd, at Christ Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Jean E. Howells 1, G. A. Cockman (first quarter) 2, F. Oakshott (cond.) 3, W. Robinson 4, D. J. F. Oakshott 5, Cherie Payne 6, G. A. Howells 7, D. J. Evans 8. Rung for dedication festival.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Guess 1, D. Hurst 2, M. G. Hooton 3, E. Hanks 4, J. F. Brooks (cond.) 5, M. W. Underwood 6. Rung for Canon C. A. Wheeler's 21st year as Rector of this parish.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Garnett 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, James Phillips 3, H. Belcher 4, W. S. Langdon 5, B. Lunn 6, J. Stephenson 7, R. J. Fox 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, H. M. Page 10.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.—On Oct 9th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Witney 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, F. L. Nicholls 3, A. Clement 4, H. S. Peacock 5, M. J. Dyer 6, W. Ransome 7, S. Gilbert (cond.) 8. For morning service.

GREAT AMWELL, HERTS.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Berry 1, F. Cooke 2, C. Springham 3, R. Hornby 4, S. Smith (cond.) 5, C. Pawsey 6. For harvest festival evening service.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor (48 Singles): P. Jackson (14) 1, C. V. Hare (77) 3, A. C. Harris 4, R. J. Coppage 5, D. P. Jones (cond.) 6, P. Mehew 7, M. Orme cover bell. For Evensong. A farewell to M. Orme from the local ringers on his departure for the R.A.F.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,280 Treble Bob Major (Ilkeston Variation): Miss A. Lowiggs 1, S. Penfold 2, L. W. Bullock 3, R. Brown 4, A. J. Salisbury 5, A. House 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Pollard 1, Miss P. Drury 2, J. Martin 3, R. Collins 4, D. Wright 5, E. J. Wells (cond.) 6.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: N. Cornwall 1, A. Foxall (first in method) 2, R. Biggs 3, A. Heppenstall 4, Doreen Coker 5, D. Cornwall 6, A. E. Cox 7, J. D. Kape (first in method as cond.) 8.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Oct 8th, 1,264 Little Bob Royal: F. J. Plummer 1, J. G. Newman 2, Miss V. W. Willard 3, C. Loke 4, H. B. Whitney 5, R. Kendall 6, D. Knox 7, B. C. Johnson 8, J. W. V. Sinfield 9, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 10.

LEYTONSTONE, E.—On Oct. 2nd, at St. John's Church, 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major: J. McPhail 1, R. Smith 2, C. Hughes 3, L. Batley (first in method) 4, L. Last 5, C. Willmington 6, E. Smith 7, J. Crampin (cond.) 8. For harvest festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Oct. 30th, 1,280 Rutland Surprise Major: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, W. H. Poole 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, H. G. Keeley 6, W. A. Yates 7, G. S. Morris (cond.) 8. For Evensong.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. A. Constant 1, R. Constant 2, Mrs. F. M. Mitchell 3, J. Burles (cond.) 4, T. Taylor 5, H. Argent 6, F. A. Mitchell 7, W. Gorringe 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Richard A. Munn, for many years a faithful ringer at this church, who passed away the previous Sunday.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.—On Oct 24th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. T. Barrett 1, Miss E. Russell (first quarter) 2, H. Vine 3, H. D. Bishop (cond.) 4, J. Davis (first 'inside') 5, W. Lewis 6. For United Nations Day.

POPLAR, E.—At the Church of All Saints, on Oct. 16th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss A. Garnett 1, S. H. Dearden 2, H. Belcher 3, C. Watts 4, W. S. Langdon 5, B. K. Lunn 6, James Phillips 7, R. F. Deal 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, A. B. Peck 10. For Evensong and as a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. Deal.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Oct. 30th, at St. Mary's, Portsea, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss M. Parker 1, E. N. Harrison 2, R. W. R. Parker 3, L. D. Duguid 4, T. R. Taylor 5, A. York-Bramble (comp. and cond.) 6, F. W. Rogers 7, H. T. Macey 8. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 4th and his wife on the occasion of the birth of a son. Also at the Cathedral, on Oct. 22nd, 1 280 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. W. Burnett 1, Marion J. Parker 2, Kathleen Knight 3, R. Baldwin 4, D. R. Reed 5, E. Harrison 6, J. Hartless 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Hankey (first quarter) 1, F. B. Jeal 2, Miss B. Saggers 3, L. W. Penfold 4, A. Streeter (first of Triples) 5, A. T. Shelton 6, G. Oliver (cond.) 7, H. Coomber 8.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Oct. 26th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,840 Plain Bob Major: Elizabeth Wardill (15) 1, G. K. Chaddock 2, H. Woodall 3, B. Holland 4, H. O. Chaddock 5, F. J. Jackson 6, A. Firth 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Longest length by 1 and 3. Rung in preparation for the patronal festival after meeting short for a peal.

SILVERTON, DEVON.—On Oct. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (on the back six): M. Bunce 1, E. Hart 2, T. Furbear 3, H. Ranson 4, J. Furbear 5, J. R. Hutchings 6, A. C. Selley (cond.) 7, F. Down 8. First quarter for 3, 5 and 8. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dymond. Mr. Dymond has been a member of the local band for over 20 years.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: H. Richardson 1, G. Seth (first of Minor, aged 68) 2, R. Chapman 3, W. Whitmore 4, C. Clarke 5, R. F. Baker (cond.) 6.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. I. Mills 1, Marian Mills 2, P. W. Mills 3, F. Harvey 4, M. Mills (first as cond.) 5, W. Downs 6. First quarter by an all-local band of Sunday service ringers. For Evensong.

WALBERTON, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Single Oxford, 540 Plain Bob): Miss M. McKane 1, Miss B. McKane 2, Miss S. Streater 3, H. C. Weaver 4, E. Treagus (cond.) 5, R. P. Wood 6. First in two methods for ringers of 1 and 2. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss B. McKane. Also on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Triggs (first quarter) 1, Miss B. McKane 2, Miss J. Egerton (first 'inside') 3, W. H. Harrison 4, E. Horner 5, E. Treagus (cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor by Sunday service band. A birthday compliment to Miss J. Triggs.

WALKERVILLE, ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—On July 4th, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. R. Lamphee 1, Joan Gray 2, Enid Roberts 3, P. L. Cooper 4, F. N. Smeaton 5, P. Gray (cond.) 6. A farewell to Philip and Joan Gray on their return to England.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Hayes (13) 1, A. Boyack 2, F. Maynard 3, D. Hewitt 4, E. Holman 5, T. Coles 6, R. Chapman (cond.) 7, B. Collard 8. Rung for Evensong and as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer and to Frances, daughter of the 5th ringer. Also on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. C. Maynard 1, H. Runtens 2, M. Hayes (first 'inside') 3, C. T. W. Coles 4, E. E. Holman 5, D. Hewitt 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, B. Collard 8. For Evensong.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Oct. 9th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, H. Langdon (cond.) 4, B. K. Lunn 5, H. Belcher 6, John Phillips 7, James Phillips 8. For Evensong and as a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. W. S. Langdon.

WHATTON, NOTTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. P. Clarke 1, T. G. Goodwin 2, Mrs. J. Simpson 3, T. O. Greasley 4, A. Simpson 5, J. D. Clarke (first of Minor as cond.) 6.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob, 360 Canterbury and 540 Grandsire): Miss G. Ashby 1, R. Daniels 2, R. Line (cond.) 3, N. Line 4, P. Amos 5. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Jeffrey Benson to Miss Dorothy M. V. Latham.

WORTHEN, SALOP.—On Oct 23rd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles: J. Colley 1, D. A. Passant 2, R. I. Embrey 3, A. E. G. Owen 4, R. F. Davies (cond.) 5, L. Colley 6. For Evensong and harvest festival.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Mr. Arthur Lewis, tower captain at Caldicote, Mon, was highly delighted with the peal rung for his 94th birthday, especially as a birthday peal had been attempted for the last five years without success. The peal enabled the tenor ringer, James L. Fitzgerald ('Jimmy'), of Newport, Mon, to make a return to peal ringing after an absence of four years.

Mrs. Dorothy T, Gardiner is leaving Burton-on-Trent for Dorset in the New Year. A popular member, she will be greatly missed.

The quarter peal at Ancaster, Lincs, on October 31st was rung as a compliment to Peter Hill, who was leaving for the Merchant Navy the next day.

By ringing the third to a peal of Stedman Triples at Wraxall on October 21st, Mr. John M. Stallard, of Bristol, has rung peals of Stedman from Doubles to Cinques.

Congratulations to Michael Crowder, of Barrow-on-Humber, who rang his first peal of Stedman Triples on the eve of his 13th birthday. Well done, Michael! We look forward to continued progress.

The five young people who scored their first quarter peal at Egham on October 9th are members of the present Sunday service band. The ringer of the third is aged 12 years, and the ringers of the second and sixth are both aged 14 years.

The band which rang the golden wedding quarter peal at Silverton, Devon, for Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dymond would like to associate with this tribute the name of Mr. W. E. Richards, a member of the local band. He was unfortunately prevented from taking part by a broken leg sustained in a motor accident, and is at present in hospital at Weston-super-Mare.

Many friends of Mr. Reginald Hooper, Ringing Master of the Bristol Rural Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association were sorry to hear that he had to enter the Bristol Royal Infirmary recently to undergo medical treatment. Latest reports state that he is improving and hopes to be about again soon.

Mr. R. H. Stickley has left England for Zaria, Northern Nigeria. He was until recently in South Africa and did good work with St. Mary's, Woodstock.

Mr. G. Seth, now 68, rang his first quarter of Minor at Spaldwick, Hunts, on October 29th. He had, many years ago, rung peals of Doubles, but never higher.

Mr. A. Mauran, who had only rung once in the past 20 years, volunteered to ring the 41 cwt. tenor at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, when the band met short for a quarter peal on October 29th. His action was much appreciated.

The young Halstead ringer, 12-years-old Geoffrey Steed, who has had barely three months' tuition, rang his first quarter peal at Stisted, Essex, on October 18th. The Vicar, commenting on the performance, said, 'He must have ringing in his "blood."' Geoffrey is a relative of the Snowden family!

The peal at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, recorded elsewhere in this issue, provided an opportunity for several of those taking part to achieve a 'first' in one way or another. For the conductor's son, Alan P. Cave, and for Robert Piron it was their first peal on 12 bells, and it was also Piron's first peal of Stedman. For Stewart Bailey and Stephen Parry it was their first peal of Stedman Cinques, and the first of Stedman Cinques on a working bell for John Grove.

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JASPER SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER

THE 23rd Jasper Snowdon Commemoration Dinner was held at the Guildford Hotel, Leeds, on October 15th. It is several years since this function was held in Leeds, and a post-war record attendance of 130 was a most encouraging feature which contributed much towards making the dinner a great success.

The president of the Yorkshire Association, the Ven. C. O. Ellison, Archdeacon of Leeds, presided, supported by the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Alderman Sir James Croysdale) and Lady Croysdale, the Vicar of Leeds (the Rev. Canon C. B. Sampson) and Mrs. Sampson, Mr. E. C. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Park, Mr. and Mrs. W. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith and Messrs. L. W. G. Morris and A. E. Sellars.

An excellent meal was served after which the president gave the loyal toast.

The Lord Mayor of Leeds then submitted the toast 'The Church and State.' Some weeks before the dinner, he said, he had been presented with a copy of the Association's 1954 annual report and he confessed to being somewhat puzzled by the figures representing the number of peals rung at various churches and the number of peals rung by individual members of these churches. He was even more perplexed upon finding that 46 peals had been rung at St. Michael's, Headingley, and that Percy Johnson had taken part in 295 of them! He thought that perhaps this could be explained by some kind of 'transfer system,' in which case it would appear that several churches must have long since been relegated to the Third Division! In a more serious vein he thought that no State could be truly happy unless there was an active Church working in that State.

In his response the Vicar of Leeds spoke of his early work in various parishes around Leeds and of the close unity which still existed between the Church and the State in the city. He also recalled his days as Vicar of Maidstone, when he had close connections with the Kent County Association.

Canon Sampson thought that members of the Yorkshire Association were most fortunate in that their organisation was framed in such a way as to avoid the restrictions imposed by diocesan boundaries. He knew of no other church organisation which enjoyed this liberty and thought that a certain amount of relaxation in this direction might assist in establishing an even closer unity in the Church as a whole.

PERHAPS THE GREATEST AUTHORITY

The company gave a great welcome to Mr. E. C. Shepherd when he rose to propose the main toast 'To the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association.' He expressed the opinion that Jasper Snowdon was great in three ways—as an historian, as a teacher and as founder of the Yorkshire Association. He was perhaps the greatest authority on change ringing and although he died at the early age of 41, his books were still regarded as standard works on the subject. It is, moreover, evident that many of the more recent books on the art have been modelled on the lines of Snowdon's works. The excellent revision work portrayed in later editions of Snowdon's books had been carried out by his brother, William, the second president of the Association, in a true spirit of unselfishness.

Mr. Shepherd thought that the attributes of the past officers could still be found in the present officers and should stand the Association in good stead for many years to come. Following the toast a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells was rung by Messrs. W. Barton, W. F. Moreton, L. W. G. Morris, P. J. Johnson and J. Ambler, and this was felt to be a fitting response to the memory of Jasper Snowdon.

The toast of 'The Visitors and Kindred Ringing Societies' was then proposed by Mr. W. Barton. Mr. Barton was in some doubt as to who the visitors actually were, for, as he explained, many of those usually regarded as visitors were out-county members of the Association. The answer would no doubt be provided by those who remained seated during the drinking of the toast.

Four other ringing dinners, he said, were being held on that day—those of the Kent County Association, the Coventry Diocesan Guild, the Essex Association and the Guildford Diocesan Guild. The Yorkshire Association was pleased to partake in an exchange of greetings between these various gatherings, with good wishes for a happy evening and prosperity in the future.

Continuing in lighter vein, Mr. Barton recounted several amusing anecdotes, much to the delight of those assembled. He also remarked that he thought the Editorial Committee of 'The Ringing World' were in some way responsible for the decline in peal ringing by their decision to curtail footnotes, which meant that ringers now had to think of a legitimate reason for ringing a peal!

Mr. W. N. Park, in proposing 'The Continued Prosperity of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers,' took his theme from the letters Y O R K. The prosperity of all ringing associations depended largely on four things—Youth, Organisation, Realism and Keenness. The first of these was very much in evidence in the assembled company, and efficient organisation was a well-known characteristic of the Yorkshire Association. If due regard was paid to the remaining two qualities the continued prosperity of the Association was assured.

The last toast of the evening, 'The Chairman,' was given by Mr. L. W. G. Morris, who said that in the 80 years of its existence the Association had had only four presidents. He hoped that this position would remain unaltered when the century mark was reached.

The president, in reply, said that unfortunately he could not guarantee anything quite so far ahead as the next 20 years. He concluded by thanking those of the organising committee who had worked so hard to ensure the success of the dinner.

Entertainment during the evening was provided by a quartet from Pudsey comprising Miss Maureen Shearsmith (soprano), Miss Mary Shearsmith (alto), Mr. A. E. Marsh (tenor) and Mr. G. Benfield (bass), accompanied at the piano by Mrs. A. E. Marsh. A gentleman known as the 'Jack of Clubs' also entertained with card tricks.

THE COMPANY

The company included:—

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Morley, Mr. and Mrs F. Gibbard, Mr. and Mrs. H. Whitehouse, Mr. and Mrs. A. Coldrick, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hodson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ambler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lofthouse, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Sutcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hartley, Mr. and Mrs. C. Raddon, Mr. and Mrs. N. Chaddock, Mr. and Mrs. H. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Staveley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Chapman Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Robshaw, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lawn, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thorley

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Mrs. C. C. Marshall, Mrs. F. Seager.

The Misses E. J. Walker, M. E. Wilkinson, S. Holt, D. Hogg, S. M. Taylor, M. V. Copping, M. Hellewell, E. Bate, P. Maxwell, B. Hague, D. Shaw, M. Archer, M. Skinner, J. Hepher, Mary Shearsmith, Maureen Shearsmith.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

To ring for a Royal visit is a privilege unusually rare for many ringers; the London County Association recently had the honour of ringing twice in one week for the Royal Family in different parts of London.

On October 19th, the Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret, attended the service of dedication of the recently restored Lambeth Palace Chapel, which was destroyed during the war. Besides the Royal Family, seventy bishops were present at the service.

The bells of St. Mary's, Lambeth, which stands in the palace grounds, were rung under the direction of the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, as the Queen arrived. An excellent touch of Stedman Triples pealed across the river and the Queen herself remarked how beautiful the bells sounded.

On the following Sunday, H.R.H. Princess Margaret visited Poplar to open a new social welfare centre. To mark this occasion ringing took place at All Saints' Church as the Princess passed through the crowded streets. The General Master, with his Northern District counterpart, Mr. C. A. Hughes, and other members of the district, rang several well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

J. H.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Visitors to the College Youths' dinner going to St. George's, Camberwell, should take No. 36 bus from Paddington or No. 12 from Westminster to Camberwell Town Hall. Take first left beyond bus stop into Havil Street, and then turn left into Wells Way.

The peal of St. Simon's Doubles rung at Courteenhall is believed to be the second only peal in the method ever rung—the first being just prior to the last war, in Bedfordshire, conducted by the late Donald L. Cockings. Apropos, does anyone know of a church dedicated to St. Simon?

A quarter peal rung at East Budleigh, Devon, on October 30th, was rather a family affair. Sid Skinner, captain of the ringers, and Michael Board have each become the father of a fine son, so at least a quarter peal was justified as well as being as near the patronal festival of All Saints as possible. Grandfather of the band, Wally Palmer, was on the treble, Uncle Norman Skinner rang his first quarter in two methods on the second, while Father Sidney conducted from third. Great-uncle (now growing a beard) Cyril Savage rang the fourth, Father Michael the fifth, and the tenor man was Grandfather Harry Luxton, Michael's father-in-law, well known in call change circles. We hope the two sons will eventually become members of the local band.

PEAL RINGING IN SUFFOLK

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

WHEN I wrote the article about peal ringing in Kent, I suggested that Suffolk might be a very close rival for the total number of peals rung in the county since 1881. I said this because Suffolk had more 'centenarian' towers than any other county and because half of them had passed the 200 peal mark—far more than any other county also. However, now that I can total them up, I find that, rather surprisingly, the company comes a long way behind Kent and that at least one other county can beat Suffolk's total also (and I haven't examined several yet). Thus I have recorded nearly 6,700 peals in Kent and nearly 5,600 in Lancashire, whereas Suffolk's total is just over 4,800. This means that, although there are these 12 centenarians where large numbers of peals have been rung (2,366, I make it), an unusual amount of ringing has gone on at them and other towers have been comparatively neglected. It can be seen that exactly half the peals in the county have been rung at these 12 towers—a very high proportion. In Kent, the centenarians (and these include the two 500 peal towers) account for about one-third of the peals and in Lancashire about one-quarter. It will be interesting to see whether Surrey, Sussex and Warwickshire come anywhere near Suffolk's total. There would seem to be a definite chance.

BAILEY BROTHERS

And now for the details. There are three towers round about the 300 mark. Although only 9 peals have been rung there since the last war, Leiston (8) leads the way with 301 since 1884. Of course this is largely due to the efforts of the famous Bailey brothers between the two wars, when 162 peals were rung at the tower between 1919 and 1939. Prior to 1914, 130 peals were published from the first peal on the bells on December 26th, 1884, by the St. Mary-le-Tower company, Ipswich. Thus 301 must represent a true idea of the number of peals ever rung here. Amongst these have been the first peals ever of Dublin Surprise, Edinburgh Surprise, Rochester Surprise and Suffolk Surprise. The record length of Double Norwich Major (8,064) was held for a few years from 1885, and in 1909 an 11,000 of this method was rung (although this number had been surpassed in 1892). So this tower has many claims to fame even though it is not heard much of now.

The famous St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich (12), comes a close second with 297 peals. I have been able to compare my total with Mr. Charles Sedgley's figures and we agree exactly. These actually have been rung since 1878, and I am very grateful to this famous ringer for his interest. The average per year is again greatest between the two wars, for 127 were rung then, compared with 140 in 36 years before 1914 and 30 since 1945. We find various records here. For instance, the first peals of Cambridge Surprise, New Cambridge Surprise, Superlative Surprise and Yorkshire Surprise Maximus were rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, the first in 1908 and the last three between 1927 and 1929.

The third tower is Debenham (8), which has recorded 289 peals in the period. More than half of these (148) came before 1914, then there were 92 from 1919 to 1939 and there have been 49 since 1944. Although 7 peals were rung there last year, there have been none this year so far as I write. The 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob Major rung here in 1892 held the record for 35 years until it was beaten at Heptonstall in 1927.

Now we come to three more towers with more than 200 peals. They are Framsden with 250, Helmingham (227) and Henley (206). All are eight-bell towers. As will be expected, all have had very consistent ringing activities. At the former, 92 were rung from 1888 to 1916, 111 from 1920 to 1938 (the best period), and there have been 47 since 1945 (again, none this year after 7 last). At Helmingham, we find 79 prior to 1914, 117 between the wars and 31 since 1944 (a very similar history to Framsden, and none, so far, this year). Henley's best period was before 1914, when 122 peals were rung in 17 years from 1899. There were 61 from 1918 to 1938 and 23 from 1947 to 1954. Strangely enough, only at Leiston of the above six towers has a peal been rung this year so far.

THE 100–200 GROUP

There is a big gap before we meet the first of the six towers with totals between 100 and 200. It is Ipswich, St. Margaret's (8), where 156 peals have been rung. Its popularity has waned somewhat since the last war, for only 18 peals have been rung since 1944, whereas there were 65 from 1899 to 1914 and 73 from 1917 to 1939. Then follows Lavenham (8) with 144 (I am not entering the controversy over the tenor of this ring, never having had the pleasure of hearing it!). At this tower also we find fewer peals since 1945, for only 13 of the total have come since then. Fifty-six were rung from 1881 to 1914 and 75 from 1917 to 1938. Next on the list comes a tower about which the county may well be proud—the only six-bell tower in the country to have had more than 100 peals—Thornham Magna with 136. There would have been getting on for 200 peals here had its early rate been kept up, for 83 peals were rung from 1898 to 1914. It did very well between the wars, when 51 more were logged, but since then we only find 2, in 1946 and 1948. All will hope for a revival of interest here, unless it is that the bells go badly now. Stowmarket (8) has 130 peals spread very evenly over the whole period, with a slightly better average now than formerly (36 since 1946). Framlingham (8) has 119. There is a big drop here in recent times—only 4 since the war from 1946 to 1949. Of the 78 rung between 1892 and 1914, 32 were rung in the years 1910 to 1914. The last centenarian is the first of the ten-bell towers to be mentioned—Grundisburgh, with 111. It is now easily the most popular 10-bell tower in the county, having had 40 peals since augmentation after the war. Only one or two towers have had more peals than this in this period. As an eight-bell tower, 12 peals were rung from 1891 to 1904, then there was a silence until 1920, after which 59 peals were rung before 1939.

As for the remaining ten-bell towers, none of them have reached the 50 mark yet. Stonham Aspal is the nearest with 43. These are evenly spread out from 1884. The first peal come across in that year suggested that only one previous peal had been rung in the tower—in 1768. Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral has 40, at fairly regular intervals from 1887. Similarly Beccles' 32, commencing in 1897. Mildenhall has 16—7 since augmentation in 1947, and Stradbroke 14, 8 since augmentation three years ago. Four of the remaining six were rung between 1882 and 1911, after which there was a gap until 1947. Thus three of the six 10-bell towers have only been such since the last war.

A six-bell tower is nearest to becoming a centenarian—Wickham Skeith with 93. Like Thornham, it would have had a big total if the early efforts had been kept up, for 81 were rung from 1893 to 1914. There was a big drop then, and only 11 came from 1921 to 1939, whilst a single peal this year has broken the silence since. The tower is still second to Thornham amongst six-bell towers in the whole country, its nearest rivals being Lamberhurst (92 peals) and Hanley Castle (90). We then come to a batch of eight-bell towers. Kelsale has 92, 75 before 1914; Worlingworth 82 (32 before 1914. 48 from 1919 to 1930 and silence since 1936); Ufford 78 (30 since the war); Lowestoft 73 (63 from the first peal in 1920 to 1939); Coddenham 71 (all spread out from 1881 to 1939, none since). Two six-bell towers follow—Wrentham 69 (46 from 1919 to 1936 and silence since), and Blaxhall 67 (45 from 1901 to 1914, but 8 since 1947).

The other towers with more than 50 are Fressingfield (8), 64, which have come at regular intervals since 1881; Palgrave (8), 61 (39 from 1908 to 1914 and only 2 since the war); Hasketon (6) has had its 60 peals spread out evenly over the years from 1901 (none since 1953); Wissett (6) has 59, 32 before 1914 and only 3 since 1938; Sproughton (6) has 55 peals with no real gaps since 1884. Woodbridge's (8) 53 commenced in 1884, but there was a gap from 1913 to 1935 with 11 since the war. Finally Burgh (6) has 52, 31 from 1944 to 1952, but only one since, so something has happened here.

VIRGIN TERRITORY

Every eight-bell tower has had one or more peals, with Boxford claiming the record for silence—its only peal was in 1896. Ten of the 100 or so six-bell towers still are virgin territory. They are Bildeston, Cockfield, Edwardstone, Gazeley, Hitcham, Kersey, Lawshall, Mendham, Nowton and Troston. Suffolk has more five-bell towers than any other county—well over 90. Most of these remain to be conquered, for only 40 have had peals.

To mention, finally, other six- and five-bell towers. Apart from the seven six-bell ones mentioned above we have Ashbocking with 42 peals since 1904; Wenhaston with 37, starting 1895 and only two since the war; Finborough Magna 33; Rickinghall Superior 30; Barking and Saxmundham 26; Bedfield and Monewden 25; Otley and Pettistree 23; Chediston 22 and Bramford 20. Three five-bell towers have reached double figures, which is very good for this type. Both Bramfield and Rumburgh have 11—in both cases 10 before 1914 and the last in the mid-1920's, whilst Little Glemham 10 had 7 before 1914 and the last in 1937. Huntingfield and Little Waldingfield have 9—none since the war. Then come Great Livermere with 7 and Cretingham and Marlesford with 6. At Cretingham, all the peals were rung from 1883 to 1892, but even this long silence can be beaten amongst the conquered towers by Gislingham (6), whose only peal was rung in 1889.

So much for this very interesting county. Peal totals include all published to October 14th.

WEDDING

Mr. M. C. Brown—Miss K. M. Proctor

The wedding took place at St. Peter's Church, Claybrooke, Leicestershire, on October 15th, of two well-known Hinckley District members. The bridegroom was Mr. Michael E. Brown, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brown, of Harecroft Farm, Sapcote, and the bride was Miss Kathleen M. Proctor, youngest daughter of Mrs. Proctor and the late Mr. E. Proctor, of College Street, Ullesthorpe. The ceremony was fully choral, the officiating clergy being the Rev. A. H. Procter, V.C., Vicar of Claybrooke, and the Rev. C. G. Powell, Rector of Sapcote.

The beautiful bells of Claybrooke were ringing Grandsire Triples as the bride entered the church escorted by her brother, Mr. Ernest Proctor, who subsequently gave her away, and the surpliced choir led the bridal procession.

The bride was attired in taffeta overlaid with white embroidered nylon, and she carried a hymn book, the gift of the Vicar of Claybrooke, and a posy of lilies of the valley and carnations. Her short embroidered veil was held in place with a headdress of orange blossom. She was attended by her niece, Miss J. Proctor, who was in orchid nylon over lilac taffeta and matching headdress. Mr. L. Smith, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, was best man.

As the bride left the church she was presented with many lucky tokens, including silver bells from the bellringers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THIRD PROGRAMME STUFF

Dear Sir, — Whilst reading the article on quarter peals on the front page of 'The Ringing World,' October 21st, I was reminded of a very amusing experience I had about four or five years ago.

In the second paragraph you mention the fact that often we get some comments from people who know little or nothing of ringing, which shows that they discern something different in the types of ringing they hear.

On this occasion the bells of Manchester Cathedral had been allowed to John Worth and his great band to attempt the first peal of Rochester Surprise Royal, and on the day I was given the job of looking after the band. It was a very warm day in August, and after the band had got on the way I went to try and get a drink at the Mitre Hotel close by. The landlord was in a chatty frame of mind and started off with 'What's coming off up there?' I explained that a peal was in progress. His reply was, 'I don't care much about it. It's not a bit like what you ring on Sunday.' I was stumped by this because by this time the band had settled down and the ringing was good to listen to, so I explained that this was one of our most talented bands attempting something which had never been done before. 'I don't care if its Sir John Barbirolli with the Halle Band,' he said. 'Thee get up there and tell them to cut out the Third Programme stuff and get back to the Light.'

However, after some further discussion I got him interested and found that what he liked was the Grandsire Caters which we usually rang for service. I asked him if he would like to see the bells whilst the ringing was going on, and he replied he would like nothing better, so I took him up the tower, and as we looked in I don't know who was most intoxicated by the sound and rhythm, he or I. On the way down I found the band had left the ringing chamber door open and it was here I nearly had trouble, because he badly wanted to get in to talk with the ringers. I just let him peep in and the sight which met his gaze was, as he put it, 'Gosh, amazing.'

Ralph Edwards on the 9th and the late J. C. E. Simpson, who was conducting on the tenor, were as near undressed as it was possible to be. I pointed out John Worth and told my visitor what would happen if he interrupted. 'Aye,' he said, 'I reckon he could be a handful.' 'And yon little 'un could be a monkey, I've no doubt.' This was Ted Jenkins on the treble. How Ted laughed when I told him about it just recently!

I was glad when I got the landlord downstairs. A few months later he moved to the Midlands, and I often wonder if he ever paid Albert Walker a visit at St. Martin's. I am sure he would be a good listener.—Yours, etc.,

R. L.

'ST. COLUMB DOUBLES' OR ST. COLUMBA?

Dear Sir.—I have searched in vain through two very authoritative books on the saints to find mention of a Saint Columb.

Saint Columba of Iona, the missionary to Scotland (to whom the church at Collingtree, Northants, is dedicated), and Saint Columba, virgin and martyr, of Cornwall, are both quoted, but no such saint as 'Columb.'

In view of this, should not the Doubles method so known be correctly renamed St. Columba?

Any future peals I have anything to do with, either wholly or including this method, will be named Columba.—Yours sincerely,

P. AMOS.

Weston Favell, Northants.

P.S.—Neither book makes mention of a 'Saint Miles 'either. St. Michael, yes! P. A.

PEALS AT BRERETON

Dear Sir,—The peal at Brereton on October 22nd is probably only the third on the bells, which were a ring of five in 1738. (Maybe the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead can let us know of any other peals.) The last one was in 1937 for the third centenary of the College Youths.

Three of the bells are dated 1634, one 1727 and the tenor 1738. In 1905 the bells were rehung in an oak frame, with a space for a 6th bell, and the 1727 bell was recast. The circle is left-handed and the bells are rung from the ground at the west end of the centre aisle. On Sundays the congregation pass through the circle.

An attempt to ring a peal here failed on Easter Sunday, 1954, but a quarter peal was successful in February last. It is perhaps interesting to some to note that this contained 16 different 240's and 10 different extents.

To our friends in London, who took part in the unsuccessful attempt in 1954, we would say we enjoyed the hospitality of the Bear's Head afterwards.—Yours sincerely,

B. J. ONGLEY.

Crewe.

QUARTER PEALS

Dear Sir,—Of course we read the quarter peals. What interesting stories one can weave around the paragraphs, and how pleasant to read of the activities of ringers who visited us during the holiday months; also to learn what is happening at towers we visited during our holidays. So much more enjoyable reading than the occasional spate of letters you are obliged to publish, where someone is getting a 'sly dig' at someone else over some petty incident or diverse opinions.

Trusting you will be able to include ALL the quarter peals.—Yours faithfully,

ERNEST TREAGUS.

Bognor Regis.

HEAVIEST TENOR IN WALES

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to disillusion Mr. P. J. Roberts, but Cardiff tenor weighs 26 cwt. 4 lb., that is 3 qr. 14 lb. lighter than Pentre tenor, which was correctly reported as being the 'heaviest tenor rung on the Monmouth and South Wales Tour.' The weight published in the 'Ringers' Guide' is the official weight supplied by the founders—Taylors.

R. H. DOVE.

Leeds.

A DEVON GOLDEN WEDDING

On November 1st at Woodbury, Devon, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells at the Parish Church in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stokes.

The band consisted of B. J. Glanvill (first quarter) 1, R. Perry 2, T. Gooding (first of Triples) 3, C. Deem (cond.) 4, L. K. Dawe 5, J. L. Glanvill 6, J. Briggs (first of Triples) 7, J. Gooding 8.

Members of the family were entertained to a Juncheon party at a local hotel by their son and daughter-in-law (who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Bell Foundry).

For many years Mr. Stokes carried on the bell-hanging business of H. Stokes and Son started by his father, and was himself, until a few years ago, a member of the Woodbury band of ringers.

Mr. and Mrs. Stokes have both taken a keen interest in the religious and social life of the village. From the age of 11 and for a number of years Mr. Stokes was organist at Woodbury Church. At present he is one of the churchwardens, a position he has held for a considerable time.

OUTSIDE IMPRESSIONS

Clear early morning, the stillness of the countryside or suburban streets waking to send out stately trickles of dignity, or the old church tower sentimentally shrouded with ivy, these had always been the associations church bells brought to my mind.

Imagine then, campanologists, the shock and confusion when, invited to watch a bell-ringing practice, I set my foot inside the belfry.

No signs of antiquity, but big brass plates enumerating peals and changes, people and methods, no stillness and serenity, but brightly coloured sallies bouncing up and down from the ceiling and subterranean groans from the ringers.

'Like to see the bells?' said one. 'Yes, c-c-certainly,' I replied boldly.

Climbing round and round interminably and finally through a trap door, we reached the bell-chamber. They began to ring rounds. Next to me was a large monster, which at regular intervals opened its gaping jaws at me and sent a deafening clang and sharp pain into my ear.

'Big, isn't it?' I said. My guide proceeded to tell me its exact weight, the date of its hanging and, bending into its very mouth, to point out its mechanics. 'Blimey,' I thought.

Returning to the less noisy if no saner atmosphere of the belfry, I sat down to clear my head and listen intelligently to the ringing, but my mind was distracted by the scene before me; arms of every description, brown, brawny, pink, flabby, white and frail, all pulling with equal certainty; bobs, bellows of encouragement and chastisement, the latter directed against one who was apparently a novice. I immediately felt sorry for him, but I was told that a good ringer needs rigorous discipline.

'I must make a mental effort—after all, this IS music.' Listening intently, I picked out snatches of old tunes, an inverted scale or two and one or two symphonic endings, but generally it was like looking for a broad melody in a Bartok concerto. 'Honegger or Hindemith at their most chaotic,' I thought. 'Yorkshire Surprise Major,' muttered my friend, 'one of the most musical methods there is.' I was humbled, my pride in my appreciation of music was pricked.

I sat down, gloomy, jumbled, unable to discern anything but the deadening regular blow of the tenor.

'Mathematics, that's the answer! The Greeks recognised the connection between music and mathematics.' Whereupon I proceeded to try to analyse the ringing, observing each ringer in turn to see in what order they rang, studying graphs. No, if mathematics was the key it was all too advanced for me. These ringers understood it though; they were initiated into the mystery; I was not.

Bewildered and comprehending only enough to make the rest incomprehensible, I left the belfry determined not to try and understand any more, but to enjoy the beauties of church bells with all their former associations.

J. R. D.

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ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH BELLS

By NORMAN CHADDOCK

FROM whatever direction the visitor to Rotherham makes his approach, the most outstanding landmark (except perhaps the huge new twin cooling towers of the Prince of Wales Power Station) is the fine, perpendicular Parish Church of All Saints, whose crocketed spire rises to some 170 feet above the centre of Rotherham. The church, built of red sandstone, now blackened by industrial smoke, stands on high ground in a commanding position in the centre of the town.

To reach the church from the railway station the visitor would probably cross the River Don by the new Chantry Bridge, beside which, preserved as it was in 1483, is the old bridge on which stands the Chapel of Our Lady, one of the four remaining examples in this country of chapels built on bridges. This chapel has suffered many vicissitudes since the Dissolution, when it was desecrated and since when it has been put to a variety of uses. For a time it was used as a jail and the bridge became known as Jail Bridge. Later it was used as a tobacconist's shop, but in 1924 it was restored and rededicated, and services are held there twice a week.

On reaching the church and perhaps first inspecting the beautiful interior, which, though in the centre of an industrial town, remains quiet and cool, the visiting ringer has some difficulty in finding access to the central tower. Entry is by a small door at the base of the outside of the north side of the church. Through this door is a passage under the floor of the church leading to a short iron ladder which gives access via a kind of chimney to a normal spiral staircase. Three years ago these steps were so deeply worn as to make ascent difficult, but since then they have been restored. Nevertheless, we are a little breathless on reaching the ringing chamber where we note the excellent condition of the bells, frame and fittings. Resuming our climb we are soon able to step out on top of the tower and scramble round the outside of the base of the handsome well-proportioned steeple.

On a fine Sunday morning, when the atmosphere over the broad Don valley is free from domestic and industrial smoke, an impressive view is obtained. To the north-west lies Kimberworth Church, with its chime of eight tubular 'bells,' and Greasborough Church, in which recorded bell apparatus was recently installed. North-west stands Rawmarsh Church, with its light Taylor octave. About half a mile away, amidst rows of houses, rises the rather blunt spire of St. Stephen's Church, Eastwood, built less than a century ago, recently threatened with closure, but now revitalised by the zeal of its new Vicar and his loyal helpers. As we look we can hear the sound of its eight bells, cast by Warners, ringing for 10.30 a.m. service.

About a mile to the south-west beyond the junction of the River Don and the River Rother can be seen the 14 chimneys of the United Steel Company's Templeborough Works which produce one-eighth of Britain's steel and which are to be greatly extended at a cost of over five million pounds. The works are sited inside the Rotherham Borough, near the site of the ancient Roman town of Morbium, from which many Roman remains have been preserved.

From our viewpoint, the whole town and valley is laid out below us. Since 937 A.D. there has been a church on this site and Saxon remains are to be found in the north-west pier. Later the Normans built a massive church of red rock, to which came the knights of the eight manors of the parish, their ladies, servants and serfs and their wives, each dressed according to their degree.

The present church, little larger than the Norman one, was completed in the 15th century. The tower was built in 1409 on the foundations of the old Norman piers, which determined its size.

PEAL BOARDS AND PERSONALITIES

Descending to the spacious and comfortable ringing chamber, we note the handy circle of ten ropes with space for two more should the vacant pits above be filled on some future occasion. The next thing that catches our eye is the handsome series of peal boards recording important peals since 1812, and another old peal board on which is recorded a half-peal rung in 1752. This consisted of 720 each College Trebles, Oxford Trebles and College Pleasure, and 360 Crown Bob, the latter being produced by ringing a lead of each of the first three methods, repeated to produce a 360; perhaps one of the earliest attempts at spliced ringing. About this time, Samuel Walker (father of the iron trade), who came to Rotherham in 1746, was busy making the first iron bridge and iron cannon. His firm made Southwark Bridge at a cost of £800,000, and also made the iron plates for one of the first iron ships—the Great Western.

A study of the peal boards introduces us to some of the ringing personalities connected with Rotherham Parish Church. For instance, there is Mr. James Taylor, whose peal ringing activities extended over more than 40 years from 1821 onwards. It appears that two men were required to ring the tenor to a peal at this time but Mr. Taylor rang it single-handed. He lived from 1798 to 1879 and was presented with a silver medal on completing 50 years as a ringer, and rang over 70 peals. In 1823 he rang the ninth to 7,199 Grandsire Caters, then a record length for the county of York. Other peals rung at Rotherham during his lifetime were 5,120 Union Treble Bob Major in 1812, and the first peal of Stedman Triples in Yorkshire, in January, 1844.

For centuries the ringers have been requisitioned to celebrate events of national and local importance. In 1704 the great bell was fractured and there are numerous charges in the churchwardens' accounts, in all £50 12s. 11½d., for a new great bell, which seems to have been a bibulous affair—'Ale when we discoursed about hanging ye bell'; 'taking down ye bell'; 'when writings was sealed'; agreeing to carry ye bell'; 'at loading ye bell'; 'at hanging ye bell'; 'first time ye great bell was rung'; every meeting and movement seems to have required the assistance of what we will suppose to be 'jolly old ale and good.'

GREAT BELL FRACTURED

At a meeting of the inhabitants of Rotherham on August 31st, 1820, it was unanimously resolved: '(1) That from the fracture of the great bell, the worn out state of the others, and as the cost of putting up one bell was nearly as much as that for hanging a whole peal, and to ensure concord in sound, the purchase of an entire new peal of bells be recommended to the Parishioners.

'(2) That since the churchwardens have appropriated £100 from the Parochial Funds to procure a new bell, the remainder of the expense be defrayed by public subscription among the Parishioners or by donations from gentlemen having property in the Parish.'

The injury to the tenor bell, referred to above, was that the clapper knocked out a piece of metal, and for the ringing of the bell the clapper had to be shortened. This bell was believed to have been cast by Hilton at Wath in 1752, and to have been a very bad bell.

In an address appealing for funds for new bells appears the following:—

'Though the precise period when bells were first made use of for calling Christians to public worship be not ascertained—yet their Utility and Advantage is generally felt and acknowledged and there is a propriety if not a necessity to include their repair in the "Annual Estimate of the Churchwardens," and in contemplating them among the FABRIC of the Church." At periods of Rejoicing and in those of deep distress the Bells communicate the public feeling. When the Mighty fall and the Great are laid low, when the country mourns over a Departed Hero, dull is the note and solemn the sound. When the shouts of Victory, won by the sons of Freedom are wafted to our shores—the Merry Peal proclaims the Epochs of our Freedom, and the Glorious Events of our History are held in commemoration by the Musical Numbers of our bells.'

So favourable was this appeal that sufficient money was quickly forthcoming for a new ring of ten bells, and on February 19th, 1821, a farewell peal to the old bells was rung in 3 hours and 20 minutes. It consisted of 5,040 changes of Bob Major, conducted from the tenor by the noted James Taylor.

The new ring of ten bells was cast by Mr. Mears and was a maiden ring being cast in perfect tune, no tuning being required after casting. The gross cost of their installation was £1,241, and the net cost after deducting value of old bells at 12 pence per pound (96 cwt.) was £701. Their weights varied from 7½ cwt. to the tenor in C sharp weighing 32 cwt.

THE OPENING RINGING

At a meeting of the Church Bell Committee on April 19th, 1821, the following resolutions were passed for regulating the proceedings on the opening of the new ring of ten bells. 'First, Rotherham ringers were to start ringing at 7 a.m. on the following Easter Monday and cease before Divine Service that day.

Twelve-bell ringers to have priority and to ballot for entrance to ring first.

Next, 10-bell ringers to have the same conditions.

Next, 8-bell ringers to have the same conditions.

No set of ringers to ring more than 5,040 changes on the first day.

Any set of ringers getting out before they have rung ten minutes to be allowed one more start. The bells not to be rung after 9 p.m.'

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ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH

Rotherham Parish Church—Cont.

The opening continued over Tuesday and during the two days the town was thronged with visitors from all parts, the 'Sheffield Iris,' a weekly newspaper, commenting on the great number of visitors which the opening attracted.

The first peal on the ten bells (Grandsire Caters) was rung on December 20th, 1821, in 3 hours and 20 minutes. James Taylor rang the ninth.

These bells served until 1924, when repairs to the bell frame and tower became necessary. The old ten bells were recast and rehung on ball bearings in a steel frame by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The cost was borne by the family of Robert Dyson, M.P., an eminent churchman. The old inscriptions were preserved with the following addition:—

'This peal was recast in 1924 in memory of Robert Dyson.'

The late Robert Dyson was associated with Messrs. Owen and Dyson's, of Rotherham, famous for the manufacture of wagon wheels for railways all over the world.

The new ring of ten bells, opened on March 18th, 1925, is a fine melodious ring, and ringing conditions in the belfry are ideal. The weights of the bells range from 6¼ cwt. (treble) to 34¼ cwt. in C sharp (tenor) and the total weight is 138 cwt. The first peal rung on these bells was 5,148 Grandsire Caters on December 29th, 1925, and since then many peals have been rung on them.

The bells are well appreciated by the townspeople and figure prominently in the civic life of the town, the most recent occasion being the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. to the town last year.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

South-West Branch

Forty representatives supported a quarterly meeting of the South-West Branch held at Emmanuel, Plymouth, on October 22nd. The Vicar (the Rev. J. D. Wakeling, M.C., M.A.), himself a ringer, came into the belfry and at 4.15 p.m. dedicated a peal board commemorating a peal of Grandsire Triples rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. The Guild form of service followed in church conducted by the Vicar, the lesson being read by Preb. E. V. Cox, president of the Guild. Mr. F. W. Gilbert was the organist.

Following a sumptuous tea, served in the Church Hall by the wives of the local ringers, the business meeting was held. Mr. H. H. Thomas presided supported by the Vicar, Messrs. G. H. Myers and F. C. Smale, vice-presidents of the Guild, and members from Kelly, Plympton St. Maurice, Plymouth St. Andrew's and Emmanuel, and friends from the Mid-Devon Branch as well as one of two unattached members.

It was resolved to seek permission to hold the annual branch meeting at Revelstoke on January 21st. Two new members were elected from Plympton St. Maurice—Ian Peacock and Maurice Roberts.

The president, the Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox, took his departure immediately after tea, but before leaving presented Miss Elisabeth Lyndon, of the Emmanuel band, with a consolation gift in lieu of a Guild certificate he had been entrusted to bring to present at the meeting. He promised to post it on to the branch secretary as soon as possible.

Ringing on Emmanuel bells during the afternoon and evening was of a high standard and ranged from rounds to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. T. G. M.

DEDICATION

PRESTON CANDOVER

It was a very happy congregation that assembled at the church of Preston Candover, Hants, on October 22nd for the dedication of the six bells of this tower. In the words of the Rector (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth), the prophecy has been fulfilled; 'by the ingenuity and craftsmanship of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. we have now not only one of the sweetest-toned, but also the lightest ring in Hampshire (tenor 3 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb.).

The original bells consisted of two cast in 1863 and three in 1885 (when the present church was built), and these were augmented two years ago when the Rector and churchwardens of Overton and Laverstoke presented a 1624 tenor bell from the Chapel of Ease in Laverstoke Park, which was then being closed. The bells have been recast and rehung in an iron frame and on ball-bearings.

The dedication was carried out by the Bishop of Winchester (Dr. A. T. P. Williams), who is president of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild. He was assisted in the service by the Dean of Winchester (Dr. E. G. Selwyn), the Rural Dean of Alresford (the Rev. E. W. Selwyn), the Rector (the Rev. C. E. C. Brinkworth) and the Rev. K. C. Davis (Greywell)—both the last two are enthusiastic ringers.

Dr. Williams, in his sermon, said they had many causes for rejoicing on this occasion. One was the generosity of those who had made the work of restoring the bells possible. Another was the skill and wisdom, based on long and deep experience and loving care, of those who had actually done the work. Another was their thankfulness that once again the bells would ring out as in the past.

'It is one, and only one, of the reasons for the power of the sound of the bells over our hearts,' he said, 'that it links us with the generations past, and it recalls the long continuity of the Church of God in our country.' Referring to the fact that the sound of the bells at times reminded them of joy, at other times of the seriousness of life, Dr. Williams said: 'All down the centuries, as long as there have been church bells, we can be sure that these same emotions and thoughts have dwelt in the hearts of those who have lived in our cities and villages.'

After the service the local ringers—Messrs. E. Long (captain), G. Thorne (vice-captain), A. Padwick, J. Nipress and T. Budden—with Mr. Arthur Fidler rang the opening rounds, and this was followed by a touch of Grandsire, when the ropes were handed over to Mr. Dick Smith, Master of the Winchester District.

During the day the fund for the recasting and rehanging the bells benefited by some £85 10s.—£44 from the collection, £36 10s. from donations and £5 from the tea. This brought the total of the fund to just over £600, and about a further £300 is required.

AN ARUNDEL CENTENARY

When, 100 years ago, the bells of Arundel Parish Church were dedicated, the donor, the Duke of Norfolk, paid to bring a band of the Ancient Society of College Youths down to ring the first peal on the bells—Grandsire Triples, conducted by George Stockham. To commemorate the centenary seven College Youths from Sussex and one from Surrey rang a peal in the same method on October 25th. It was, writes a local correspondent, a splendid exhibition of ringing, the striking being perfect.

On the Sunday following, the Bishop of Chichester preached at a special service attended by the Mayor and Corporation. The large congregation included about 50 ringers. During the service Itchingfield ringers rang on handbells 'Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring' and 'Crimond.' The excellent arrangements made by the Arundel ringers were much appreciated by the visitors.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Yatton on October 15th and was attended by over 40 ringers representing at least 19 different towers.

The Association service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. Beechey, and after an excellent tea (the famous Yatton jam buns being well to the fore) he took the chair at the business meeting. Two new members were elected from Yatton and 14 from Butcombe and Nempnett Thrubwell (which two towers have now become affiliated). It was decided that subject to permission being given, the November practice meeting should be held at Nempnett Thrubwell, and the annual at Wrington on the first Saturday in December. There being no other business, Mr. G. Yeo proposed votes of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and his assistant, the ladies who provided the tea and the people who had made all the local arrangements.

Ringing during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge and Yorkshire Surprise Major and was under the direction of the Ringing Master, Mr. H. W. Knight.

M. J. H.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The venue of the autumn meeting of the South Norfolk Branch was at Garboldisham on October 22nd, when ringers attended from many towers in Norfolk and Suffolk. The service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Lacey Webb, and the lesson read by Dr. Paul Jonason.

After tea at the Fox Hotel the meeting took place with Dr. Paul Jonason presiding, supported by the president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston), the Rev. Lacey Webb, Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Miss Betty Syrett, Messrs. H. Moss and F. Phillippo (members of the committee).

New members elected were the Rev. Lacey Webb, honorary member, Miss Jill Creasey (East Harling) and Mr. A. Pledger (Shipden), ringing members. A long discussion took place on the posibility of hanging the bells 'dead' in some towers in the Branch during restorations, and it was decided to get in touch with the incumbents at once through the committee.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. Lacey Webb, also to Mr. Eric Bennett for arranging for the meeting. The bells of Blo-Norton Parish Church were also rung during the evening. A. C. G.

RINGING AT CREWE FOR THE ROYAL VISIT

Christ Church ringers also rang the bells to welcome the Queen and Duke on the occasion of their visit to Crewe despite the omission by the B.B.C. announcer in the 1 o'clock and 6 o'clock news on November 2nd. (The announcers said the Queen was received at Nantwich by ringing the bells of the ancient Parish Church, 600 years old.)

The Crewe ringers rang before the arrival of the Royal Party, and again after the welcome and presentation—as they were leaving the town. They were augmented by two visiting ringers, whose assistance was much appreciated—Mr. Bernard J. Ongley (Goostrey), employed by Rolls Royce Factory, and Mr. Peter Beverley (Dunham Massey), a student at the Cheshire Agricultural College, Reaseheath. The Crewe ringers were Messrs. W. T. Holding, C. Thomas, S. Leyland, H. G. Edge, J. E. Holloway, W. Frank Stenson and G. A. Packer and R. D. Langford (conductors).

Appropriately enough, 'Queen's' was introduced into the ringing, which included some good Grandsire Triples. W. F. S.

OBITUARY

MR. CLEMENT GLENN

The sudden death of Mr. Clement Glenn on October 23rd last, at the age of 72, has removed a sound and brilliant ringer from our midst.

Born at Rotherham, he joined the Royal Navy in 1914 and served throughout the Great War, and as a Naval Reservist was recalled to the colours in 1939 and discharged again in 1947 with the rank of First Lieutenant. Between the two wars he lived in France, yet despite this long break from ringing he had rung the formidable total of 631 peals, of which he had conducted 501.

An immaculate striker, with a very critical ear, Clem had a preference for odd-bell methods, Stedman being his great love. He rang no fewer than 156 peals of Stedman, conducting 128. He was equally at home with a pair of handbells and rang 236 peals on handbells, conducting 211. He had few equals at Stedman and Grandsire and probably no superior. His stock peal of Grandsire Triples was Holt's Original, which he often called.

His interest was not confined to the practical side of ringing. A Central Council representative for the Southwell Guild, and peal secretary, a former Nottingham District secretary and one time general secretary of the Yorkshire Association illustrates his versatility. He was a College Youth for upwards of 40 years.

A man of character and strength and of infinite charm, he was strong willed and in the knowledge of his strength and ability often tended to ride roughshod over lesser mortals in order to attain his objective. It is such men as he who are born to lead. He would not stand idly by and watch a ringer mishandling his bell or making a fool of himself. He would tell the offender quietly of his error and demonstrate the correct method.

Rules were made to be obeyed, no matter who was the transgressor. Consequently, Clem did not enjoy widespread popularity. Nevertheless, none doubted his massive integrity, his earnest endeavour to raise the standard of ringing, his meticulous accuracy and organising ability.

His wish to be buried at Horbling, remote in the Lincolnshire Fens, prevented his many friends and colleagues in the Southwell Guild from attending his funeral.

It is fitting that this brief and inadequate appreciation should end with one of Clement Glenn's favourite texts, so illustrative of his character: 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.'—Ecclesiastes ix., 10.

J. W. R.

An Appreciation

By the sudden death of Clement Glenn there passes from our midst a brilliant exponent, and one of the celebrities of the Exercise. He was undoubtedly a ringer par excellence and a conductor of the highest integrity. Although known to me in name only since a youngster, may I, as a humble servant of the ringing fraternity, say with deep regret, 'Farewell, Clem.'

JOHN G. NASH.

Wood Green, N.22.

MR. R. C. SHARPE

With deep regret we record the recent death, at the age of 74, of Mr. Reginald Charles Sharpe, for many years captain of St. Mary's ringers, Newmarket. In recent years he had been in ill-health and unable to ring.

In his younger days he was a keen and active ringer and visited many towers around Newmarket. For a time he acted as secretary for the Mildenhall District of the Suffolk Guild. He was regular in his attendance for Sunday service ringing and was an excellent striker. Opportunities for peal ringing were few, but as far as can be ascertained he had taken part in eight tower bell peals (Doubles 2, Minor 5, Bob Major 1) and five handbell peals (Bob Major 2, Bob Royal 3).

The funeral service took place at St. Mary's Church, Newmarket, on October 12th. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells in church at the conclusion of the service by some of his old ringing associates: R. Heath 1-2, A. E. Austin 3-4, A. E. Moore 5-6, A. W. Rolfe 7-8. In the evening St. Mary's bells were rung half-muffled and concluded with a 720 of Bob Minor by S. Howlett 1, R. Heath 2, S. Ward 3, A. E. Austin (conductor) 4, T. Varney 5, S. Brown 6.

MR. F. S. WILSON

An Appreciation

With regard to the peals rung by Mr. F. S. Wilson, probably the one which gave him most pleasure was the peal by bank officers rung at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, on March 2nd, 1935, which was rung as a compliment for his 60th birthday. The peal was Plain Bob Major, and was conducted by Alan Pink, who was then attached to the Westminster Bank, Eton.

We shall always remember the witty remark made by the Editor of 'The Ringing World' concerning this peal, but space will not permit a reprint in this issue. Of the ringers who took part in this peal only three now remain on 'active service' with the bank.

Mr. Wilson retired in 1936, and had been for ten years manager of Lloyds Bank, Wincanton. Beside bell-ringing Mr. Wilson was keenly interested in bowls and chess. He had also been a prominent Freemason and obtained the high rank of Provincial Grand Warden.

He died shortly after his 80th birthday.

Thame. H. BADGER.

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CLEAVER—SAUNDERS. — On Saturday, Oct. 15th, 1955, at Emmanuel Church, Clifton, Bristol, Antony William Thomas, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Cleaver, of Cardiff, to Mavis Eleanor, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Saunders, of Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.

DEATH

WARD.—On October 27th, 1955, Albert Henry, aged 82 years, at 2, Glenwood Road, Chellaston (formerly of Normanton Road, Derby). 7253

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MEETINGS

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CHESTER GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 12th, at St. Peter's, Macclesfield. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Dolphin. 7206

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HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Cheshunt, Saturday, Nov. 12th, 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7217

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—Meeting on Nov. 12th at Willesborough. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. —W. P. G. 7179

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Canterbury District.—The social will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12th. St. Dunstan's bells available from 2.30. Tea in St. Dunstan's Parish Hall at 4.45 p.m., followed by the social evening.—B. J. Luck, 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury. 7175

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Syston District.—Meeting at Cossington, Nov. 12th. (Please note altered date.) Bells 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7213

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Holloway (between Holloway Tube Station and Highbury Corner) on Nov. 12th at 3 p.m. Service and business. Tea shops nearby. —T. J. Lock. 7199

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bicester Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Souldern (6), Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. 7197

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—Practice meeting at Merstham, Nov. 12th. Bells (6) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 7211

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—A combined meeting of Alton and Petersfield and Winchester Districts at Alton on November 12th. Bells 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. No business meeting.—C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Warsash, Southampton. 7216

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. — Western Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Upton-on-Severn, Saturday, Nov. 12th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting. 7229

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Nov. 19th, Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m. Election of officers.—A. B. Peck. 7257

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Meeting, Nempnett, Nov. 19th, 4 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7260

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—Meeting at Luton, Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Everyone welcome. —Dennis Knox, Dis. Sec. 7256

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wirral Branch.—Meeting, St. Peter's, Heswall, Nov. 19th. Bells (recently augmented to 6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea provided for those notifying by 16th. — Alexander J. Martin, 19, Falcon Road, Birkenhead. 7273

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—Annual meeting at Grappenhall, Saturday, Nov. 19th, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. J. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall, near Warrington. 7275

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch. — Meeting at Dunchurch, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, before Thursday, Nov. 17th, to Garner-Hayward, 8, Orchard Crescent, Coventry. 7251

DEVON GUILD. — Mid-Devon Branch. — Buckfast Abbey (12), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Usual arrangements.—A. L. Bennett, Cornerways, Buckfastleigh. 7240

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Alconbury (6), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Nov. 16th, to H. S. Peacock, 8, Roscrea Terrace, Huntingdon. Phone: Huntingdon 499. 7255

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—Lechlade, Nov. 19th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Names essential by Nov. 16th. Fairford in evening.—R. Wenban, Williamstrip Cottages, Coln St. Aldwyn, Cirencester. 7238

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Meeting, Upper Cam (6), Nov. 19th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Nov. 16th.—Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7252

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, Nov. 19th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7193

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rye, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 7242

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Stevenage, Nov. 19th, 3 p.m. Names to Dr. D. Gullick, Mount View, Weston Road. Special method: Painswick College Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7239

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Welwyn bells (8) 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tewin bells (6) 6 to 8 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 7272

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at Ightham. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7202

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cliffe (8) on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Tuesday, Nov. 15th.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7254

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Derby Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 16th, to Mr. H. Taylor, 27, New Chester Street, Derby. For people in Leicester area, train leaves London Road Station, Leicester, 1.52 p.m.—meeting in booking hall 1.40 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. M. Simpson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7200

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch. — Meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided.—J. H. Foster. 7623

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Ringing meeting at St. Anne's, Denton, Nov. 19th, 3 p.m. Cups of tea provided. All welcome.—R. Benson. 7264

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The next Rossendale Branch meeting will be held at Bury on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Tower open for ringing at 3. Tea at 5. Meeting in tower at 6. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. Porter, Branch Sec. 7265

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Thurlaston, Nov. 19th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea at Dog and Gun 5. Notify, by Wednesday, Mr. J. Taylor, 25, Desford Road, Thurlaston, Leicester. — F. Measures, Hon. Sec. (Phone: Burbage 516.) 7243

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leicester District.—Meeting at Aylestone, Nov. 19th. (Please note altered date.) Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at the Boathouse. Names for tea, by Nov. 17th, to Miss B. Endell, 90, Edward Avenue, Leicester. 7250

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deanories Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Surfleet (12), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.45 p.m. Names, by Tuesday previous, to Mrs. A. Richardson, Glyn Garth, Surfleet, Spalding. 7203

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Gainsborough District.—The next meeting will be at Upton on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. for those who notify me by Tuesday previous.—Geo. L. A. Lunn, Hon. Sec., Crow Garth, Lea, Gainsborough, Tel. 2623. 7232

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.—Monmouth Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, at Bassaleg, near Newport. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4. Tea and business.—Jacqueline Evans, Branch Sec. 7195

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, St. Mary-atte-Bow, Stratford East (8), 3.30-5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Further ringing till 8.30. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 7234

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ealing on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringing at St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Christ Church bells available 3-4 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Wednesday, to A. H. Fulwell, 38, Beaconsfield Road, Ealing, W.5. —J. D. Rock. 7247

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Newhall, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45.—J. Cotton. (Phone: Overseale 264.) 7261

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Marlborough Branch.—Annual meeting St. Mary's, Marlborough, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) open 3 p.m. Service, St. Peter's, 4.30—T. A. Palmer, 16, Oxford Street, Aldbourne, Marlborough, Wilts. 7248

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Snaith, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Please provide own food: cups of tea only available. —L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7233

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at South Collingham (2.15-430) and North Collingham (6-8.30) on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service at South Collingham at 2.15. Please make an effort to attend. Tea, King's Head Hotel, at 5. Names, by previous Wednesday, to S. L. Barley, North Muskham, Newark. 7249

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (6), afternoon, Ditchling (8) evening, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. Tea only for those who notify, by Nov. 16th, K. C. Knight, Spinney Farm, High Hatch Lane, Hassocks. 7241

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Winchester District. — Practice meeting, Twyford (8), Nov. 19th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Dolphin Inn. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 15th, to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 7246

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (close to Colliers Wood Underground Station).—The annual bellringers' service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. Visitors especially welcome. 7235

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury (6) on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7245

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting in Guildford, Nov. 26th. Tea and meeting Congregational Hall, North Street (next G.P.O.), Guildford, 4 p.m. Bells available: Holy Trinity and St. Mary's 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.; S. Nicolas', Shalford and Stoke 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Nov. 23rd, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 7237

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 26th, St. Mary's, Clapham Common, R.C., 3.15 to 4.15. Own tea. St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park. Business meeting (nominations) in vestry 5.30. Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 7267

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Caston on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by Thursday, Nov. 24th, to J. Barnes, Ivan House, Caston, Attleborough. 7260

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, to Mr. J. D. Clarke, The Vicarage, Whatton, Notts. 7244

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly district meeting will be held at Ashtead, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Schoolroom. Names for tea to J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead, by previous Wednesday. Business includes nominations for district officers.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 7268

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual District dinner to be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 26th, commencing 6.30 p.m. Bar available 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 2.45-3.45; St. Maurice (6) 3.45-4.30. 5.15-6. Service at St. Lawrence's 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 10s. each, now on sale from R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 7259

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY. — The annual dinner will be held on January 28th, 1956. Full details later. Further information from the secretary, C. T. Blundell, 124, Richmond Road, Montpelier, Bristol 6. 7258

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IT is interesting to reflect how the surname, which appears in its origins to have been an adjunct of the Christian name, has, in the increasing complexity of our social structure, come to be used to indicate a man's standing in the world of achievement. And it is to be noted how the thing comes round in full circle. The office boy is called by his surname until such time as sufficient boys beneath him justify the Mr. attached to his name. When, if ever, he attains to heights of fame it is most probable that the world will know him by his surname only. Constable needs no John, Beethoven needs no Ludvic, Shakespeare needs no William; and yet doubtless it was as John, Ludvic and William that their fingers were rapped for their childish waywardness. The matter is seen in an even more curious light when we contemplate the use of the Christian name for a surname, as with Mendelssohn, and the application to a man of a name he never possessed, as with Palestrina or Wellington. Here, surely, is the hallmark of classic security.

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Snowdon's claims to fame are based on three outstanding achievements: his work as founder of the Yorkshire Association, his historical researches, and his work as a teacher. We may read how, in his early years, the bells gradually insinuated themselves into his fibre, bringing some mysterious call that he found he could not ignore, although his mind was set on other things. From the beginnings at Ilkley and the gatherings of the little band of enthusiasts at Birstall, there came the inception of this band of ringing brethren which has grown into the mighty organisation we now know as the Yorkshire Association.

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ARTHUR G. BASON	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	7
FREDERICK SEAGER	4	BERT GOGLE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

ADLINGTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt. in G sharp.

E. R. MARTIN	*Treble*	S. WALMSLEY	5
A. RIGBY	2	F. HOWARTH	6
J. CHARNOCK	3	J. BLACKBURN	7
*G. A. SUNDERLAND	4	J. W. GROUNDS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.
* First peal of Major in the method. The ringer of the third has now 'circled the tower.'
Rung to mark the occasion of the holding of an exhibition in Chorley Town Hall depicting the life and work of the Church of England.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb.

ARTHUR SHOREY	*Treble*	RALPH HARRIS	5
JOHN THOMAS	2	WILFRED NEWMAN	6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3	PATRICK HARRIS	7
THOMAS W. LEWIS	4	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. W. and Mrs. Harrison, on their retirement after 22 years' work in this parish.

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EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A

*LAURA M. BEENEY	*Treble*	GEORGE BEENEY	5
*FRANK H. BEENEY	2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	6
RONALD W. PANKHURST	3	FRANK H. HICKS	7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	4	HAROLD G. F. REYNOLDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK H. HICKS.
* First peal on eight bells.
Rung as a fourth wedding anniversary to the conductor and Mrs. E. M. Hicks.

FROME, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 35 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 31 cwt.

RONALD G. BECK	*Treble*	FREDERICK SAVAGE	5
*EUNICE D. OVEREND	2	EDWARD J. CHIVERS	6
VICTOR SAVAGE	3	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7
*S. ARTHUR READ	4	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
* First peal of major 'inside.'

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt. in F.

HARRY BAKER	*Treble*	GEOFFREY PEARSON	5
THOMAS E. SONE	2	JOHN R. COOPER	6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	BENJAMIN F. BAKER	7
BRIAN G. WARWICK	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
A compliment to Patrick I. Chapman and Margaret Joan Morris, who were married this day at Kettering.

WARBOROUGH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Carter's. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. S. SMITH	*Treble*	*FRANK GODDEN	5
*REGINALD TUCKWELL	2	ALFRED GREENOUGH	6
ERNEST GARRARD	3	*FRANK ABSOLOM	7
JAMES GODMAN	4	ROBERT BLOND	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT BLOND.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, in 3 Hours and 9 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	PERCY NEWTON	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	2	WALTER AVERY	6
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	3	JOHN D. KAPE	7
DAVID CORNWALL	4	ROLAND BIGGS	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 30, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

DAVID VINCENT	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
*RUTH M. JACKSON	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
BASIL JONES	3	ALAN J. BROWN	7
EDWARD JENKINS	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
* First peal in the method.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 1, 1955, in 3 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

G. ARNOLD MOORE	*Treble*	ARTHUR GAUNT	5
FREDERICK E. WILSHAW	2	JOHN BEARDMORE	6
ANNETTE GRATTON	3	GEORGE W. BIDDULPH	7
CHARLES S. RYLES	4	EWART H. EDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by FREDERICK E. WILSHAW.
Rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Prebendary C. J. Watkins, Rector of Newcastle, and the 21st anniversary of his induction at this church.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 1, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*J. ALGERNON LORD	*Treble*	BARNABAS G. KEY	5
GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	2	†JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	6
ALAN G. FOSTER	3	†JOSEPH W. COTTON	7
ROLAND BENNISTON	4	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Triples. † 50th peal together. First peal of Oxford Bob on the bells.
Rung for the Feast of All Saints.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Nov. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY DE CASTRO.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	J. FREDERICK MILNER	5
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON	6
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	3	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
Rung on the Feast of All Souls, remembering especially the life-work of the late Harold J. Poole.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 2, 1955, in 2 Hours and 19 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.
A PEAL OF 5152 COUNTESTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

JOHN M. JELLEY	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HAINES	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	JOHN A. ACRES	6
ERNEST MORRIS	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	4	BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
The first peal in the method, which is Lincolnshire with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end. Rung at first attempt.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 59 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5072 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb. in E flat.

*TERENCE T. JONES	*Treble*	S. ARTHUR READ	5
HAROLD L. PARFREY	2	WILLIAM F. J. COPE	6
MRS. DORA EVANS	3	EDWARD J. FRY	7
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	4	ERIC NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE J. HAWKINS.
* First peal.
Rung as a 93rd birthday compliment to Mr. Harry W. Brown, of Bath.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE	*Treble*	ALBERT BRIDGES	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	2	ROLAND BIGGS	6
JESSE HARRISON	3	ANTHONY E. COX	7
JOHN D. KAPE	4	WALTER LEE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by HARRY WINGROVE.
Rung half-muffled to commemorate the unveiling of the Merchant Navy Memorial by Her Majesty the Queen.

CHATHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In four methods, comprising 992 changes of London, 768 Bristol, 1,664 Superlative and 1,632 of Cambridge, with 106 changes of method, and with all the work of the four methods for each bell. Tenor 25 cwt.

Benjamin F. Baker	*Treble*	‡J. Alan Ainsworth	5
*John R. Cooper	2	†William Rogers	6
†Robert Collins	3	*Mark S. Lancefield	7
Geoffrey Pearson	4	Thomas Cullingworth	*Tenor*

Composed by H. G. Cashmore. Conducted by Mark S. Lancefield.
* 50th peal together. † First peal of four Spliced Surprise Major. ‡ First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

In seven methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 608 Dorchester, 640 Superlative and 576 Pudsey, with all the work of each method for every bell. 125 changes of method.
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Alan A. Potts	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
James Fernley	2	Leslie Boumphrey	6
Basil Jones	3	Edward Jenkins	7
John Worth	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
This composition is now rung for the first time.
(As published in R.W. 12th August, 1955.)

DONINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary and The Holy Rood,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Six-part. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.

*Stanley V. Woods	*Treble*	Albert H. Bennett	5
Stanley E. Bennett	2	H. Reginald Woods	6
Frank Taylor	3	John G. Ames	7
†John E. Allen	4	Horace Bennett	*Tenor*

Conducted by John G. Ames.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Dawson on attaining his 92nd birthday.

ELTHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Lewisham District.)
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Holt's Original. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*John F. Sims	*Treble*	†Geoffrey J. Hurrell	5
Frederick J. Hurrell	2	Ernest B. Crowder	6
William J. Rawlings	3	Jim Hurrell	7
Bertie Aldridge	4	*Kenneth D. Small	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest B. Crowder.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. William Arnold Rhodes, M.A., who was instituted and inducted to this parish on November 4th. Also to celebrate the completion of 50 years as a ringer at this church by Mr. J. Hurrell.

KINGSTON, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James.
A PEAL OF 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR

Comprising 1,440 each of Cambridge and Superlative, 1,408 Bristol and 768 London, with 126 changes of method. Tenor 28¼ cwt. in D.

H. James Turner	*Treble*	Sidney T. Holt	5
William B. Cartwright	2	Thomas Hemming	6
Clifford Skidmore	3	Reginald Woodyatt	7
John Pinfold	4	Norman J. Goodman	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Sidney T. Holt.
First peal of Spliced Surprise Major on the bells, for the Guild and in the county.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

Edward W. Roast	*Treble*	Brian J. Howard	5
*Mary Dowsett	2	Peter J. Eves	6
Ernest W. Furbank	3	Joe E. G. Roast	7
*Patrick W. Saltmarsh	4	Dennis A. S. Symonds	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal in the method.

SOWERBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb.

*Stuart Hawksworth	*Treble*	George A. Briggs	5
*Harry Lumb	2	Thomas H. Brown	6
Cyril F. Sutcliffe	3	†Donald Hoyle	7
*Kenneth Harrison	4	*Edgar Wilde	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cyril F. Sutcliffe.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal on the recast bells.
Rung by the regular Sunday service ringers; also as a 70th birthday compliment to Thomas H. Brown, for over 50 years a bellringer at St. Peter's.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26¾ cwt. in D.

Lewis W. Wiffen	*Treble*	Thomas Bird	5
Rosemary Seabrook	2	George W. Pipe	6
John Warner	3	Hilda G. Snowden	7
Terry Earle	4	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by George W. Pipe.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

Kathleen M. Yeo	*Treble*	*Frank H. Beeney	4
Frank H. Hicks	2	Harold G. F. Reynolds	5
Laura M. Beeney	3	George Beeney	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank H. Hicks.
* First peal of Minor 'inside.' The ringers of the 2nd and tenor have now 'circled the tower' to peals.
Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to Laura M. Beeney.

HIGH EASTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, and two extents of Plain Bob.
Tenor 19 cwt.

Charles S. Smith	*Treble*	Dennis A. S. Symonds	4
Mary Dowsett	2	Joe E. G. Roast	5
Peter J. Came	3	Peter J. Eves	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

RUGELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
A NON-ASSOCIATION PEAL.
On Sat., Oct. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Augustine of Canterbury.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*†Brian G. Vine	*Treble*	†David Thorley	4
Roger Chicken	2	John Schofield	5
††James B. Morley	3	Ian H. Oram	*Tenor*

Conducted by James B. Morley.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. ‡ First peal of Minor 'inside.' All the band are serving in the R.A.F.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two different extents of Oxford Treble Bob, one extent of Kent Treble Bob and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*A. MOLLY CROSIER	*Treble*	LEONARD G. TOSELAND	4
*FRANK CROSIER	2	DAVID W. JAMES	5
PATRICK I. CHAPMAN	3	GEOFFREY E. WATSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY E. WATSON.
*First peal of Minor.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in A.

*MISS P. M. HOWARD	*Treble*	FRANK H. HICKS	4
†STANLEY G. PONTING	2	ALBERT RELFE	5
‡IVAN A. C. BUTCHER	3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.
* First peal on a Treble Bob bell. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Surprise.

BRANSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being seven extents, viz.: Norwich Surprise, Bourne Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

FRED INGALL	*Treble*	JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	4
WILLIAM R. PARKER	2	PETER MASON	5
AMOS INGALL	3	LOUIS WILLDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS WILLDERS.
Rung for the Patronal Festival. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

CLOWNE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*GEORGE CHALLANS	*Treble*	†KENNETH RUTLAND	4
HAROLD WAGSTAFF	2	DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	5
DENNIS COOPER	3	JOSEPH SAXTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* 75th peal. † First peal at first attempt.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 20 methods: (1) and (2), Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob 1V, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (3) and (4), College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (5) and (6), Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (7), Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

JEAN C. BROWN	*Treble*	ERIC SIMPSON	4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY	2	*WILLIAM A. SMITH	5
*BRIAN WOODRUFFE	3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in 20 methods.

DUNHAM-ON-TRENT, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 29 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Consisting of eight extents each of Stedman, St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Plain Bob, and ten extents of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*MISS K. BURCHNALL	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FOSTER	3
*MISS G. BURCHNALL	2	*HAROLD DENMAN	4
WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.
* First peal in five Doubles methods. First peal on the bells.



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GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

Thomas Bird .. .. .. *Treble*	Rosemary J. Seabrook .. 4
*Ernest Brown.. 2	Reginald Rippingale .. 5
Albert Catterwell .. 3	Samuel J. Twitchett .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Rosemary J. Seabrook.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'
The ringer of the treble has now 'circled the tower.'

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER GUILD OF UNITED CHURCH BELL RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (C.C.C. Nos. 28, 29, 34, 37, 50, 52 and No. 5 Lancs. Book). Tenor 11¼ cwt. (approx.).

*Clive Wixey .. .. *Treble*	Geoffrey P. Green .. 4
*†Peter Hurcombe 2	Frederick E. T. Tranter 5
*Ronald K. Russ 3	‡R. Gordon Corby .. *Tenor*

Conducted by R. Gordon Corby.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 100th peal.

HORSPATH, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(The Oxford Society.)
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 22 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 1,680 Reverse Canterbury, 840 each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, April Day and Clifford Pleasure. Tenor 6 cwt. in B.

David C. Woodward .. *Treble*	Robin Trebilcock 4
Clive Holloway 2	Alec Gammon 5
Vernon Green 3	Malcolm Journeaux .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Alec Gammon.

First peal on the bells.
Rung for the engagement of Alan Eden and Valerie Godwin, who are local Oxford ringers.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 8 lb. in B flat.

*Anne Mogford .. .. *Treble*	Harry Boyce 4
J. Arthur Hoare 2	Trevor M. Roderick .. 5
Edmund J. Morris .. 3	Gwyn I. Lewis .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Gwyn I. Lewis.

* First attempt for a peal.
To mark the institution and induction of Canon J. Wilfred Evans as Rector of Neath.

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Oct. 30 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Doris Marshall .. .. *Treble*	Frederick Flint 4
George Challans 2	Douglas H. Rooke 5
*Dennis A. Smedley .. 3	Herbert T. Rooke .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Revs. R. G. Cornwell and W. E. Barker, who are leaving Warsop to take up duties at Bawtry.

KILMINGTON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Oct. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Giles,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 21 240's (six callings) Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Allen Hodge .. .. .. *Treble*	William Sparks 4
Christopher Webb 2	William Webb.. 5
*William Baker 3	*Ernest Snell .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by William Webb.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (ten callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

*Patrick C. Bridges .. *Treble*	Ernest E. Bray.. 4
W. John Phippen 2	Ronald E. C. Smith.. .. 5
Francis C. Mogford .. 3	Percy Bray .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Francis C. Mogford.

* First peal.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Hinckley District.)
On Tues., Nov. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE MINOR

Seven extents (four different callings).
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb. in A flat.

*Mrs. M. E. Brown.. .. *Treble*	Alfred Ballard 4
*Christine J. Stratford .. 2	*John Vernon 5
*Rita M. Stratford.. .. 3	Michael E. Brown.. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by Michael E. Brown.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor. First peal of London by the Hinckley District.
Rung for All Saints' Day, and also to mark the welcome gift of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Chapman.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At No. 29,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

*Valerie Willard .. .. 1—2	John Thomas .. .. .. 5—6
Mrs. J. Thomas .. .. 3—4	*David Marshall .. .. 7—8

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by John Thomas.

* First peal of treble bob 'in hand.'

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At 105, Doncaster Lane, Woodlands,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED MINOR

Being seven extents in 109 methods.

(1) Skipton, Chepstow, Fotheringay, Balmoral, Knutsford, Rostherne, Bogedone, Wilmslow and Ely Delight, Nelson Treble Bob, Hull and Bourne Surprise.

(2) Walsingham, Cromer, Olney, Tibenham, Lammas, Steventon, Fulmer, Chalfont, Penshurst, Northaw, Allesley, Adwick, Calverleigh, Normanton, Wrentham and Scawthorpe Alliance, St. Lawrence Little Bob, Little Bob and Crayford Little Court.

(3) Blaxhall, Mitcham, Stanhoe, Stratton, Stonehouse, Ringstead, Hayes, Sharnbrook, Ellacombe, Buxton, Iver, Wordsley, Lamberhurst, Harmondsworth and Bramfield Alliance and Little Bob.

(4) Langton, Candlesby, Alford, Tattershall, Benington, Freiston, Frampton, Butterwick, Poynton, Chelford, Denton, Bigby, Elsham, Bassingham and Dunholme Alliance and Bastow Little Court.

(5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby, Newdigate, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, Willesden, Humber, Braintree, Taxal, Marple, Clarence and Elston Delight and Morning Star Treble Bob.

(6) Oxford, Sandal, Capel, Kingston, London Scholars', Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob, and Carisbrooke, Donottar, Wath and Pontefract Delight.

(7) Plain, Double, Reverse, Fulbeck, Canterbury, Double Oxford, Thelwall, London, Lytham, St. Clement's, Childwall, College, Wavertree College, Windermere, Frodsham, Horsmonden, Killarney, Cumberland and Ennerdale. Tenor size 13 in F sharp.

Howard Scott .. .. .. 1—2	*Wilfrid F. Moreton .. 3—4
W. Eric Critchley .. .. 5—6	

Conducted by Wilfrid F. Moreton.

* 100th peal on handbells.

225 changes of method; 68 bobs and 18 singles. The most methods yet rung in seven true and complete extents.

Extents 1, 3, 5 (rearranged) were composed by A. G. Driver. and 2, 4 (rearranged), 6 and 7 by C. K. Lewis

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rochester District Meet at the Cathedral

Approximately 65 members and friends attended the annual District meeting held at Rochester Cathedral on October 22nd. Friends from the Lewisham and Maidstone Districts were made very welcome.

The service in the choir of the Cathedral was attended by the ringers and the choir sang the 'Bell Anthem,' 'Rejoice in the Lord Alway' (Purcell). After the service tea was taken in Ye Olde City Restaurant, and among the guests were the Dean of Rochester, the sacrist and also the assistant organist, Mr. J. A. Levett.

The Dean (the Very Rev. T. Crick) took the chair at the business meeting and gave the company a hearty welcome to Rochester. Apologies for absence were received from the Ringing Master (Mr. S. Rayfield), Mr. F. M. Mitchell and Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher. Mr. T. Beaumont moved the adoption of the secretary's report. This was seconded by Mrs. Mitchell and carried.

Ten new members were elected, all from Bobbing, and were proposed by Mr. B. W. May, seconded by Mr. G. Kenward. The District secretary and two representatives were re-elected, the only alteration being the District Ringing Master, who is now Mr. W. A. J. Knight.

Votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. S. Rayfield by Mr. F. Cheal for his work done during the year, and also by Mr. T. Beaumont to the Dean for allowing the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting; also to the sacrist and organist for their part at the service. The Dean briefly replied.

The Cathedral bells and also those at Frindsbury were again available after the meeting.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

First Meeting Since New Ring

The recently dedicated ring of six bells at St. Matthew's Church, Allerton, Leeds, to which reference has recently been made in these columns, was chosen for the October meeting of the Leeds and District Society, held, as usual, on the last Saturday of the month.

Many members and friends, including a number of visitors from Derbyshire and Lancashire, took this early opportunity of trying out this new and only ring of six within the city boundary. A ring well hung, pleasing to the ear and in a tower worthy of bells, seemed to be the considered opinion of all present.

Fourteen local towers were represented and throughout the afternoon and early evening the large ringing chamber was constantly full. Ringing took place in a variety of methods including Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent, Cambridge, Primrose and London, Single and Double Oxford, Double Court and Oswald, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, together with rounds and plain hunting practice for the newly-formed local band.

Tea was provided in the Church Hall nearby, at which the Vicar, who had already paid a visit to the tower during the afternoon, welcomed the company once again and said he looked forward to future meetings of the Society being held at Chapel Allerton.

At the short business meeting 13 new members (10 from the local company) were elected. The vote of thanks on this occasion was proposed by Mr. I. Slack, who expressed the hope that this newly formed band would be helped and encouraged by the more experienced members present.

Ringing continued until shortly after 8.30 p.m. The next meeting will be held at Ossett on November 26th.

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

N.W. Branch at Petrockstowe

On November 5th members and friends of the N.W. Branch met at Petrockstowe for their annual meeting. The president of the Guild, the Rev. Prebendary E. V. Cox, made the long journey from Axminster to be present.

The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Smale), assisted by the Rev. W. E. Whight, who preached. Tea was provided by lady friends of the church headed by Miss E. M. Risdon.

The president presided at the business meeting, when Mr. J. W. Sangwin, secretary, presented his report for the year. He referred to the excellent meeting at Holsworthy in August and stated that the balance in hand for 1954 was £7. In the election of officers, Mr. F. C. Smale became the new Branch chairman; Mr. J. W. Sangwin secretary; Mr. C. Sangwin Ringing Master. Messrs. R. Collacott, R. G. Pierce and W. H. R. Smale, representatives to the Guild Committee, were re-elected. One new member, Mr. E. Ford, was elected. It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Bridgerule and the August meeting at Holsworthy

The president proposed an omnibus vote of thanks to the ladies who provided such an excellent tea, the Rector for the use of the bells and the service, the Rev. W. E. Wright for his thoughtful address, and the local band who had contributed to a happy meeting.

Rounds and well-struck touches in all the standard methods were brought round during the afternoon and evening. F. C. S.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 24th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Shellard 1, C. Hinton 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, E. Lines 5, B. Saunders (cond.) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

This is a week of ringing history. Mr. A. J. Pitman's peal in seven Spliced Surprise Major methods has been rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild band, conducted by Mr. C. K. Lewis, and the new record peal of 109 methods 'in hand' has been conducted by Mr. W. Eric Critchley, at Doncaster. Congratulations to both bands.

The recent peals at Brampford Speke and Brereton were, in both cases, the first in the towers for 18 years, writes the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.

It was Preb. E. V. Cox who officiated at the dedication at Revelstoke, and not Canon C. C. Cox, as reported on page 705. The error is regretted.

Another milestone in peal ringing has been reached by Mrs. Poole, taking part in a peal of London Surprise Major in Leicester on November 2nd. She received the heartiest congratulations of the band on achieving her 550th peal.

The ringer of the tenor in the recent quarter peal at East Grinstead was Police Constable David Evans Wood, who was shot in the leg by a gunman in Mayfair on October 11th. It was his first quarter peal.

Visiting St. Mary's Church, Bilton, the church at which Canon H. T. Ellacombe spent 66 years as Vicar, the Bristol University Society discovered the answer to the age-old question, 'Where do flies go in the winter?' The ringing chamber was almost black with flies—dead flies—when the Society left.

The bells of St. Mary's, Portsea, will be featured in 'The Faith in the West' programme from the West Regional transmitter on Friday, November 25th, at 7.45 p.m. The ringing will include recordings of London Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and 'lowering in peal.'

Two members of the Community rang their first quarter peal on the middle octave of the bells of Buckfast Abbey on November 5th. Great credit is due to them for the way in which they rang as they only commenced to learn change ringing earlier this year, and their opportunities for practice are limited. The remainder of the band are indebted to the Abbey authorities for their very kind hospitality after the quarter peal. Mr. J. E. Lilley, who has been in charge of the instruction arrangements, was recently presented with a book ('The Church Bells of Britain') by the Lord Abbot of Buckfast.

The president of the North Staffordshire Association (the Ven. Percy Harthill) is, we regret to learn, seriously ill in the North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary.

Kettering Grammar School Society of Church Bell Ringers has a membership of 30. The Society rang its first quarter at Dingley, Northants, on October 28th.

After a ringing career of over 40 years, during which he has rung many peals, Mr. H. S. Humphrey, of New Romney, has rung his first quarter of Doubles.

The many friends of Horace V. Robinson, a vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, Ringing Master of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch and tower captain of Wickwar, will be sorry to hear that he is in Gloucester Royal Infirmary, and is very far from well.

With the election of three learners, St. Mary's, Walton-on-Thames, have now a band of 14 ringers. Officers elected at the annual meeting on November 4th were: Mr. P. Alderton (captain), Mr. G. Bennett (secretary) and Mr. R. Lathbury (steeplekeeper). The new Vicar (the Rev. D. Grieg) attended the meeting, and Mr. F. E. Collins, of Croydon, was also present.

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KENT COUNTY'S 75th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

THIS is the 75th Anniversary Year of the Kent County Association, and its celebration will probably seem more conspicuous in retrospect than it so far has appeared. The Golden Jubilee was marked in fine style in far-off pre-war days, but the Diamond Jubilee slipped by unobserved during the second war, and after that it tends to be problematical when next to have a special birthday. The Easter Monday affair at Maidstone was an attempt at celebration, with recapitulation of the events of the first general meeting in 1880—a service at All Saints' Church, then a repast at the Star Hotel—but when it was suggested at the A.G.M. that a dinner should be organised in the autumn, everyone was strongly in favour . . . except perhaps the General Secretary whose business it was to set all the wheels in motion and keep them going. Arrangements were on a district basis to ensure the fullest county representation, and by overwhelming committee majority it was decided to return to Maidstone on Saturday, October 15th, the venue once more the Queen's Hall of the Royal Star.

It was a company of over 150 that gathered for the occasion under the able and dignified chairmanship of Mr. John Willis. The long, high table of 25, and the nine sprigs, presented a wonderful sight as we entered, and at each place was an attractive menu card, a product of the printing craft of Mr. Alec Waddington, of Egerton. The meal itself was all that could be expected or desired, and long before the coffee stage there was an atmosphere of real enjoyment. The Chairman himself was infected all right as he took wine with the Founder of the Dinner (alias the General Secretary) and his lady.

ARCHBISHOP'S GREETINGS

Glasses having been raised in loyalty and affection to Her Majesty the Queen, the Chairman spoke of those who could not be present. Foremost among the names were those of the President, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Mrs. Fisher, but the letter from the Archbishop's Secretary ended in a note of great expectancy: '. . . if you arrange an event like this next year he would hope to be able to join you in his capacity as President.' A letter was also read from Mr. F. M. Mitchell, the general treasurer, still convalescent after a severe illness, which said: 'As I have been an officer for more than half the life of the Association —40 years—you will understand how much I should have liked to be present.' Health reasons also prevented Mr. G. H. Spice, our late secretary, from taking part, and his brother, Mr. P. J. Spice, too, was at the very last minute 'a very disappointed absentee.' Apologies were also received from the Lord Bishop of Rochester and Mrs. Chevasse, Lord Cornwallis, Lord Lieutenant of Kent, and Lady Cornwallis, Sir Stephen Tallents, the Dean of Rochester and Mrs. Crick, the Masters of the College Youths and Royal Cumberlands, Messrs. R. A. Constant, E. Barnett, F. J. Cullum and J. Dafters.

Details were given of a draw in aid of the Association's Benevolent Fund, with some wonderful prizes given by various members, including an autographed copy of Mr. Ernest Morris' latest book 'Towers and Bells of Britain,' and a year's postal subscription to 'The Ringing World,' with a certificate to the effect carrying the signature not only of the Editor, but taking advantage of their presence, of the president and the secretary of the Central Council. Ticket selling was organised by Miss Jill Haffenden, secretary of the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild, helped by fellow members of the Guild, with the encouragement of two youthful members of the opposite sex. During this period the company were delightfully entertained to change ringing on handbells by Mr. Tom Sone, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dobbie and Mr. Alec Waddington.

Proposing the toast of 'The Church,' Mr. Willis welcomed the Venerable E. E. Maples-Earle, Archdeacon of Tonbridge; Canon Aldridge, Vicar of West Malling; the Rev. E. Tennick, Vicar of East Farleigh, and Rev. F. W. Philips, Rector of Harrietsham, and Mrs. Philips. He went on to remark how sometimes members of the clergy felt it expedient to remind ringers of their responsibilities as members of the congregation; he in his turn would gently emphasise the importance in their Visitations of Archdeacons satisfying themselves that the tower and belfry were in good order.



EIGHTY-EIGHT-YEAR-OLD MR. E. RUCK, the only surviving founder-member of the Kent County Association, with (standing) Mr. E. H. Lewis (president of the Central Council), Mr. John Willis and Dr. E. S. J. Hatcher.

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NEW TOWNS WITHOUT BELLS

The Archdeacon, in reply, said that the first time he came in touch with change ringing was as a small boy at Epping. Just as the red ball of the sun was slowly sinking in a purple mist he heard the church bells ringing. It was one of the most beautiful memories he had as a small boy. After a period in London his next contact with bell ringing was very much closer: his next-door neighbour was old Ted Barnett, who further instructed him concerning the art; he never learned anything but his admiration was very much deepened and he developed a love of just hearing church bells ringing.

The art of change ringing was quite probably unique to England for that was the only place where they would meet it and where for hundreds of years this extraordinary but lovely art had been practised.

He was very happy to see so many young people coming into the profession—many of whom he could see as he gazed around the ring. He hoped that they would still continue to come in, and that more and more young people would be captured by the art of bell ringing so that it would be assured in the English way of life and the English way of worship.

The new towns in urban areas which were springing up were all very fine, but no new bell towers were being built on the churches, as it was impossible to spend the money at the present time. It was up to the members and to the clergy, too, to see that bell towers were not neglected, and that at some future time when resources were adequate it would be possible to build new towers and provide bells. People who lived in the new houses and their children should not be ignorant of the great English tradition of bell ringing.

The experiment was being tried of mixing speeches and entertainment, and at this point Mr. Geoffrey Waters recited two poems of Albert Lancefield, of Willesborough, well known to many for his book of poems about his journeyings to and from New Zealand. The first was called 'The Call of the Bells;' the second, also in serious vein, was called 'Adsum,' and was beautifully interpreted.

We could have wished for no one better to propose the toast of 'The Kent County Association' than Mr. Edwin H. Lewis who had motored all the way from Scotland. He told how he came to live in Kent, in the old Vicarage at Brasted, and then spoke of the great traditions and history of the Association, contrasting the small beginnings with its present strength, and noting how assiduously the Association had fulfilled its aims. There was one thing he did regret, and this was the decline in the number of honorary members. It was not their subscriptions that were so important, but their interest.

THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

In his response Dr. E. S. John Hatcher, the general secretary, began by acknowledging the debt to all those in the past who had done so much to build up the Association to its present reputation in the Exercise. He told how the previous Sunday he had visited Mr. G. H. Spice in hospital at Chatham, and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell at their home in Gravesend in order that they should know at first hand all about the anniversary occasion. He fully appreciated the great honour of following in such distinguished footsteps as Canon Helmore, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Spice, and said that the Association should go forward in a spirit of adventure, in particular in realising the problems of younger ringers.

Dr. Hatcher referred to the importance of loyalty which was epitomised in the records of those who had been members continuously for over 50 years. The company then drank to the health of the 'old-stagers,' over 30 of them, especially those actually present, headed by Mr. E. S. Ruck ('Old Ted') the only remaining Foundation Member, and including also Mr. S. Walter, of Wickhambreaux, Mr. W. C. Gosling, of Boxley, Mr. Louis Head, of Maidstone, Mr.

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Kent Association Dinner—Cont.

F. S. Macey, of Sutton Valence, and Mr. George Wood, of Queenborough. Together with the chairman, Mr. Lewis and the secretary, they were escorted to the dais, their glasses filled, 'For they are jolly good fellows' sung, three rousing cheers given, and to 'cap' this ceremony Mr. Ruck and Mr. Wood ('Old Ted' and 'Old George') responded, to the delight of all.

The next item was likewise greatly appreciated—superb tune-ringing on handbells, four in hand, by Mr. and Mrs. Bert Luck and Mr. and Mrs. Dick French, of Canterbury, their repertoire including 'The Bells of St. Mary's,' 'Vicar of Bray,' 'Drink to me only' and 'Bless this House.'

The lights dimmed, and the sound of bells could be heard. A bicycle appeared; it was Ron coming to wait for Eth, still at ringing practice. We eavesdropped on their meeting, and the difficulties of making Ron understand ringing parlance can be imagined. Ron was played by Miss Mary Tapley, and Eth by Mr. Geoffrey Waters, and suitable apologies were made to Frank Muir and Dennis Norden. For this dramatic episode a touch of Stedman Triples had been tape-recorded in the afternoon at West Malling, Mr. Lewis conducting. This was one of four towers open for ringing, the others being Aylesford, Bearsted, Boxley and All Saints, Maidstone. The tape-recorder was operated by Mr. R. L. Sills, of Wrotham, who then played a recording of Wrotham bells (one sent to the United States), as well as playing back a little of the tune-ringing on handbells, to the excitement of the band, who had never heard themselves before.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

The final toast, 'The Exercise and Kindred Societies,' was proposed by Mr. Arthur S. Richards, of West Wickham, who referred to the great number of ringing guilds and associations, and of the importance of the Central Council. In coupling with the toast the names of Mr. E. A. Barnett, secretary of the Central Council, and Miss Mary Tapley, of the Ladies' Guild, he wished the former 'Many happy returns of his birthday,' and promised the latter a very warm welcome should she ever find herself in the Lewisham District.

Responding, Mr. Barnett said that Mr. Richards had forgotten to mention that he, too, was celebrating his birthday, and reciprocated birthday wishes, and went on to say how glad he was to renew his acquaintance with the Archdeacon, whom he had known as a curate. Miss Tapley spoke in charming vein, and referred to the exchange of greetings between Kent and the four other Guilds dining that evening, the Coventry Diocesan, the Essex, the Guildford Diocesan and the Yorkshire. She also spoke of the Maidstone Grammar Schools' Society and welcomed its president, Mr. G. I. F. Thomson.

To conclude this wonderful evening, the draw was made for the prizes by 12-year-old Miss Jean Barnett, who was enjoying her first public dinner. There is no time or space to dwell on the appropriateness of some of the winners, except to say that the copies of 'Beginners' Grandsire' found their way into interesting hands.

It was all over, this anniversary celebration. Looking back I think we almost surprised ourselves. Certainly important words had been said, none more than those of the Archdeacon of Tonbridge about the new churches in the new housing areas. It was the first evening dinner by the County Association as a whole, and here a word of appreciation should be expressed to the Maidstone District, who in the last two years has had its own Dinner and Dance at this time, and who so willingly surrendered its own function for the greater occasion. And will there be another K.C.A. dinner? It looks as if the Archbishop thinks there should be. We shall see. E. S. J. H.

NEW HANDBELL RECORD

With the handbell peal in 109 methods of Spliced Minor, rung at Doncaster on November 3rd, a new record has been established which, as a feat, is probably the outstanding performance ever recorded by the Exercise. This supplants the record of Mr. George Feirn and his band of 106 methods to a peal 'in hand' rung on August 8th.

The band consisted of Howard Scott 1-2, Wilfrid F. Moreton (conductor) 3-4, W. Eric Critchley 5-6. To accomplish this remarkable achievement the band had many more practices than the 33 of the Lincolnshire band. It is almost three years since they rang their first peal together (Bob Minor) and at that time they had no intention of making records.

The peal included a new extent by Mr. C. K. Lewis in 16 Alliance and three Little methods, which is rung for the first time.

The details are appended:—

	23456	St. Lawrence Little Bob
—	35642	Fulmer
	42563	Northaw
	26435	Chalfont
	63254	St. Lawrence Little Bob
S	53426	Allesley
	64253	Little Bob
	32564	Little Bob
	45632	Little Bob
	26345	Calverleigh
S	54326	St. Lawrence Little Bob
—	42635	Penshurst
—	23564	St. Lawrence Little Bob
S	63452	Adwick
	52346	Normanton
	46235	Crayford Little Court
	35624	Crayford Little Court
	24563	Crayford Little Court
—	63524	Crayford Little Court
	24356	Normanton
	56432	Scawthorpe
	32645	Crayford Little Court
	45263	Little Bob
S	36245	Cromer
	64352	St. Lawrence Little Bob
	52436	Penshurst
—	23645	St. Lawrence Little Bob
	45362	Cromer
	56423	Cromer
	62534	Penshurst
S	32456	Allesley
	64532	Little Bob
	25364	Calverleigh
	43625	Little Bob
—	25643	Little Bob
S	34625	St. Lawrence Little Bob
	25463	Walsingham
	63542	St. Lawrence Little Bob
	42356	Penshurst
	56234	Walsingham
S	36425	Wrentham
	54236	Little Bob
	62354	Calverleigh
	43562	Little Bob
—	62543	Little Bob
	35462	Wrentham
	24635	Little Bob
	56324	Calverleigh
	43256	Little Bob
—	56243	Little Bob
S	34256	St. Lawrence Little Bob
—	45623	Walsingham
—	52364	Penshurst
	64235	St. Lawrence Little Bob
	35426	Lammas
	26543	Olney
	43652	St. Lawrence Little Bob
—	35264	Steventon
	56342	Tibenham
	64523	St. Lawrence Little Bob
	23456	

Adwick, Normanton and Scawthorpe Alliance are Allesley, Calverleigh and Wrentham Alliance respectively, but with 6ths instead of 2nds at the treble's lead.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

After the peal at Hellingly, reported in this issue, the band were hospitably entertained to tea by Mrs. G. Beeney.

The many friends of Mr. Frank E. Pervin, of Coventry, will be sorry to hear that he is in Gulson Hospital (Cleaver Ward), Coventry, and at the moment is making very slow progress towards recovery. He would be pleased to hear from friends.

On completion of the quarter peal at Ruishton, in Somerset, it was found to be the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stevens. Congratulations to their two daughters, Pamela and Jean, on successfully taking part in this quarter of Cambridge Surprise Minor at their first attempt.

Mr. Vernon Green won the admiration of the band who rang the first peal on Horspath, Oxon, bells on October 29th, for his handling of the third bell. During the tenth 120 of the first attempt the bell had to be put back into its bearings. The second attempt was, however, successful.

The six bells at Cranford, Northants, have for some time been rung regularly for Sunday services after years of chiming. This is largely due to Mr. Charles Newell, the local captain, who taught the band. Three of his pupils had the pleasure of ringing a peal on their own bells on October 22nd. Their ages are 13, 16 and 17 respectively.

The peal rung at Rugeley, Staffs, on October 15th, was rung by an all-R.A.F. band; a quarter peal was also rung at this tower in 11 Doubles methods. All the ringers except one had just started their service career at Hednesford Camp, and they would like to thank Mr. J. Joyner, captain of Rugeley tower, for putting the bells at their disposal so kindly; his welcome was an enormous asset.

When the London Society of Organists visited Twickenham recently, the afternoon was devoted to a recital by the English Church Music Singers, and in the evening Dr. D. J. Neal Smith, the conductor of the Singers, gave a talk on the science and art of change ringing. The visitors, at the conclusion of the lecture, went to the tower for a demonstration of ringing, when several touches were brought round.

Most ringers during their career have rung for the induction of a new incumbent, but it was a unique pleasure for Mr. F. S. Macey, of Sutton Valence, Kent, a trustee of the Kent County Association, when on Wednesday, November 2nd, he assisted the local ringers at the Church of St. Denys, Eaton, Leicester, in ringing for the induction of his son-in-law, the Rev. G. Stanley Derrington Turner, as Vicar of the parish.

WEDDING

Mr. Patrick I. Chapman — Miss M. J. Morris

On Saturday, October 29th, the marriage took place at Kettering Parish Church of Patrick I. Chapman and Margaret Joan Morris. The recently-rehung bells were rung for half an hour before the service, and afterwards the band rang Grandsire Caters and 'fired' the ten bells.

The service, which was attended by the choir, was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. H. G. R. Roberts, and the Rev. Peter Baxter, a friend of the bride and bridegroom. The Rector was celebrant at the Nuptial Mass which followed the marriage ceremony.

Many ringing friends from various parts of the country were present at the reception which followed, and in the afternoon a good peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Kettering, in which Mr. Charles W. Bird, one of the veterans of the famous Kettering band, participated.

The honeymoon was spent in London, and it is understood that several belfries were littered with confetti. Mr. and Mrs. Chapman will reside at 8, Ash Road, Kettering.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NAMING OF MINOR METHODS

Dear Sir,—Perhaps I can supply some of the information for which Mr. D. P. Jones asks in connection with the naming of Minor methods.

At the Council meeting in 1921 the Analysis Committee asked for authority to name methods in the 1907 Collection of Regular Methods which were then unnamed. This was given, and the committee published their proposals in 'The Ringing World' of May 26th, 1922. Plain methods were to be named after lakes, Treble Bob after flowers, while fourths and thirds Place Delight were to be abbeys and castles respectively. The committee also drew attention to the confusion which then existed over some of the named methods.

As a result, they were instructed to investigate the matter thoroughly, and on March 30th, 1923, they published a further report with a revised list of names for all regular Minor methods, which was strongly criticised at the Council meeting by the Rev. H. Law James on the grounds that the Analysis Committee had taken upon itself to alter names given by the Methods Committee when the 1907 Collection was issued. The discussion was eventually adjourned until the following year, when a Nomenclature Committee was appointed to review existing names and to suggest a suitable system of nomenclature for the future. (See 'Ringing World' for June 28th and July 4th, 1924.)

The committee's long and controversial report (June 26th, 1925) contained six recommendations, among them that all even-bell methods should fall into three main divisions—Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise— and that all the 'floral' methods should be renamed. Once again, discussion was adjourned until the following year, the report not being adopted.

In 1926 the committee put forward 13 resolutions, which it was agreed to take as an amended version of the 1925 report. Mr. J. A. Trollope then moved an amendment to the effect that the Council decline to interfere with the right of a band to name a method, which was carried after more long discussion ('Ringing World,' June 4th and June 11th, 1926), and as a result the report of the committee fell. Mr. Trollope's amendment was one of the items reaffirmed at this year's Council meeting.

The Editor, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who right from the start had strongly opposed floral names, was extremely critical of the Council's action in jettisoning the report in what he called 'a pious resolution,' adding that nomenclature reform was as far off as ever. The committee were none too well treated, as in 1947 they were, on the motion of Mr. J. S. Pritchett, 'thanked for their services and not reappointed.' It was then decided that the names question should be left to the Methods Committee to settle, as the Minor Collection was to be re-issued.

The Methods Committee published their proposals on May 11th, 1928, and at the subsequent Council meeting Mr. Goldsmith secured the adoption of revised names for all the floral methods, except 'Primrose,' and for one or two other methods. 'Abbey' and 'Castle' were dropped from the Delight methods, and as Mr. Sharples has said, exception was taken to 'Immanuel,' which was later changed to 'Rossendale.' The rest of the names were accepted.

That, as briefly as I can give it, is the story.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. BARNETT.

GOOSTREY RINGERS FIND NO HAZARDS

Dear Sir,—Ringing tours are very popular nowadays and we read many accounts of days and weeks spent happily 'tower snatching.' However, we read on page 701 of 'The Ringing World' that the party who visited our local tower were not very happy about what they found, in fact they complain of many hazards.

In view of these public criticisms we would like to point out that we manage to ring the bells quite easily to Minor or Doubles for service, practice and peals. Of the 17 peals rung here 12 have been of Minor.

Whilst we agree that the bells are odd-struck and not of good quality they will certainly go. As to the statement, 'heads bumped, dresses ripped, shins barked, etc.,' we say they ought to have arrived on time and treated the belfry as part of the church.

Small country parishes have many money problems (we are faced with £130 per year to help our school and over £80 for the diocesan quota, to mention but two), so it is very doubtful if we shall get our bells recast. How much do these visitors give to put right the things they are so ready to criticise?

Many visitors have been welcomed to our tower and will continue to be welcome. The local band includes ladies and they haven't managed to hurt themselves yet.

In conclusion I would like to point out that the listening public judge by the striking, not whether it is Minor or Doubles, and on this occasion they were not very pleased with what they heard. It is not much good attempting change ringing until you can ring rounds properly.—Yours sincerely,

B. J. ONGLEY.

Holmes Chapel, Crewe.

THANK YOU, MR. PITMAN

Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in once again congratulating Mr. A. J. Pitman on his latest great achievement in adding yet another method to his recently published composition of Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods, wherein all the bells do all the work of each method, now making eight. Having regard to the strict limitations and vast liability to falseness involved the problems are immense, and the thanks of the Exercise are due to such men for enriching it with such monumental and progressive works.

In my submission, Mr. Pitman need make no apology for introducing Lincoln—a method containing leads and places made wrong with attendant backward hunting—rendering it a much more difficult method than Pudsey, whose 'content' is no more in evidence in Lincoln than it is in Dorchester.—Yours truly,

L. W. G. MORRIS.

Bradford, Yorks.

Note.—The publication of the composition of eight Surprise Major methods is opportune, with the recording of the peal in seven Surprise Major methods. The question that is uppermost is whether this great composer has now set the Exercise a task beyond human ability.—Ed.

FINEDON PEAL WITHDRAWN

Dear Sir,—A length of 5,008 changes of Bob Major rung at Finedon, Northants, on September 29th, 1954, and included as Peal No. 1,216 in the Peterborough Guild report for that year, is false. The figures ascribed to George Hughes were received from a normally reliable source and I omitted to check them. Will the band and the Guild peal secretary please accept my apologies?—Yours faithfully,

G. E. WATSON.

Burton Latimer.

FIVE- AND SIX-BELL PEAL CALLINGS

Dear Sir,—For some inexplicable reason one or two of your correspondents appear to have misunderstood the import of my letter regarding the above-mentioned subject.

If Mr. Amos and those he champions wish to ring the same six-score 42 times in order to complete a peal, as, of course, the Central Council Decisions permit, I would be the last to discountenance their efforts.

But let them at least be frank about the matter, and have the courage and courtesy to publish exact details of what they have rung, instead of allowing members of the Exercise, by inference, to rate the performance with those in a far superior category.—Yours sincerely,

T. R. BUTLER.

Liverpool.

A NEW SLANT ON BELLRINGING

Dear Sir,—Our activities at All Souls' Church are the subject of a feature in a recent edition of the 'Halifax Courier.' The cutting states:—

> 'The art of keeping out of the way of 25 cwt. of swinging metal, while at the same time perching high on a rafter in a dark loft comes easily to a campanologist. That's where a head for heights comes in handy.

This product of a young journalist's fertile imagination should serve as a warning to those who have dealings with the Press. I was approached with a request for an interview less than 24 hours before the publication of the article, and I was reluctant to consent because I was fully aware of the pitfalls attendant upon the hurried production of such an article. My assent was conditional upon the submission to me of the copy for 'vetting,' but unfortunately this condition was not honoured by the newspaper and I was too busy in the morning to take any action.

It is obvious that mistakes of this nature can only be avoided by the fullest insistence on collaboration being mutual and an adequacy of time for preparation.—Yours sincerely,

VERNON BOTTOMLEY.

Halifax.

'BLESS YOU ALL'

Dear Sir,—I arrived home very late on a Saturday night and wasn't too well pleased. I had travelled some 60 miles or so for a peal and all I got was a quarter. A man hadn't turned up and had sent no excuse.

I was reading my 'Ringing World' as it was propped up against the sauce bottle at the supper table when I caught sight of the Editor's words in connection with quarters. He said, 'Bless you all.' I thought, now who have I heard use that phrase, and in a similar way? The answer was not long in coming—Vic Oliver about 9 p.m., on a Saturday. Was the same artiste in your mind, Mr. Editor, when you wrote that? I wonder!—Yours, etc.,

A CORRESPONDENT.

Regret I had no thoughts about Vic Oliver at the time. There was just a big pile of quarters in front of me and I thought of all the enthusiasm that went into ringing. It is indeed a blessing that there is so much vitality. —Ed.

CONGRATULATIONS—A FORERUNNER?

Dear Sir,—It is with great pleasure that I read in 'The Ringing World' of the successful ringing of the peal of Bob Major by a ladies' band at Shirley, Birmingham.

I tender to them my sincere congratulations and hope that it may be the forerunner of continued activity for the Ladies' Guild.—Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.) JILL STANIFORTH.

Leicester.

A SHROPSHIRE EXCURSION

Some ringers on an outing were discussing, as ringers sometimes do, the merits of various bells. A Shropshire lad, now resident in Bucks, had much to say regarding the bells of his former county, so it was decided to organise a week-end trip to taste the pleasures of some of them.

Friday, September 23rd, the day chosen, dawned with heavy rain and leaden skies, but it failed to damp the spirits of the lassies and lads of Berks and Bucks as they, almost literally, set sail. An elderly car led the way, it was followed by what a car-hire merchant had optimistically described as a shooting-brake, but known to the occupants as the 'Rocket.'

Some handbell ringing was indulged in on the way to St. John-the-Baptist's, Bedwardine, Worcester. The striking was quite good here and was followed by lunch at Ludlow. The bells were so good that the allotted time sped by.

At Church Stretton, our next tower, valuable time was spent hunting for keys, procured in time for all to have a short touch before tea,

Much Wenlock bells and the welcome of several local ringers gave us great pleasure. On then to Berrington, where we rang for a special service before going to Atcham. Here the newly-restored light ring of six was well exercised. The last tower for Friday was Condover. Many matches were struck and pews stumbled over before light was available in the belfry. Methods rung during the day included Bristol, Cambridge, London, Double Norwich and Stedman

A happy evening at the Britannia Hotel, our headquarters, rounded off the day. The company retired ostensibly to sleep. Buses, running later than they do in the villages of Bucks, disturbed the slumbers of some. Clock chimes not synchronised were listened to by another. Others objected to cattle galloping by at an early hour. All arose in good time for a busy day on Saturday.

Clive, a heavy six (tenor 25 cwt.), was first on the list. Hodnet, where a super course of Superlative charmed the ears of ringers and listeners alike, was the second tower. The next place will be remembered by some for its rather cramped belfry, for others the noteworthy feature was some very poor quality liquid refreshment obtained in the local inn of Norton-in-Hales. Market Drayton, where Clive is said to have climbed the tower, pleased the entire company. The bells are easy to strike and good to listen to. Luncheon followed the ringing here.

The afternoon saw us visiting the towers of Cheswardine, Newport, Shifnal and Madeley. Our attempt to ring up in peal would have lost us many marks in a competition and gave us food for thought. The actual ringing was fairly good, as were most of the lowering in peal efforts.

A substantial tea at Iron-Bridge restored energy before visiting Coalbrookdale. 'A very fine ten' was the general opinion of these bells. Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were included in the ringing.

A magnificent sunset added to the pleasure of the journey back to Shrewsbury, where we had an hour's ringing on the beautiful twelve at St. Chad's. Rounds on the twelve, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge on the back eight, made a good finish to ringing activities for the day

Back at the hotel the handbells were used for some tunes. Some of the company who were not ringing attempted to explain to some interested people just what there was in this bell-ringing lark. Their efforts were not crowned with success! One thing pleased a 'young' ringer from Marlow—he found someone with a waist-line greater than his own.

Before going to St. Chad's on Sunday morning the beautiful gardens were visited and the horticultural expert was kept busy naming plants. At St. Chad's we joined with the local company to ring for the harvest festival before saying farewell to Shropshire and its ringers. The path-finders failed to find the right way out of the town, but a kindly ringer on a motor-cycle put us on the straight and narrow path again.

A meal at Kidderminster broke the journey to Dodderhill, Worcs, where we rang for the children's harvest service on eight very good bells. Banbury, the last tower of the tour, was reached in very good time, and tea was taken before joining the local company for service ringing, which included Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major.

Handbell ringing on the journey included a very unorthodox course of London Minor, Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Bob Minor.

We would like to record our thanks to the incumbents, the local ringers who met us and those who planned the outing. Their combined efforts resulted in one of the happiest week-ends ever spent in ringing by all the party. W. L.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Kent Branch Progress

The last two meetings of the Branch for the year 1955 were held at Rochester and Tunbridge Wells.

The meeting at Rochester Cathedral on August 27th attracted visitors from 20 towers, including one ringer from St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, Australia. Canon McKeane made special arrangements for Evensong to be held in the choir and for two hymns to be sung, as this is not customary when the choir is on holiday. Thirty-six ringers sat down to tea at the Gordon Hotel, and afterwards Miss Doris Colgate proposed a vote of thangs to the Dean and Chapter, Canon McKeane and the organist, and to Mr. Beaumont for the arrangements for the meeting and tea, before the gentlemen returned to the belfry.

Taking the chair, Mrs. Mitchell, vice-president, expressed her appreciation of Miss Jill Haffenden in her work as secretary of the Branch during the first year. It was agreed to hold the next meeting at Tunbridge Wells on October 29th. Mrs. Mitchell gave a short report of events at the annual general meeting at Guildford. Before the ladies joined the gentlemen Miss Haffenden thanked Mrs. Mitchell for the great help she had given during the past year.

The meeting at Tunbridge Wells was held at St. Peter's Church on October 29th. The Rev. C. Ward conducted the service and gave the address. About 30 people sat down to tea at John's Place in Calverley Road. Mrs. Mitchell thanked the Vicar and the organist, and Mr. A. C. Wellington for meeting ringers at the church, and Mr. B. Collison for making all arrangements. During the meeting it was decided to hold the annual general meeting of the Branch at St. John's, Erith, on January 21st, 1956, unless the Lewisham District were meeting on that day in which case it was hoped that they would consent to a joint meeting at the tower of their choice.

KETTERING BELLS

The bells of Kettering Parish Church have been rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor with new pulley bearings and clapper bearings. The rededication was performed by the Rector of Kettering (the Rev. H. G. L. Roberts) on October 8th. All the bells are now audible and the 'go' is all that can be desired.

The bells were last rehung in 1890, by Taylors, and after 65 years of very regular use, were not the best running of bells. It is hoped that the large number of young ringers now attached to the tower will be encouraged to continue the long tradition of good ringing in Kettering from the very birth of change ringing.

A ROYAL OCCASION AT STAFFORD

Wednesday, November 2nd, was a Royal occasion for Stafford, with the visit of Queen Elizabeth II. and His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh to grace a reception given in their honour in the County Buildings.

Arrangements had been made to ring a peal on the bells of the Church of St. Mary, and it was a disappointment when the Town Clerk, acting on the authority of the Mayor and the Lord Lieutenant, gave instructions that the bells were not to be rung for the time that Her Majesty would be in the County Buildings owing to their proximity to the church and the possibility of an interference with the proceedings.

The ringers, as they wended their way to the belfry, passed through streets already thronging with people and knew they were unlikely to see the Queen as their duty was to ring a loyal welcome as the Royal entourage drove from the station to the County Buildings. Unexpectedly Miss Seery, a member of the Uttoxeter band, came to the belfry and gallantly did a Stafford ringer 'stand down' so that she could take part in a quarter peal of Stedman Triples. Thus a link with past history was made:—

The last reigning monarch to visit Stafford was King Edward VII., on November 23rd, 1907. Apparently at that time the local ringers were learners, for it is recorded in the annals of St. Mary's ringers that 'a team of ringers was hired from Uttoxeter to ring St. Mary's bells, as the local ringers were not sufficiently efficient.'

Following the ringing of the 1,260 Stedman Triples, Miss Seery was relieved by the 'gallant gentleman' and was able to dash off to see the Queen. A touch of Grandsire Triples was then rung, thus filling in the time until the Royal party entered the County Buildings.

Ringing then ceased for an hour, commencing again with Grandsire Triples at 10.15 p.m. and continuing until 11 p.m. The ringing throughout the day was worthy of the great occasion. The belfry door was locked to the cheering of the crowd gathered at the station entrance as the Royal party entrained. The ringers' only regret is that in fulfilling their loyal duty they were not able to see Her Majesty. A. E. G.

GUNPOWDER PLOT LEG OF PORK SUPPER

For 350 years Harlington, Middlesex, ringers, have had their 'leg of pork' supper, the feast this year being held at the Orion Cafe, Cranford, on November 5th.

The ancient toast to 'The Unknown Donor' was proposed by Mr. C. A. Portsmouth, who reminded the assembly of a legacy left by a woman contemporary of Guy Fawkes providing for a half-acre of land to be sold, and the money invested to supply the bellringers of Harlington with a leg of pork for ringing morning and evening each November 5th in thankfulness for the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot.

To-day 'the old leg of pork half-acre,' as the land became known, forms part of London airport.

The Rector (the Rev. A. T. Morgan) presided over a company of 20. Visitors included Mr. W. H. Coles and Mr. C. Ashpool. The toast of 'The Bellringers' was proposed by Mr. P. H. Wedlock and replied to by Mr. L. Grice (captain of the ringers). 'The Church Officers' was proposed by Mr. L. Sudal and acknowledged by Mr. A. E. Boulter (churchwarden), who kindly provided churchwarden pipes and tobacco for the company. The entertainment, provided by the Rev. H. Turner, Mr. P. H. Wedlock and Mr. F. C. Watson, was fitting for such a memorable occasion.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Anderson (first quarter) 1, B. E. Downie 2, H. Yardley 3, R. C. Ingram 4, W. Pettigrew 5, J. L. Gray 6, E. J. Franklin (cond.) 7, A. Short 8. For Evensong.

BALDOCK, HERTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: D. Hutton (first quarter, 13) 1, L. Scoot 2, Miss P. Hutton 3, P. Flack 4, D. Sutcliffe 5, C. Harwood 6, E. Buck 7, E. G. Buck (cond.) 8.

BISHOPSGATE, E.—On Nov. 6th, at the Church of St. Botolph, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. E. Davis 1, J. Rea 2, G. Parsons 3, E. Talbot 4, M. Sinden 5, A. F. Lewry (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, R. Sanders 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Shirley Radmore 1, J. Gasson 2, R. V. Johnson 3, G. Packham 4, J. Jeffrey 5, J. Herbeck 6, F. Godsmark (cond.) 7, G. Gasson 8.

BOSTON, LINCS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Craven (first quarter) 1, F. Dewey 2, S. Jessop 3, D. Lyman (first 'inside', aged 16) 4, A. Freeston 5, F. Leggott 6, D. Brown 7, W. E. Clarke 8, J. Retch 9, R. F. Brown (cond.) 10. Rung on the 16th birthday of the treble ringer.

BROMYARD, HEREFORDS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: W. Hinksman 1, R. Price 2, A. Wall 3, T. Cooper (cond.) 4, C. Wall 5, G. Wall 6. First quarter of Stedman for all, who are members of the local band. Rung half-muffled after Remembrance Day service.

BROUGHTON, LANCS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Lolley (first of Treble Bob) 1, J. Hodson 2, E. R. Martin 3, K. Martin 4, H. Calderbank 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam W. D. Redmayne, organist and choirmaster at this church for 29 years.

BUCKFAST, DEVON.—On Nov. 5th, at St. Mary's Abbey, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Rev. Bro. W. P. Dowling 1, Mrs. D. E. Hood 2, A. L. Bennett 3, E. M. Atkins (cond.) 4, J. E. Lilley 5, D. J. Cross 6, W. J. Harvey 7, Rev. Fr. A. O. Mowan 8. First quarter peal for 1 and 8, who are members of the Community. Rung on the middle octave.

CASTLE ASHBY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Doubles (being one extent each of St. Simon's, St. Nicholas', St. Giles', Eynsham, St. Martin's, St. Leonard's, Plain, Canterbury, April Day, Stedman and 60 of Grandsire): P. I. Chapman 1, P. Jones 2, B. Hendry 3, R. G. Care 4, B. S. Cope (cond.) 5. Rung as a farewell to P. I. Chapman, who will now unfortunately be unable to take an active part in ringing circles.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. V. Vick 1, R. G. Blackman 2, J. T. Finey 3, Pauline M. Saxton 4, W. G. Challen 5, J. E. Chittenden 6, E. Winifred Keys (first on 8 as cond.) 7, H. F. Dunford 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Oct. 29th, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: Pauline M. Saxton 1, Jessie M. Kippin 2, E. N. Harrison 3, C. H. Kippin 4, F. W. Rogers 5, F. A. Munday 6, W. T. Beeson 7, C. E. Smith (cond.) 8. First touch of Bristol by 1 and 3. Rung after an attempt for a peal of Superlative at Witley had failed.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Vernon (first quarter) 1, J. E. Lloyd (first 'inside') 2, Dorothy J. Clarke 3, Dorothy E. Beamish 4, J. Draycott 5, A. H. Beamish (cond.) 6, J. F. Clarke 7, J. A. L. Thompson 8. A farewell to the Rev. H. C. Harding, senior curate, and a compliment to him on his appointment as Vicar of St. Mary's, Leamington Spa.

CHORLEY, LANCS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: L. Walmsley 1, J. W. Grounds 2, P. Dunderdale 3, G. A. Sunderland 4, S. Walmsley 5, I. Blackburn 6, J. Charnock (cond.) 7, A. Rigby 8. Rung previous to an act of worship on the final evening of the Church Exhibition in the Town Hall.

CHURCHSTANTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Burston 1, R. Shire 2, R. Lee 3, W. Moore 4, H. Churchill (cond.) 5, R. Braddick 6. On the sixth anniversary of the first peal.

CORSCOMBE, DORSET.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Davis 1, Miss E. Russell 2, E. Panneil 3, G. Lumbard (first quarter) 4, J. Barrett (cond.) 5, A. Meech 6. Rung for the engagement of Miss E. Russell and Mr. E. Pannell.

QUARTER PEALS

DINGLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Oct. 28th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: P. G. K. Davies 1, D. Baxter (first of Doubles) 2, D. W. James 3, R. J. Coles 4, F. E. Crosier (cond.) 5. First quarter by the Kettering Grammar School Society. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Patrick I. Chapman.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 30th, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. C. Roper 1, Betty Syrett 2, J. B. Morley (cond.) 3, A. G. Harrison 4, C. R. Catchpole 5, H. Moss 6, A. E. Cook 7, T. C. Ford 8. Rung in farewell to Bishop and Mrs. W. B. Belcher, who are leaving for South Africa.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Evelyn D. Adams (first on 8 bells) 1, Miss K. M. Shepherd (first 'inside') 2, G. F. Tizzard 3, Patricia M. Howard 4, J. A. Howard 5, I. A. C. Butcher 6, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 7, D. E. Wood (first quarter) 8. First of Triples by 4 and 5. All the ringers except the sixth are members of the local band. Rung for harvest festival Evensong.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: W. Manser 1, T. Saunders 2, Miss P. Y. Butcher 3, G. Fry 4, L. Honess 5, H. H. Usborne (cond.) 6.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss D. Borer 1, Miss J. Highley 3, S. T. Jarrett 4, P. F. Borer 5, R. Burns 6, C. S. Jarrett (cond.) 7, A. Hewitt cover. Rung for the patronal festival by the Sunday service band.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. Hall (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Hall (first quarter) 2, C. E. Lovett 3, P. G. Williams 4, W. Robson 5, K. Arthur (cond.) 6, F. G. Broomfield 7, G. S. Deas 8. For the patronal festival.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: E. Sybil M. Tonkin 1, Laura M. Beeney 2, F. H. Beeney 3, Kathleen M. Yeo 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. First in the method by all the band. Rung for the wedding of E. Gavan D. Tonkin, a former ringer of this tower, to Ellen Wood, of Newcastle.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Oct. 23rd, 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, F. L. Nicholls 4, M. J. Dyer 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For morning service.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFS.—On Oct 4th, 1,296 Oxford Bob Minor: L. Chamberlain 1, G. L. Roobottom 2, D. Walklate 3, A. G. Foster 4, D. P. Jones (cond.) 5, B. G. Key 6. A compliment to Mr. and Mrs. L. Chamberlain on their 25th wedding anniversary.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 29th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: J. E. Burles 1, J. Mossop 2, J. Bagnall 3, A. Capstick 4, J. Brownrigg 5, F. Birkett 6.

KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.—At the Church of St. Margaret, on Nov. 6th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. C. Crome 1, L. Houghton 2, E. Barker 3, L. Bush 4, M. R. Reed 5, T. Bush 6, W. Rose 7, N. V. Harding (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

LAMBETH, S.E.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, F. R. L. Blewer 4, C. W. Ottley 5, D. Wright 6, J. Hales (cond.) 7, E. G. Webb 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICS.—On Oct. 30th, at All Saints' Church, 1,270 Stedman Caters: R. F. Lowings 1, Cecelia Cowley 2, Valerie Watts 3, C. Harrison (cond.) 4, S. Hopper 5, J. Saddington 6, L. J. Hall 7, J. Towell 8, L. W. Stevens 9, W. Hickman 10. First of Stedman Caters for 2 and 3. Rung to mark the festival week of All Saints'.

LYDD, KENT.—On All Saints' Day, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Miss A. Boulden 1, H. S. Humphrey (first quarter of Doubles) 2, Miss M. Vantom 3, A. J. Hicks (cond.) 4, Miss O. Boulden 5, L. Terry 6. For the patronal festival.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. C. W. Powell 1, E. L. Taylor 2, W. H. Poole 3, C. W. Powell 4, G. H. Whitemore 5, H. Arscott 6, H. G. Keeley (cond.) 7, G. S. Morris 8. For Remembrance Day.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss J. Evans 1, Miss W. Bowak 2, L. Cordell 3, N. King 4, H. King 5, W. Wedlock 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

NAZEING, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss E. M. Burton 1, B. G. Burton 2, C. W. Sams (cond.) 3, W. H. Aley 4, K. Wood 5, C. Clayden 6. Rung for patronal festival and as a compliment to C. Clayden on his 25th wedding anniversary.

NORTHILL, BEDS.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Harding 1, S. Cooper 2, D. J. Reeves 3, C. H. Harding (cond.) 4, F. Hull 5, A. Burns 6.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,288 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major: M. Selby 1, S. Pinder (cond.) 2, Mrs. P. Nix 3, B. Lewin 4, P. Nix 5, B. Bates 6, R. J. Carlisle 7, R. W. Carlisle 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. Clement Glenn.

RYDE, I.O.W.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Browning 1, W. Upton 2, A. R. Ward 3, H. Long 4, F. Taylor (cond.) 5, S. Moody 6, A. Jackson 7, A. Rees 8. Rung for Evensong of the patronal festival.

SIBSEY, LINCS.—On Oct. 21st, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Agnes Elmitt 1, W. Elmitt 2, H. Johnson 3, T. Cummins 4, W. Wilkinson 5, A. E. Flatters 6, D. Smith 7, J. R. Young (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. J. T. Atwell, late churchwarden at this church.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. W. Proctor 1, D. A. Lodge 2, F. R. Goddard (cond.) 3, F. J. Wood 4, B. W. Parke 5, H. G. Goddard 6. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Jean E. Race, a member of the local band.

STAFFORD.—On Nov. 2nd, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Shelagh K. Seery 1, F. R. Wiggin 2, R. J. Warrilow 3, F. Eley 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. Malin (cond.) 7, M. Carter 8. Rung in honour of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II and H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh on their visit to Stafford during their progress from the station to the county buildings.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cooper 1, W. Brown 2, H. Wittering 3, W. Houghton 4, G. Johnson 5, W. Lawrence 6, D. Gullick (cond.) 7, R. Luxon 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

STISTED, ESSEX.—On Oct. 18th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Geoffrey Steed (aged 12 years, first quarter) 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, A. Saunders 3, H. M. Snowden 4, A. Syder 5, H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6. Also on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Saunders 1, H. M. Snowden 2, Maureen Brewer (first quarter) 3, L. W. Wiffen 4, A. Syder 5, H. G. Snowden (cond.) 6.

TANWORTH-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): J. H. Jones 1, J. Merrell 2, J. W. Jones 3, Ald. Sir Theodore Pritchett (first quarter) 4, J. Corbett (cond.) 5. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones on the birth of a daughter.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. James, on Oct. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Brewer (first quarter on 8) 1, R. Beale 2, F. Chidgey 3, H. Floyd 4, W. Priddle 5, W. Slocombe 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, W. Warren 8. Rung for the homecoming and a ceremonial march around the town of the Somerset Light Infantry from Malaya.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Marion Macfarlane 1, Marjorie Legg 2, F. Parramore 3, K. Medway 4, G. Prescott (cond.) 5, T. K. Price 6.

WATERLOO, S.E.—At St. John's Church, on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, T. H. Taffender 2, D. Wright (first in method) 3, C. W. Ottley 4, D. G. Hollis 5, F. P. Mead 6, J. Hales (cond.) 7, F. Ranson 8. For Evensong.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): M. L. Sinden 1, J. Tomsett 2, Susan Jacobs (first 'inside') 3, H. Cox 4, F. E. Corfield (cond.) 5, E. Jacobs 6, J. Brickell 7, A. Bishop 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

LATE NOTICE

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual meeting and party will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Give in nominations for Branch Secretary at the meeting. Whist drive and dance 7 p.m. Tickets from G. Mills, 8, Manchester Road, Heywood, price 4/6 inclusive, 2/6 tea only, 2/6 dance only. Orders for tea by Nov. 30th. 7312

OBITUARY

MR. L. H. PAGE

The death occurred suddenly on October 27th of Mr. Lionel Henry Page at his home in Titchfield, Hants.

Born in Titchfield in 1881, he took to bell-ringing in 1900, in the village Church of St. Peter.

Prior to the 1914-18 war he was responsible for the local band, which rang its first 720 in 1909. By the outbreak of the first world war, due to his efforts, there were no less than 14 ringers in the local company capable of ringing Cambridge Surprise Minor for Sunday service. So keen was Mr. Page in those early days that he was reputed to have taught 75 per cent. of the village boys to handle a bell.

After his war service in the Royal Engineers he settled in Ealing, where he did much to stimulate a local band at St. Mary's. His efforts were well rewarded when the local band rang their first peal, Grandsire Triples, conducted by one of his own recruits, Mr. Frederick W. Goodfellow.

Some five years later he left Ealing for South-end-on-Sea and joined the band at St. Mary's, Prittlewell. It was here he rang his only peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, conducted by the late William Pye. After a very enjoyable five years at Prittlewell a shortage of work forced him to return home to Titchfield, where he lived until his death.

During his ringing career he rang about 150 peals, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Royal. His first peal was rung at Curdridge, in 1909, conducted by the late George Williams.

In 1946 he was incapacitated from ringing owing to great difficulty in walking and a few years later he was further handicapped by partly losing the use of his right hand due to a slight stroke.

Mr. Page leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters.

The funeral service took place at St. Peter's, Titchfield, on November 1st, conducted by the Rev. N. A. Miller. In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled by the local band, supported by members of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.

MR. SAM COE

One of the few county cricketers who were ringers died on November 5th in the person of Mr. Sam Coe, who was aged 82. He did his ringing at Old Shilton, near Leicester.

As a cricketer he played for Leicestershire from 1896 to 1923, scoring over 17,000 runs, and held the highest individual score for the county—252 against Northamptonshire in 1914. After retiring from first-class cricket he became the county club scorer.

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A TRIP TO BOURNEMOUTH

The usual eight members of the Worcestershire Association (which included the Association Ringing Master and the Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild) made their annual trip to view the 'belles' of Bournemouth during the week-end of November 5th.

The party arrived at headquarters in Fisherman's Avenue just before midnight on the Friday. The first item on the agenda was to hold an impromptu meeting of the Salisbury Guild, at which certain new members were elected, as the attempt for a peal next day was to be made under the auspices of that Guild. The legal adviser to the band was asked whether he thought a meeting held under such circumstances was legal and binding, but the only reply they could get was that it would cost them 5s. As to whether he meant for the advice or the subscription is not known—yet!

All enjoyed very much the items provided during the week-end, including the gammon steaks at Swindon, the trip to Kingston and the very nice bells there on which a peal of Spliced Surprise Major was rung, also the very pleasant service ringing at St. Peter's and St. John's, not forgetting the kindness of 'the old man himself' and his good lady, Mrs. Price.

The return trip was made via the New Forest, and ultimately a stop at Dorchester Abbey to ring for Evensong brought to an end a very pleasant outing.

A TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION ANNIVERSARY

To mark the 50th anniversary of the first peal for the old Towcester Association at Wicken, an attempt was made by the Wicken band to ring a peal of Grandsire Triples on November 5th. This, unfortunately, came to grief. A quarter peal of Stedman Triples was, however, rung by F. C. Case 1, G. W. Holland 2, B. E. Saunders 3, H. Ridgway 4, W. A. Yates 5, T. E. Roberts 6, G. E. Green (conductor) 7, H. Cashmore 8. The grandfather of the seventh ringer and the father of the tenor ringer took part in the original peal

NOTICES

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FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE

MOORE—BRACEY.—The wedding of John, only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Moore, of 3, Berwyn Avenue, Hounslow, Middlesex, to Eileen, youngest daughter of the late Mr. A. E. Bracey and Mrs. Bracey, of Church Farm, Hethersett, Norfolk, will take place on December 3rd, at St. Remigius', Hethersett. All friends welcome. 7285

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MISCELLANEOUS

PATIENCE, PLEASE.—Our printers have informed us that the Bellringer's Notebook and Diary will be a little later than usual this year.

Copies should be available, however, by early December, and the fact will be heralded in good time by our usual advertisement in 'The Ringing World.'—W. Viggers, M. Hodgson. 7289

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX. — Owing to repair work being carried out in the belfry, ringing at Monken Hadley Church is suspended until further notice. 7278

MARSDEN, HUDDERSFIELD. — Ringers' Day. November 19th. Bells (10, 26 cwt.) 2 p.m. Whist drive, dance and supper. Names for tea to A. Schofield, 86, Brougham Road. 7281

PEAL CARDS & QUARTER PEAL CARDS can now be ordered at 5s. a set of 12, post free (minimum charge). Order and remittances must be sent with peal report. For quarter peals write separate copy in some style as peals.

MEETINGS

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Nov. 19th, Ship, Talbot Court, 6 p.m. Election of officers. Ringing St. Dunstan's 3.30 p.m.—A. B. Peck. 7257

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Stockton at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19th. — P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 7305

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Hunts District.—Meeting at Alconbury (6), Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m Tea 5 p.m. 7255

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Combined practice at Worplesdon (8) on Saturday, Nov. 19th, 6-9 p.m.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7193

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Rye, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst, Kent. 7242

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Stevenage, Nov. 19th, 3 p.m. Names to Dr. D. Gullick, Mount View, Weston Road. Special method: Painswick College Bob.—E. Buck, Dis. Sec. 7239

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th. Welwyn bells (8) 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tewin bells (6) 6 to 8 p.m.—S. Huckle, Dis. Sec. 7272

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—By-meeting on Saturday, Nov. 19th, at Ightham. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7202

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—By-meeting at Cliffe (8) on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service 4.30 p.m.—Cyril S. Jarrett, 38, Balmoral Road, Gillingham. 7254

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Meeting at Derby Cathedral on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. For people in Leicester area train leaves London Road Station, Leicester, 1.52 p.m.—meeting in booking hall 1.40 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. M. Simpson, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7200

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Practice meeting, Saturday, Nov. 19th, St. Mary-atte-Bow, Stratford East (8), 3.30-5 p.m. Tea, own arrangements. Further ringing till 8.30. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 7234

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ealing on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Ringing at St. Mary's (8) 3 p.m. and in the evening. Service 4.30 p.m. followed by tea and business meeting. Christ Church bells available 3-4 p.m. Names for tea to A. H. Fulwell, 38, Beaconsfield Road, Ealing, W.5.—J. D. Rock. 7247

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.—Meeting, Newhall, Nov. 19th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45.—J. Cotton. (Phone: Overseale 264.) 7261

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newark District.—Meeting at South Collingham (2.15-430) and North Collingham (6-8.30) on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Service at South Collingham at 2.15. Please make an effort to attend. Tea, King's Head Hotel, at 5. Names to S. L. Barley, North Muskham, Newark. 7249

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Practice meeting, Wivelsfield (6), afternoon, Ditchling (8) evening, Nov. 19th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5 p.m. 7241

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Winchester District. — Practice meeting, Twyford (8), Nov. 19th. Bells from 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5 at the Dolphin Inn. 7246

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM (close to Colliers Wood Underground Station).—The annual bellringers' service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 20th, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing from 5.30 p.m. Visitors especially welcome. 7235

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Branch. — Practice meeting, Weare, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 5 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 7307

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Hyde, Nov. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. For tea, please advise, before 22nd, Mr. T. Wilde, 23, York Road, Gee Cross, Hyde.—C. K. Lewis. 7266

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting at Horsley (6), Saturday, Nov. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Miss G. Harrison, 20, Lower Kilburn, near Derby.—M. Bailey. 7298

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Meeting, Newburn, St. Michael's, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Names essential to Mr. A. Taylor, 29, Boyd Street, Newburn, Newcastle 5. 7277

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Meeting, Nov. 26th, Holy Trinity, Darlington. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, please, by Nov. 24th, to Mrs. W. N. Park, 10a, Woodlands Terrace, Darlington. 7304

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury (6) on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7245

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting in Guildford, Nov. 26th. Tea and meeting Congregational Hall, North Street (next G.P.O.), Guildford, 4 p.m. Bells available: Holy Trinity and St. Mary's 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.; S. Nicolas', Shalford and Stoke 6.30 to 8.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Nov. 23rd, to Miss W. Oliver, 36, North Place, Guildford.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 7237

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Practice meeting, Charlton Kings (8), Saturday, Nov. 26th. Annual meeting, Leckhampton (8), Dec. 17th, 3 p.m. Details later.—Mary Bliss, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Rural Branch.—Monthly meeting, Bitton, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 22nd, to W. F. Scudamore, County Police Station, Winterbourne, near Bristol. 7303

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Gloucester Branch. — Annual dinner and social evening to be held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Eastgate Street, on Saturday, Nov. 26th, at 7 p.m. sharp. St. Mary-de-Crypt bells available 4-6 p.m. Tickets 10s. 6d. each.—A. Lynall, Marlyn, Ermin Park, Brockworth, Gloucester. 7292

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Wellington (on main Leominster Road), Nov. 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 22nd to A. Wingate, Huntington House, Hereford. 7311

LADIES' GUILD and DONCASTER AND DISTRICT.—Joint meeting at Conisborough, Nov. 26th. Names for tea to Mr. M. Fowler, 70, Highfield Road, Conisborough.—D. Kelly, F. J. Jackson, Hon. Secs. 7300

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—Meeting at Deane, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30. Tea 5; cups only. Business 6. First meeting on this new eight.—J. Thornley, Sec. 7270

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Ossett (10), Nov. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea. Please notify, by 23rd, Fred Bennett, Carlton House, Dale Street, Ossett (Tel. Ossett 167). Buses, Sovereign Street, 2.15 and half-hourly.—J. F. Hodson, Hon. Sec. 7306

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Melton District.—Meeting at Eaton, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting in Institute 5 o'clock. Names, by the 22nd, please, to Mr. J. Morris, Chapel Street, Eaton, Grantham.—J. H. Cook. 7284

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 26th, St. Mary's, Clapham Common, R.C., 3.15 to 4.15. Own tea. St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park. Business meeting (nominations) in vestry 5.30. Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 7267

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Caston on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 followed by business meeting. Names for tea, by Thursday, Nov. 24th, to J. Barnes, Ivan House, Caston, Attleborough. 7260

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Fulmer (6), Nov. 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, by 22nd, to W. Butler, 2, Faraday Road, Slough. 7283

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashbury, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, to R. F. J. Gilling, Branch Sec., Fernham, Faringdon. 7299

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch.—Meeting at Bugbrooke on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Tuesday previous, to K. Rogers, Downs Farm, Weedon, Northants. Committee meet after business.—G. F. Roome. 7279

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 23rd, to Mr. J. D. Clarke, The Vicarage, Whatton, Notts. 7244

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Long Melford (8), Nov. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to V. Ambrose, 2, Westgate Street, Long Melford.—R. J. Seabrook, Dis. Sec. 7302

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Quarterly district meeting will be held at Ashtead, Nov. 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 in Schoolroom. Names for tea to J. T. Symonds, Sherborne, West Farm Avenue, Ashtead, by previous Wednesday. Business includes nominations for district officers.—W. Parrott, Hon. Sec. 7268

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, Nov. 26th. Bells 4–6 p.m., 7–8.30 p.m. Tea available. 7310

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual District dinner to be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 26th, commencing 6.30 p.m. Bar available 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 2.45-3.45; St. Maurice (6) 3.45–4.30, 5.15–6. Service at St. Lawrence's 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 10s. each, now on sale from R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 7259

WOBURN, BUCKS.—A set of handbells are to be dedicated at St. Mary's, Woburn, on Nov. 26th. Ringing from 5 p.m. Short Evensong and dedication at 7 p.m. Ringing afterwards until 9 p.m. All ringers invited to attend.—K. S. 7276

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Honiton Clyst, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Nov. 28th, to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 7297

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Rededication, Kirby-le-Soken (8), Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m., by the Rural Dean. Buffet tea 1s. Numbers for tea, by Nov. 29th, must be sent to Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Kirby. 7288

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Handsworth, Birmingham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Details of service and tea later. Notify for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 29th, Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. 7291

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION (Llandaff Branch) and SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD (Southern District) and LADIES' GUILD (South Wales District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at Cadoxton, Neath. Bells (6) at Neath and Cadoxton available 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. **Please note:** Names for tea, by Nov. 26th, to Mr. G. I. Lewis, 33, Cadoxton Terrace, Cadoxton, Neath.—J. A. Hoare. 7269

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting, New Buckenham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 29th, to Mr. W. Saunders, New Buckenham, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 7301

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by Nov. 26th. A good attendance desired.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7295

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Dec. 3rd, Durrington (6) from 2.30; Amesbury (8) in evening. Tea at Durrington for those who send in names, by Tuesday, Nov. 29th, to Miss Eloie, 8, Albany Road, Salisbury. 7280

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Lyme Regis on Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 28th.—Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 7287

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available: St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12) 3.15-5.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Good attendance, please.—P. N. Bond, E. C. S. Turner, Hon. Secs. 7282

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Wollaton, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. P. Giles, The Rectory, Russel Drive, Wollaton. — C. W. Towers, Dis. Sec. 7286

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting, Dec. 3rd, Halesworth (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Nov. 30th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 7308

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Bexhill, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Nov. 30th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 7293

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ART PLUS SCIENCE

SHIPWAY, in his preface to the 'Campanalogia,' after pointing out the doubtful sanction of the description 'recreation' or 'amusement' to some pursuits from which men derive pleasure but which 'have a direct tendency to corrupt and deprave the mind,' goes on to say, 'Laudable, therefore, is the attempt of him who endeavours to direct the attention of men to an amusement, innocent in its nature, and productive of the highest advantages, as well to the mind as to the body—THE ART OF RINGING.'

The whole aim of his work is, of course, to promote interest in changeringing, and he has nothing to say about that form of ringing which, in so many towers, is confined to callchanges and is practised without any inclination to probe beyond it.

It would be wrong to suggest that callchangers do not get a certain joy and satisfaction out of handling their bells, and from their competitions. As they aim at faultless striking and rhythmical raising and falling in peal they know, undoubtedly, the thrills which belong to such. But, from the changeringer's point of view, they do not get beyond the realm of monotony—the same change many times repeated; the same routine set of changes Sunday by Sunday. That sort of thing, good as it may be within its narrow limits, is, we claim as would Shipway, but the fringe of the art of ringing and cannot be held to include more than a very small taste of the 'advantages' of ringing as a recreation, or of the possibilities involved in it both as an art and a science. For those, therefore, who are content only to paddle, as it were, in the backwater the joys and skill of navigating the wider, deeper and open river must be lost to them. And ringing, whether as an amusement, or as a contribution of service to the Church, holds something far more fascinating than callchangers dream of; making an ever increasing claim upon the mind and offering a continually enlarging fellowship.

Among changeringers all that will be freely conceded: but if the uninitiated are to be enlightened, or the callchangers are to be converted to the acceptance of the fact, it may benefit changeringers to have a few reflections on hand for augmenting their persuasive powers, and even their demonstrations.

Take, for one thing, the cultivation of the team spirit with the fellowship arising from it. That is common both to changeringers and callchangers. Neither, obviously, can get on without it. But it must be more than merely local. While every band is dependent upon it, with changeringers it extends far beyond the home tower and becomes the means of ensuring a welcome amongst other groups of ringers; also into any tower. Thus opportunity is found for a widening of experience, especially through Association meetings where ringers mix up in touches with those from other towers. The system prevalent in some callchange regions of each band at meetings ringing only as local bands—thus excluding any visiting ringer who may be present—certainly shuts the door to expansion of knowledge and tends rather to lower the level of brotherhood than to encourage it.

Is the difference between the two modes of ringing always to be held irreconcilable? The main difficulty at present is, of course, to convince the callchangers that scientific half-pull ringing is an advance on their method, opening up a new field of interest and experience—parallel, one might say, to the growth from childhood into maturity. At least, surely, it is reasonable to ask for an open-minded recognition, on the part of callchange ringers, of the scope and virtues of scientific ringing even quite apart from any desire to experiment in it. That might pave the way for the breaking down of the prejudices which do exist.

The writer would not wish to give the impression that callchanges are to be despised. By no means. So many, like himself, began their ringing under those conditions and gained much pleasure from it. It proved to be but a stepping stone to higher education in the art and had its value accordingly. So it may be still.

Another consideration to be stressed in arguing for the 'advantages' of changeringing is that, based upon the cultivation of ropesight, one's powers of observation are developed and, as familiarity with this or that particular method grows, the working of the other bells in relation to one's own can be followed and checked. This, obviously, is essential for any ringer who aims at even the simplest conducting. And the practice of such observation is bound to heighten the interest of a ringer whether he aspires to conducting or not.

Again, scientific ringing is a most useful medium for widening and strengthening the faculty of memory. And the more intricate the method the greater is the test on the memory if accurate ringing and accurate conducting are to be achieved and sustained. It does provide a training

which can prove effective not only in the tower but in all spheres of work which make demands upon mental exactness, retentiveness and endurance.

Further, changeringing holds the door open to such a wide range of accomplishment that no one need be at a loss in the effort to satisfy his or her ambitious instincts. Here 'nothing succeeds like success.' And one achievement after another adds fuel to the fire of ambition for reaching still greater heights of prowess. All to the good, if a ringer's own enthusiasm and progress carries others along too and offers them every opportunity. But the warning note must be given against that particular form of pride which is not free from selfishness.

Trite as much of all this may seem, it is written in the hope that some of the barriers which now exist between the call-change adherents and half-pull ringers may be broken down; and that the real art *and* science of ringing may penetrate, surely if but slowly, into the fastnesses where at present it is taboo. C. C. C.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

READING, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1955, in 3 Hours and 38 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence.
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 23 cwt.

Albert Diserens	*Treble*	William Butler	7
John Chilcott	2	†W. Bertram Kynaston	8
Ernest J. Taylor	3	William Birmingham	9
*Audrey Gladwell	4	Roger O. Fry	10
Raymond G. Burton	5	William Hibbert	11
Noel J. Diserens	6	William H. Rampton	*Tenor*

Composed by D. E. Parsons. Conducted by John Chilcott.
* First peal. † 200th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS

BANBURY, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*Robin A. Hodgson	*Treble*	*Peter R. Sanders	6
R. John Nash	2	†Donald H. Niblett	7
†William H. Jackson	3	Peter Border	8
Kenneth W. Mackintosh	4	Robin G. Turner	9
*David A. Edwards	5	*David Hodgson	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by William H. Jackson.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters in the method. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

ST. LAURENCE, THANET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 16 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,
A PEAL OF 5075 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*Chris. Durham	*Treble*	*Philip J. Westwood	6
†John F. Penfold	2	Frank B. Lufkin	7
†Mrs. F. W. Lawrence	3	†Peter J. Rye	8
Mrs. N. Bridges	4	‡J. Michael Stephens	9
†Fredk. W. Lawrence	5	†Edward Dixon	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. Deal. Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.
* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. ‡ First peal of Caters.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 26 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Wulfram,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 32 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C sharp.

Denis A. Frith	*Treble*	John R. Ketteringham	6
Stanley E. Bennett	2	*Alan E. Hartley	7
*Louis Willders	3	H. Reginald Woods	8
William A. Holmes	4	Ronald C. Noon	9
John G. Ames	5	John E. Cook	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker. Conducted by John E. Cook.
* First peal on ten bells.
In remembrance.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edburg,
A PEAL OF 5088 CANTERBURY IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

John S. Walton	*Treble*	David Beacham	5
Herbert H. Alexander	2	Frank W. Lewis	6
Edmund E. Pearson	3	Malcolm S. Cloke	7
George F. Burton	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Parker. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
The first peal in the method (Central Council Collection of Plain Major Methods No. 258).
Rung within the octave of All Saints.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*Frederick James	*Treble*	Ernest Garrard	5
John Castell	2	James Blond	6
Claude Corderoy	3	Jack Berry	7
Alfred Greenough	4	Robert Blond	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Carter. Conducted by Robert Blond
* First peal of Major.

DERBY.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 3 Hours and 1 Minute.
At the Church of St. Andrew.
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in E.

Peter J. Skinner	*Treble*	Francis R. Lowe	5
Harold Taylor	2	Sampson Walklate	6
Vivienne M. Horton	3	Derek P. Jones	7
Denis R. Carlisle	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed by S. J. Ivin. Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
Rung in memoriam Albert H. Ward, of this tower, who gave the new second bell when the ring was augmented to ten in 1923. Also in memory of Clement Glenn, of Nottingham.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, in 2 Hours and 57 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Original. Tenor 9½ cwt.

William T. Grice	*Treble*	Reginald Rich	5
George Kenward	2	Stanley B. Dobbie	6
Doris G. Dobbie	3	Louis Head	7
William R. Manser	4	Herbert Smith	*Tenor*

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THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 54 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9¼ cwt. in F sharp.

Peter Nash	*Treble*	†John Knight	5
Raymond E. Finch	2	Derek C. Jackson	6
*Ruth A. Carey	3	Trevor A. Cross	7
Margaret E. L. Beamish	4	J. Michael Lakin	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 21 Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5184 DONISTHORPE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Mrs. H. J. Poole	*Treble*	William Thornley	5
Mrs. B. G. Warwick	2	John A. Acres	6
Brian S. Chapman	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
John M. Jelley	4	Brian G. Warwick	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. B. Speed. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
100th peal for the Guild as conductor.
First peal in the method, which is Wye with 8ths place instead of 2nds at the lead-end. Rung at first attempt.

CAYTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 11, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Vincent,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Jack L. Millhouse	*Treble*	*George W. Creasey	5
Charles McGuiness	2	*Denis A. Frith	6
Geoffrey R. Parker	3	George H. Randles	7
Norah M. Bibby	4	John Walden	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Jack L. Millhouse.
* First peal of Lincolnshire Surprise Major.
Rung for Remembrance Day.

BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5056 BASINGSTOKE DELIGHT MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in F.

Edward J. Bragg	*Treble*	Harry Poyner	5
Albert Diserens	2	C. Ernest Smith	6
Frederick A. Munday	3	J. Alan Ainsworth	7
Eric N. Harrison	4	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. Sedgley. Conducted by Frederick A. Munday.
The first peal in the method. First peal of Delight Major by all the band.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 30 Minutes,
At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt.

Sidney Leatherbarrow	*Treble*	Ronald Kenrick	5
*Thomas Barker	2	*Cyril Crossthwaite	6
G. Alec Dimmock	3	Arthur Hatch	7
Ernest J. Gower	4	Joseph Ridyard	*Tenor*

Composed by N. Pitstow. Conducted by Cyril Crossthwaite.
* 50th peal together. First peal in the method on the bells.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 7 Minutes,
At the Church of St. John, Surrey Road,
A PEAL OF 5088 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
Comprising 3,552 changes of Cambridge and 1,536 of Superlative with 90 changes of method Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

Kathleen E. Fletcher	*Treble*	*Michael J. Best	5
*James E. Daniels	2	*John Hartless	6
*Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	3	*Frank L. Harris	7
*Daniel T. Matkin	4	*Ronald N. Marlow	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Frank L. Harris.
* First peal of Spliced Surprise Major.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 5 Minutes,
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A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Oliver G. Barnard	*Treble*	Leslie Forster	5
*Alice E. Lester	2	Arthur E. Cook	6
Robert E. Lester	3	Horace J. Mansfield	7
William B. Duncan	4	Edward E. Davey	*Tenor*

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Oliver G. Barnard.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

Alan F. Thirst	*Treble*	*Dennis Beresford	5
*Philip Mehew	2	George J. Butcher	6
Brian Bladon	3	Frederick J. Cullum	7
*John L. Morris	4	*Peter N. Bond	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
* First peal in the method.

IDLE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,
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Peter Woodward	*Treble*	Gordon Benfield	5
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J. Frederick Milner	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
The first peal of spliced on the bells.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes.
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in G.

Wm. Geoffrey Hair	*Treble*	John A. Underwood	5
Fredk. E. Wilshaw	2	William F. Woodward	6
Gordon H. Lane	3	Arthur E. Rowley	7
Joseph Wm. Cotton	4	Roland Beniston	*Tenor*

Composed by W. P. Whitehead. Conducted by Roland Beniston.
In memoriam Clement Glenn.

NEWTON ST. CYRES, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 2 Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Cyr and Jullietta,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

George Skinner	*Treble*	Brian Pidgeon	5
E. Maurice Atkins	2	Frederick Wreford	6
Harold P. Burton	3	John L. S. Glanvill	7
Sidney Skinner	4	John Quick	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
The first peal of Major on the bells.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, in 3 Hours and 20 Minutes.
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5184 BRAUNSTONE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in E flat.

*Mrs. B. G. Warwick	*Treble*	Ernest Morris	5
*Brian G. Warwick	2	†Ernest J. Jelley	6
Shirley Burton	3	†‡Brian S. Chapman	7
†Ralph Elkington	4	†John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Poyner. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
* 100th peal of Surprise together. † First peal in the method.
‡ 50th peal.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

Charles H. Kippin	*Treble*	R. Roger Savory	5
*Adrian J. Tumber	2	Margaret E. L. Beamish	6
*Nelia M. Leahy	3	Maurice J. Butler	7
*Peter Nash	4	*J. Michael Lakin	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Johnson. Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes.*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

*Marion J. Parker	*Treble*	Tower R. Taylor	5
Edgar R. Rapley	2	Frederick W. Burnett	6
*Russell H. R. Parker	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
*E. Winifred Keys	4	Alfred T. Greenwood	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by Fredk. W. Rogers.
* First peal of Painswick. First in the method on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

POULTON-LE-FYLDE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Oct. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St Chad,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents. Tenor 9 cwt.

*B. Atkinson	*Treble*	*Miss J. K. Barrett	4
*Miss O. W. Barrett	2	B. H. Hall	5
J. Nevin	3	P. Crook, sen.	*Tenor*

Conducted by P. Crook, sen.
* First peal in the method.
Rung to mark the completion of the renovation of the church.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Oct. 22, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one 720 of St. Clement's, five of Plain Bob and one of St. Clement's, all called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

*Peter A. Hill	*Treble*	Peter E. Parry	4
Brian Hunt	2	Brian Buttery	5
W. Russell Read	3	Denis A. Frith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis A. Frith.
* First peal.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Oct. 31, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Primrose and Ipswich Surprise, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 16 cwt.

William A. Richardson	*Treble*	John G. Ames	4
Maurice Bennett	2	Ronald C. Noon	5
Stanley E. Bennett	3	Frank Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Taylor.
Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. George,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being ten extents of Stedman (ten callings), 12 of Plain Bob (four callings) and 20 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

C. Henry Floyd	*Treble*	William G. Gigg	4
Reginald Beale	2	Arthur H. Reed	5
William H. Tarr	3	Frank Matravers	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur H. Reed.
First peal on the bells.

KIRKHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Mrs. H. B. Schofield	*Treble*	*Harold B. Schofield	4
*William Sykes	2	J. Martin Thorley	5
*Frank Rayment	3	*John Moore	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Martin Thorley.
* First peal in four methods.
Rung to mark the retirement of the Bishop of Bradford.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Werburgh,
A PEAL OF 5040 BARHAM DELIGHT MINOR
Seven different extents (C.C.C. 58, 59, 64-66, 68, 69). Tenor 10 cwt.

Charles W. Walklate	*Treble*	Gordon Halls	4
Vivienne Horton	2	Derek P. Jones	5
Denis R. Carlisle	3	Harold Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
Believed to be the first complete peal in this method (C.C.C. 3D. 14).
In memoriam Albert G. Ward, of Derby, and Clement Glenn, of Nottingham.

HATHEROP, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. NICHOLAS BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

Mervyn Day	*Treble*	Thomas F. Stone	4
Ralph E. W. Wenban	2	William A. Godwin	5
Joyce Morse	3	*John S. Carey	*Tenor*

Conducted by William A. Godwin.
* First peal. First peal in the method by all.
Rung to mark the centenary of the restoration of the church.

MELDRETH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two extents each of Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in F sharp.

J. Desmond Painter	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis	4
William T. Cook	2	William J. Ridgman	5
John G. Gipson	3	Roger B. Morris	*Tenor*

Conducted by William J. Ridgman.
Rung in thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter, Susan, to Richard and Rita Housden.

ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 42 extents in eight methods, called differently: four each of St. Nicholas, Winchendon Place, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob; eight each of St. Simon's and St. Martin's; nine of Grandsire and one of Reverse St. Bartholomew. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb. in F.

*Jill G. Draper	*Treble*	Philip Mehew	4
David K. Walklate	2	Derek P. Jones	5
†Patricia A. M. Forster	3	*Brian R. Manning	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.
* First attempt at a peal. † First peal of Doubles.

ASFORDBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD AND KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent.
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 17 lb.

Frederick Watson	*Treble*	John Vernon	4
*David Houghton	2	Ernest Morris	5
Michael Vernon	3	J. Harry Cook	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest Morris.
* First peal of Treble Bob. J. Harry Cook has now 'completed the circle' of his own tower.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of an extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent T.B. and St. Clement's, and two extents each of Oxford T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

*†DAVID E. WEST	*Treble*	†MICHAEL A. MILLS	4
†ALICE E. LESTER	2	ROBERT C. LESTER	5
†MARIAN H. MILLS	3	URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in five methods.

CALVERLEIGH, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 5 cwt. 22 lb.

STANLEY N. BRISTOW	*Treble*	CLAUDE W. J. TARR	4
DOUGLAS M. BELLAMY	2	REGINALD BEALE	5
GORDON WALFORD	3	WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM F. SLOCOMBE.

EDWINSTOWE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (15 callings). Tenor 6¼ cwt.

WILLIAM L. EXTON	*Treble*	†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE	4
*HERBERT T. ROOKE	2	F. WILLIAM MIDWINTER	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	3	J. BRYAN SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. FOSTER.
* First peal of Stedman Doubles. † First peal of Stedman.
Rung in memoriam Mr. Clement Glenn, of Nottingham.

LLANTWIT MAJOR, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 38 six-scores and two 240's. Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

D. WALFORD DAVIES	*Treble*	MALGWYN H. WILLIAMS	4
HARRY GREEN	2	WILLIAM T. PETTY	5
*SIDNEY J. PHILBRICK	3	THOMAS YEOMANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.
* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since 1928.
Rung on the eve of Remembrance Day.

NORTHREPPS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PERCY CROWE	*Treble*	JOHN R. SMITH	4
*RAYMOND W. BALLS	2	WILFRID G. SAUNDERS	5
FRANK C. J. ARNOLD	3	CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO	*Tenor*

Conducted by CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.
* First peal in seven methods.

REDBOURN, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Thelwall, Childwall, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

JOE HOBBS	*Treble*	GEOFFREY S. DUNCAN	4
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	2	*BRIAN M. BARKER	5
WALTER AYRE	3	EDWIN J. UPTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* First peal in seven methods 'inside.'
Rung half-muffled in thankful remembrance of the life and service (both church and public) given by Miss G. V. Peake, J.P., President of the Women's Institute since its foundation, etc. The conductor would also like to associate this peal with the memory of Clement Glenn.



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STANWELL, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE BLESSED VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's Bob, St. Martin's Bob, St. Nicholas' Bob and Winchendon Place. Tenor 13 cwt. 14 lb.

MICHAEL HATCHETT	*Treble*	FRANK T. BLAGROVE	3
MONICA HOWARD	2	*WILLIAM BIRMINGHAM	4
PETER A. LAWRENCE	*Tenor*		

Conducted by FRANK T. BLAGROVE.
* 175th peal. Rung half-muffled on the eve of Remembrance Day.

SUNNINGWELL, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

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

*WILLIAM L. GILKS	*Treble*	†MALCOLM S. CLOKE	4
DOUGLAS O. WILKS	2	HARRY P. FLOYD	5
†DONALD H. NIBLETT	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in 12 Minor methods.
Rung for the Feast of St. Leonard.

BREDE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERIC A. FELLOWS	*Treble*	STANLEY G. PONTING	4
WILLIAM BUTTON	2	CHARLES A. BASSETT	5
†FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	3	†WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE.
* First peal. † 100th peal together.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

*FREDERICK J. PAYNE	*Treble*	‡RICHARD SEABROOK	4
†STANLEY G. HONEYBALL	2	ROSEMARY J. SEABROOK	5
OWEN C. BALLARD	3	SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. ‡ First peal.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 17 methods: (1) College Exercise, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury and Ockley Treble Bob; (2) London Scholars, Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (3) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob; (4) Childwall and Thelwall Bob; (5) Double and Plain Bob; (6) Cambridge Surprise; (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

CECIL BARKER	*Treble*	WALTER ARNOLD	4
ALAN R. SYDER	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
JACK H. BRETT	3	TERRY EARLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

WHATLEY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 SINGLE OXFORD BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G.

ADRIAN P. BECK	*Treble*	S. ARTHUR READ	4
EUNICE D. OVEREND	2	ERNEST E. BRAY	5
W. JOHN PHIPPEN	3	DAVID HOARE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID HOARE.
No 6-5's at backstroke.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of College Exercise, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

A. WALPOLE	*Treble*	F. GUNTON	4
J. FORDER	2	G. WALPOLE	5
S. COPLING	3	E. LONG	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. LONG.
Rung as an appreciation to John Cable, an honorary member of the above Association, who has resigned after 32 years as sexton at Norton Subcourse Church. Also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, the new sexton.

OLD MARSTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Thurs., Nov. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 20 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor 6 cwt.

DAVID C. WOODWARD	*Treble*	ALEC GAMMON	3
CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	2	MALCOLM JOURNEAUX	4
PETER R. SANDERS	*Tenor*		

Conducted by PETER R. SANDERS.
First peal of Bob Doubles by all. First peal as conductor.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of (1) Cambridge Surprise, (2) Oxford Treble Bob, (3) Kent Treble Bob, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Double Bob, (6) Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*MAX W. UNDERWOOD	*Treble*	FREDERICK VICKERS	4
†DAPHNE CASTELL	2	GEORGE W. HOLLAND	5
HERBERT H. ALEXANDER	3	ALAN R. PINK	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal. † First peal of Minor 'inside' in more than one method.
Rung for the Feast of St. Martin, and as a thankoffering for 21 years of ministry in this place of the Rev. Canon C. A. Wheeler, this being the first peal on the bells during that time.

IGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being an extent each of Double Bob, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Childwall Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Thelwall Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

GEORGE F. SPERRING	*Treble*	EDWARD V. RODENHURST	4
*F. HECTOR BENNETT	2	JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	5
DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	3	PERCY SWINDLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal of Minor in seven methods. First peal of Minor in seven methods on the bells.

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B flat.

LEONARD TUFFREY	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4
MURIEL REAY	2	ARTHUR MORRIS	5
VINCENT A. HEMMING	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Conducted by VINCENT A. HEMMING.

HANDBELL PEAL

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT 56, FOSTON AVENUE.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES

Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor size 15 in C.

*ALAN G. FOSTER	1—2	†BARNABAS G. KEY	5—6
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	3—4	†E. MARION KEY	7—8

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal in hand and 50th peal. † First peal 'in hand.'
Rung as a welcome to Jane Temple, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Addison, born Nov. 8th, 1955.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

The annual meeting of the Society was held at The Ship, Talbot Court, City, when the retiring Master, Mr. Cyril G. J. Watts, presided over the transaction of ordinary business. This included an interim report of the Committee appointed to bring the Rules up to date. That concluded, the Master said how much he had enjoyed his period of office, and thanked the other officers for the support they had given him.

He then vacated the chair and the meeting proceeded to elect the officers for the ensuing year. Mr. J. F. Smallwood was voted to the chair to conduct this part of the proceedings, and the new officers elected were: Master, Mr. John S. Mason: secretary, Mr. A. B. Peck; treasurer, Mr. A. A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. Selwyn H. Dearden; junior steward, Mr. Philip A. Chalk: trustees, Mr. E. G. Fenn and Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

The new Master was then conducted to the chair by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, who congratulated him on his election, and wished him a successful year. He said Mr. Mason was liked and respected by all and he felt sure their affairs would be quite safe in his capable hands.

The new Master congratulated the retiring Master on a very fine year's work, and said he would do everything possible to justify the confidence the Society had placed in him by electing him as its Master.

A fine start was made by the election of nine new members, mostly from the West Country.

Prior to the meeting, ringing took place at St. Dunstan's, Stepney.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Twenty-seven members and friends attended the quarterly meeting of the Bicester Deanery Branch at Souldern on November 12th. The Rev. Hugh Benson conducted the service and preached the sermon.

The branch president (the Rev. A. F. Gatehouse) presided at the business meeting which followed an excellent tea provided by Mrs. H. Benson and her helpers. The next meeting was arranged for Middleton Stoney in January. The Guild Librarian mentioned the renewal of the appeal to the Parochial Church Councils for an annual donation of 2/- per bell to the Guild's Bell Restoration Fund. This appeal has enabled the Guild to increase its grants to parishes who have to raise a substantial sum from, perhaps, a parish with a small number of inhabitants.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Benson and the ladies who provided the tea. C. H. K.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The November meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on November 5th. This light ring of light had not been rung for some time owing to the shortage of ringers. There was no service as the new vicar was not yet in residence.

Tea was served in Church House; the only pity was that more ringers did not turn up to do justice to the ladies' effort. Visitors included ringers from Bristol and Coventry. Methods rung ranged from rounds to Cambridge.

S. R.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Lewisham's Woman Master

Members from Bexley, Bromley, Crayford, Chelsfield, Chislehurst, Dartford, Erith, Farningham, Greenwich, Hayes, Eltham, Lewisham, St. Mary Cray and West Wickham and visitors from Hughenden, Milton Regis and Melton Mowbray attended the annual meeting held at St. Mary Cray on Saturday, October 29th.

Ringing during the afternoon was directed by Mr. J. Cannell, of West Wickham. The service was held in the ancient Parish Church. The Vicar, the Rev. W. F. Willoughby, who officiated, extended a warm welcome to the members to St. Mary Cray. Mr. E. Stopes was the organist, and the lesson was read by Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford.

A company of 62 was present at tea.

At the business meeting, presided over by Mr. A. S. Richards, three new members were elected. A report of the past year's work was adopted. Mr. A. G. Hill (Erith) and Messrs A. S. Richards (West Wickham) and J. Dafters (Lewisham) were re-appointed District secretary and District representatives respectively. Miss M. R. Andrews (Bexley) was appointed as Ringing Master—this appointment was an innovation for Miss Andrews thus became the first woman to hold office in the District.

St. Mary's, Lewisham, was chosen as the place for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, January 28th, and it was decided to continue the series of combined meetings with the Northern District of the Surrey Association.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, organist, the caterers and St. Mary's ringers and to Mr. W. J. Cannell were acclaimed, as was the reply by Mr. F. G. Wheller, the mainspring of the day's pleasantnesses. The chairman warmly welcomed the visitors, especially Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Corby. Further ringing followed.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

At the recent meeting of the Northern Division of the Sussex County Association, at Hartfield, a non-ringing visitor from Cornwall asked if he might be allowed in the ringing chamber 'just to watch.' He was, of course, made welcome and spent a very interested half-hour. On his departure he expressed surprise at the number of lady ringers, commented on the sociability of everybody and asked the secretary to accept ten shillings towards the funds!

The bells of Holywood, Northern Ireland, Parish Church will be broadcast on Christmas morning.

Mr. John T. Dunwoody writes assuring us that St. Columb did exist. He is an Irish saint and Londonderry Cathedral is dedicated to him.

Miss Audrey Gladwell has started her peal ringing career with flying colours with Stedman Cinques at Reading. Previously her longest touch had been three courses.

Mr. W. A. Kitchenside has found a new cure for a cold. When he arrived at Brede to conduct a peal of Minor he had an aching back and the worst cold of his life. On the way home he found that the cold had practically disappeared.

Members of the R.A.F. stationed at Hednesford who rang the peal of Minor at Rugeley (see page 724) would like to express their thanks to Mr. Toyner, captain of the Rugeley tower, for placing the bells at their disposal. His welcome was a very great asset.

Stanwick, Northants, ringers are working hard for a new treble to make a ring of six. They have raised over £100 towards £200. Any ringers wishing to help us in this happy work are asked to send their gifts to Mr. E. A. Knight, Longwood, Stanwick, Northants.

Following quickly in the wake of Chester Guild's performance of ringing Mr. A. J. Pitman's peal of seven Spliced Surprise Major methods comes a similar performance by Mr. W. Eric Critchley's Yorkshire band. What about it, Kent?

Mr. John E. Cook has now achieved his ambition of turning in Grantham tenor to a peal.

The quarter peal at Ashcott on October 24th was the first of Surprise as conductor for R Short, and not the first of Surprise.

Mr. Evander Littlewood celebrated his 82nd birthday by ringing a quarter peal at Asfordby, Leics, on November 10th. He sets a splendid example by being always in his place on a Sunday and never missing a District meeting of the Guild.

It was unfortunate that the band who met at St. Andrew's, Derby, for the memorial peal to Mr. Albert H. Ward were one short This prevented the second bell, the gift of Mr. Ward in 1923, when the bells were augmented, being rung. His ringing service and his gift are, however, remembered with gratitude.

With regret we learn of the death of Mr. Thomas Goodchild, of Maidenhead, on November 11th, aged 79 years. For 30 years he rang at St. Michael's, Bray, and then moved to Maidenhead, where he rang for 40 years at All Saints', Boyne Hill. An obituary will appear in our next issue.

The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major rung at Netherseale on November 12th was arranged by Mr. Clement Glenn and Mr. J. William Cotton two days previous to the former's death. In the circumstances it was an in memoriam peal to Mr. Glenn. It was also Mr. W. F. Woodward's first peal of Double Norwich 'inside.'

THE WHITECHAPEL BELL FOUNDRY



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318th ANNUAL DINNER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

WITH traditional dignity the Master (Mr. Cyril G. J. Watts), escorted by the stewards (Mr. John S. Mason and Mr. Selwyn H. Dearden), made his entry at the 318th Anniversary Dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths at the Bridge House Restaurant, London Bridge, on November 12th. The popularity of this great reunion was manifest on every hand—strong contingents from the provinces were present and it was a happy gathering that responded to the various toasts with Mr. Albert A. Hughes, the treasurer of the Society, as toastmaster.

During the meal the Master took wine with the Past Masters present, those he did Sunday service ringing with, and the grand old men of the College Youths, those with 50-60 years' membership. These were: Richard Stannard, 65 years; E. T. Elson, 64; Isaac Emery, 64, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, 58; G. N. Price, 58; Ernest G. Fenn, 57; Henry Hodgetts, 54; A. B. Peck, 54; George Cottis, 54; A. A. Hughes, 53.

After the loyal toast the Master proposed the toast of 'The Church,' with which he coupled the name of the Provost of Southwark (the Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown). He said that for some time past much had been written in 'The Ringing World' about their duties and responsibilities towards the Church but he would suggest that they had still a long way to go before they could achieve the result they desired — good Sunday ringing in all towers, with bells in a ringable condition. It was towards that object, he suggested, that members of the Society were best able to help, as they came from all parts of the British Isles.

To the criticism that the Church authorities were not interested in ringers and ringing, the Master suggested where indifference existed they could meet it by interesting themselves in church activities other than those connected with bells. He commended to them the advice of the Rev. Charles Edwardes, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, in which he urged ringers to have their own representatives on parochial church councils. He felt that not only would a better understanding exist but that recruitment to the Exercise would be stimulated.

The Provost of Southwark, in reply, said that one of the headaches of the Church to-day was that of stones, mortar and timber, and he thought he was right in saying that just over half the churches in the country were older than 1,500 years, so they would understand the colossal task before them. If the tower fell down there would not be much for the ringers to do.

THE WOBBLING CANDELABRA

'I am thankful that despite the efforts of Hitler and others we are very fortunate with our tower at Southwark. We are very grateful to the College Youths for their ringing in an emergency, and we are fairly sure with the very worst you can do (as regards ringing) the tower will stand. I have watched the candelabra wobbling beneath the tower but I am still assured by my architect that all is well.

'I am also responsible for another tower, which has no bells and is not attached to a building for public worship. It is still attached to an ecclesiastical authority and I want about £8,000 to prop it up. I feel certain that you are all sorry to see St. Thomas', Southwark, in such a position, but I would be very pleased to see someone come along and take it down. If anyone can suggest how it can be repaired and used, please send me a postcard.'

A pleasing ceremony followed, during which Mr. Harry Miles, of Carbis Bay, presented a new gavel to the Society, the work of Robin Nance, of St. Ives, to replace one that was broken two years ago. He was thanked by the Master for his kind gift.



MR. CYRIL G. J. WATTS

One of the newest members of the Society, Mr. R. S. Anderson, of Stoke-on-Trent, proposed the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' He recalled that the College Youths were founded in 1637 and was the oldest ringing society with a continuous history. The list of members was an impressive one as it included men in all walks in life. Ringing was democratic; irrespective of a man's position when once he took a rope he was but a humble member of the band. Englishmen were inclined to make light of their capabilities and achievements and this was an occasion when they could say, 'Let us now praise famous men.' He suggested that they were the ordinary Sunday service ringers who attended Sunday by Sunday and taught the young week by week on practice night. These men were the backbone of the Exercise; they regarded this as their duty to the church and they were satisfied to see their work well done. He coupled with the toast the name of Mr. A. B. Peck, who had served the Society faithfully and well as secretary for over 18 years.

THE YEAR REVIEWED

Mr. Peck, who received a warm ovation on rising to reply, read apologies from the Bishop of Southwark, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. G. Symonds (Ipswich), Mr. L. Head (Maidstone), Mr. W. H. Theobald (Salisbury, who was ill with phlebitis), and the Fenn brothers (who were both ill).

There were not many peals rung during the year, the total being 13, and these included Stedman Cinques at Southwark for the golden jubilee of the Southwark Diocese. A peal of Stedman Cinques was also rung at Southwark for the 200th anniversary of the formation of St. Martin's Guild. On October 23rd a peal was rung at Arundel to mark the centenary of the bells, when the Duke of Norfolk engaged a band of College Youths to come from London to ring the first peal on the bells.

During the year they had held 49 meetings in London and one country meeting in Bristol, where they were very well received. They also had a nice meeting at Heston. He gave a special welcome to the three generations of the Howell family, from Barking, who were present that evening. They were honoured by a toast.

The company stood while the following, who had passed over during the year, were remembered: Frederick W. Townsend (Poole), Henry H. Flower (Sandown), Reginald P. Crump (Wood Green), Frank Warrington (St. Ives), Mrs. Reeves (Bradfield), James C. Adams (Walthamstow), William H. Passmore (London), Harold J. Poole (Leicester), Thomas W. Hammond (Liverpool), Clement Glenn (Nottingham), Francis S. Wilson (Wincanton), Albert H. Ward (Derby) and T. H. Townsend (Great Staughton, Hunts).

New members elected during the year were: Messrs. W. A. Collins, D. Sutcliffe, C. Harwood, R. Castledine and D. Jewell (Baldock), J. H. Fielden (Halifax), G. W. Pipe (Grundisburgh), W. L. Robinson (Sheffield), C. W. Jose (Truro), A. H. Eplett (Newquay), B. A. Tomlinson (Blackburn), G. Thrush (Heston), W. A. Riddington (Peacehaven), B. C. Ashford (Stourbridge), G. F. Bryant (Halifax), L. and D. Aston (Cheltenham), T. R. Edwards (Rhondda), D. J. Marshall (Long Eaton), W. R. Wright (Burton), W. J. Cook, G. Briggs, A. V. Bennett, T. W. Harris (Bristol), A. F. Lee, K. G. Brain (Bath), F. Vickers (Buckingham), L. Dawson, H. Nutt, F. White, G. Perrin, J. Smith, J. Burgess (Oldham), A. Farrand, A. J. Bennett (Mossley), Dr. D. Longridge (Victoria, B.C.), Dr. G. Neil Smith (Twickenham), E. Lambert (Pilton), S. Foskett (Bedford), B. F. Simes (Biggleswade), H. H. Hayns, D. G. Astridge (Ashtead), R. G. Morris (Great Malvern), L. Head (Maidstone), P. G. Sherwood (Ash), D. MacPherson (Aldershot), E. Treagus (Bognor), C. H. Wood (Clapham), F. Howson (Wembley), S. Ivin (Bedford), E. J. Coode, J. F. Sims (Eltham), R. S. Anderson (Stoke-on-Trent).

The toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies and Visitors' was proposed by a past master of the Society, Mr. J. Frank Smallwood. He said he was very intrigued by the appeal of the Provost of Southwark on behalf of the tower of St. Thomas'. He suggested that he should write to Mr. Frederick Sharpe, who told him that he had 150 bells, some of which he did not know what to do with. He advocated that they should get together and from them make a ring of 12 and get the College Youths to open the bells.

THE INFLUENCE OF THE ANCIENT SOCIETY

The word 'kindred' was a nice word and indicated families and relationship, for they were surely all one family. Most of them were not only College Youths but members of kindred Societies, and he might say how pleased they were to see such a strong contingent present from the West Country. The claim of the College Youths was to be a parent Society and all the kindred Societies had sprung from it, and they were very pleased that the old Society had some influence in the management of those Societies and in setting them a standard to follow.

If he might presume to offer some advice he would ask the kindred Societies to encourage the youngsters. These youngsters would take over the burden—let them see that they had a good start. He believed the younger generation would make a big contribution to ringing. He noticed what a simple thing Surprise ringing was to them, and when he was a youngster Surprise 'frightened me to death.' They had the value of modern education and this was one of the dividends.

They often saw the words 'giants of the Exercise.' In his opinion they were not the men who had rung 1,000 or 1,500 peals, but those who rang Sunday by Sunday and came regularly to practices to help the young, although the latter's ringing might be a torture to them.

In London they were very grateful for the facilities at Southwark. They hoped for good things from Cripplegate and they looked forward with joy to the time there would be ringing there each Sunday. They had a new ring of eight at St. Olave's, another eight at Bow Road and the ten at Greenwich. In the offing there was something being done at St. Clement's and Bow.

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College Youths Dinner—Cont.

Mr. T. H. Francis, Master of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, acknowledged the toast. He referred to the way ringing societies were at loggerheads 200 years ago and the happy relationship that now existed. As Mr. Anderson said, ringing was a true democracy, and the Ancient Society followed that example by encouraging everyone to attend their practices.

'A BRIGHT JEWEL'

The toast of 'The Ringing World' was proposed by Mr. A. York-Bramble, who said if the founder of 'The Ringing World,' Mr. John Sparkes Goldsmith, was alive to-day he would not be disappointed in the journal. He thought they could regard 'The Ringing World' as a bright jewel in the crown of journalism. In this respect they should remember not only the Editor but the contributors of articles, letters and reports. They could not please everyone and at times one heard harsh criticism from beginners, who said the pages of 'The Ringing World' were devoted to peal reports. The answer was to make themselves proficient. He thought the consistent publication of peal reports was very stimulating, for it was by the peals that the standard of ringing was maintained.

Mr. York-Bramble also thanked those generous donors who had saved the paper from bankruptcy. He asked each of those present to go home and get a new subscriber for 'The Ringing World,' the official journal of the Exercise.

The Editor acknowledged the toast.

'THE FRAGRANT MEMORY'

The toast of 'The Fragrant Memory of Masters of 100, 200 and 300 Years Ago' was proposed by Mr. A. A. Hughes from notes supplied by Mr. E. A. Young, who found it difficult to be present as he was now over 90 years of age. These were George Coney, 1655; William Veck, 1755; and William Lobb, 1855.

George Coney joined the Society in 1652, during the Mastership of Robert Roan, distinguished as being one of the earliest of their composers. Coney rapidly passed to the chair and was so successful that he was re-elected two years later.

William Veck joined the Society in 1739 during the Mastership of Francis Tudman, a very old member, who had to wait some 30 years before he was elected to the chair. Veck, in the year of his joining the Society, rang a peal of Bob Major at Fulham, when he rang the fifth with Annable. It was conducted by Stephen Picard.

William Lobb joined the Society in the late 1840's, when probably in middle age, for he was one of the early members of the St. James' Society (of which he was Master in 1838). He rang peals with men who had rung with some of their members now living.

THE COMPANY

The Master (Mr. Cyril G. J. Watts) was supported on the top table by the Very Rev. H. E. Ashdown (Provost of Southwark), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, the Rev. E. G. Turner, Messrs. A. B. Peck, F. Sharpe, J. F. Smallwood, R. S. Anderson, J. G. Haywood, J. S. Mason, F. E. Haynes, J. H. Jones, H. Miles, A. York-Bramble, P. Chalk, J. H. Fielden, W. T. Cook, C. M. Johnson, B. Threlfall, E. G. Fenn.

Others present were: Messrs. R. Begrie, E. Langley, J. Hawkins, H. Newman, L. Barry, T. Newman, W. Grice, W. Manser, C. Norris, R. Norris, S. Foskett, T. Boreham, C. Martin, H. Bishop, T. Townsend, W. Cook, F. Budgen, L. Tidey, J. Weller, E. Cook.

Messrs. H. Belcher, J. Phillips, M. Horseman, L. Derrick, V. Roberts, R. Bowden, F. Edwards, W. Williams, D. Clift, F. Skidmore, V. Savage, T. Setter, E. J. Taylor, J. T. Dyke, H. Fearn, R. Deal, D. Yeo, T. Look, R. Gard-

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Revival of Annual Dinner

AFTER a lapse of many years the annual dinner of the London Counties Association was reinstated on October 22nd. The spirit of the functions of years ago was fully retained by a policy of short but adequate speeches and a first-class entertainment. The completely successful evening was presided over by the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, with Mr. H. W. Rogers as toastmaster. The Church was represented by the Revs. D. A. Vile (Vicar of St. George's, Camberwell) and E. H. Grimston (Vicar of All Saints', Isleworth). Mr. E. A. Barnett, accompanied by Mrs. Barnett and Miss Barnett, represented the Central Council and Mr. T. J. Lock the Middlesex Association.

The loyal toast was proposed from the chair.

MR. E. A. YOUNG'S PRESENTATION

One of the most regrettable apologies for absence was from the Association's old and highly respected friend, Mr. E. A. Young, now in his 91st year and not quite well enough to venture out for the evening. Mr. Young was, however, represented by his 'young' friend Mr. 'Ike' Emery. On behalf of Mr. Young, Mr. Emery presented to the Association the original certificate, appropriately framed. This certificate was drawn and lettered by Mr. Young some 45 years ago, and a reproduction and full description of it appears in the Association's History and Rule Book; a large size reproduction is also issued to each new member. One of the main features of the certificate is a view over London, and to obtain accurate details of this Mr. Young ascended to the top of Tower Bridge.

The Master replied to the presentation with a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Young for his kind action.

Other apologies were from Mr. C. Watts, Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths; Mr. T. H. Francis, Master of the Royal Society of Cumberland Youths; Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, Winnipeg; Dr. Kate Branson, Edinburgh.

'The Church' was proposed by Mr. J. H. Lott, and the Rev. D. A. Vile replied with a very sincere speech, not unmixed with humour. The Rev. E. H. Grimston also responded with warm appreciation.

The toast of 'Kindred Societies' was submitted by Mr. A. D. Barker, who reminded the company, together with other pertinent remarks, that the foundations of the London County Association were laid by the joint efforts of members of the College Youths and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Mr. T. J. Lock replied, both speakers leaving the assembled company in no doubt of the warm regard of fellow societies.

'The London County Association' was then proposed by Mr. E. A. Barnett, and this was answered very suitably by the Master.

THE ENTERTAINMENT

A very adequate programme of entertainment was arranged by the committee. A male voice choir, under the direction of Mr. Glyn Harry, gave an excellent performance of some well-chosen classical and popular pieces. A course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major was rung on handbells by Mrs. E. A. Barnett, and Messrs. W. G. Wilson, E. A. Barnett and T. J. Lock. An extensive selection of tunes on handbells was given by Mrs. C. M. Meyer, Miss V. Dupre, Miss J. Mead, Mr. C. M. Meyer, Mr. J. H. Lott and Mr. F. P. Mead. The scoring of the numbers, in which no fewer than 37 bells were used, was by Mr. C. M. Meyer, and the performance was a masterpiece of precision.

Mention must also be made of a performance on handbells by the versatile father and son, Messrs. J. and L. W. Bullock, who gave a very spirited rendering of popular tunes.

Thanks are due to the committee, consisting of Messrs. J. H. Lott, C. M. Meyer and F. P. Mead, who organised the whole function. In conclusion, the assembly were urged to note two important dates in 1956—the first Saturday in January for ringing, business and nomination meeting at St. George's and St. Giles', Camberwell; and the first Saturday in February for the Annual General Meeting at Southwark Cathedral.

THE COMPANY

In addition to those mentioned the company included Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Merrett, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Archer, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Neil, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Udall, Mr. and Mrs. F. Howson, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Mead, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ottley, Mrs. Udall, sen.; Messrs. L. W. Bullock, J. Bullock, J. Barrance, J. McPhail, J. Hales, A. D. Barker, F. Ranson, N. England, G. Harvey, N. G. Hollingworth, W. T. Elson, F. R. Blewer, Iveson, I. Emery, C. H. Wood, J. H. Lott, C. Fairman, W. Holmes, E. Stammers; Mrs. Udall (sen.); the Misses B. Nolder, E. Palmer, D. Luke, F. Brown, V. Willard, J. Creak, P. Howell, M. Hawksley, V. Howson, J. Mead, E. Gordon, V. E. Dupre, J. M. Weddell.

COLLEGE YOUTHS — Cont.

ner, G. Salmon, G. Briggs, G. Bryant, L. Morris, F. Hansford, A. M. Tyler, H. Sanger, W. Osborn.

Messrs. R. Wilson, the Rev. L. Brewster, H. Pitstow, G. N. Price, V. Cherrill, H. Hodgetts, I. Emery, D. Hughes, W. Rawlings, W. Hughes, J. Hurrell, A. Richards, G. Hurrell, J. Cannell, F. Hurrell, J. Lott, C. Ottley, F. Mead, F. Blewer, J. Bullock, F. Howson, C. Wood, R. Howson, H. Edwards, J. Ward.

Messrs. T. Francis, E. A. Barnett, F. Wilkins, G. Massey, P. Walker, E. Moore, L. Reece, D. Burnett, A. C. Winn, K. Mackintosh, Jim Phillips, D. Parsons, R. Parsons, D. Fowles, P. Woodgyer, J. Sansom, M. Chilcott, B. Lunn, T. M. White, J. Chilcott.

Messrs. J. Whall, W. Elson, R. Wood, P. Shute, F. Shorter, A. Warboys, S. Smith, T. Lawrence, H. Thompson, E. Treagus, H. Weaver, H. Weedon, B. Brighty, J. Crampion, T. Fox, J. Waugh, J. Prior, L. Fox, G. Cecil.

Messrs. R. Stannard, A. Beard, G. Cottis, S. Holgate, C. Wardell, S. Holgate, R. Lathbury, F. Darby, P. Westwood, R. Davis, H. Milford, W. Oatway, D. Wheeler, S. O'Shaughnessy, S. Dearden, H. F. Myers, A. Mason, C. Sangwin, F. Collins, T. Myers.

Stanwick Has a New Peal Board

Ringers from 11 towers came to Stanwick Church, Northants, on November 5th for the dedication of a peal board recording three peals—two firsts by Frank W. Nutt in 1932, and Edward A. Knight in 1946 and 1947. The Rector, the Rev. D. A. W. Brown, took the Guild service, and the collection, amounting to £1 2s., went to Stanwick Bell Fund.

Tea was afterwards served in St. Laurence's School. The Branch president thanked the Rector for the use of the bells and the ladies for a nice tea.

Stanwick ringers are hoping to have a new treble to make a ring of six. E. A. K.

LETTERS

5,024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Dear Sir,—I have been informed that the composition of 5,024 Yorkshire Surprise Major, published in 'The Ringing World' on November 11th, 1955, is not original. I understand it should be ascribed to Mr. Nolan Golden, to whom I tender my apologies. The composition, which first appeared in 'The Ringing World' of December 15th, 1950, was rung at Terrington St. Clement on September 2nd, 1950.—Yours faithfully,

D. KNOX.

Dunstable, Beds.

ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—The claim is put forward from some quarters that the first 5,040 in the above method was rung in Bedfordshire just prior to the last war. My own peal book contains the following:—

Meriden, Warwickshire. The Warwickshire Guild. On Tuesday, June 5th, 1928. In two hours and thirty-nine minutes. At the Church of St. Lawrence. A peal of St. Simon's Doubles, 5,040 changes. Forty-two extents. Tenor 7 cwt. Alfred E. Bacon treble, Joseph E. Sykes 2, Charles G. Bates 3, William A. Stote 4, James H. Raper tenor. Conducted by James H. Raper.

Although it must have been the first in the method by all the band and for the Guild, no claim of any sort was made. But it must have preceded the Bedfordshire peal by eleven years.

WILLIAM A. STOTE.

Coundon.

GRUNDISBURGH

Dear Sir,—With regard to two points in your issue of November 11th:—

(a) Mr. Felstead writes of Grundisburgh as an eight-bell tower from 1891 to 1904, but unless my memory plays me false it was a six-bell tower at least until 1896.

(b) It may interest Mr. Amos to know that 'Mike' as a contraction of 'Michael' was familiar to a previous generation in Dorset. 'Michaelmas' was called 'Mikemas.'—Yours sincerely,

F. LL. EDWARDS.

SAINTS

Dear Sir,—Re your inquiry about St. Simon. Of the apostles, St. Simon and St. Jude have no individual dedications, but are nine times commemorated **together** in English churches. We have an example here in Leicestershire at Earl Shilton, whose grand ring of eight is one of the best kept belfries in this Diocese.

I do not think Mr. Percy Amos need be unduly perturbed by the name St. Columb. St. Columba of Iona was baptised as Colum, at Douglas, to which later was aded 'cille' (of the church) and his name is spelt variously as Colum, Colm, Columbkill and Columcille.

Of St. Miles. This probably refers to Miles Gerard (called Blessed and a Martyr), who was born at Wigan and became a schoolmaster; afterwards studied for the priesthood at Reims and was ordained in 1583. He was martyred for his priesthood at Rochester, 1590. Beatified in 1929.—Yours truly,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

YORKSHIRE ROYAL IN SHROPSHIRE

Dear Sir,—I thank Messrs. J. C. Nash and W. Williams for their letters correcting the footnote which I was responsible for adding to the peal of Yorkshire Royal at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, and I apologise to Mr. Williams and his band for the accidental oversight.—Yours faithfully,

F. HECTOR BENNETT.

Shrewsbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Ashford District and Combined Practices

A fine, warm day favoured the meeting of the Ashford District at Willesborough on Nov. 12th. All the local arrangements had been made by Mr. R. J. Carlton, the tower secretary, and the bells were available from 2.30. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. J. E. Bowman). At the organ was Mr. W. P. Garner, and the lesson was read by another ringer, Mr. R. J. Carlton. The Rector has a soft spot in his heart for ringers, and the theme of his address of welcome was 'Faithfulness,' which he applied to ringers in general, and to his own in particular. The collection was given to the Association's Belfry Repair Fund.

An excellent tea, attended by about 45 members and friends, was provided at the old schools by the Willesborough ringers and their friends, with Mrs. Smith, the mother of one of the ringers, at the head of the catering.

The Rector presided at the business meeting when one new member was elected, and the election of a non-resident life member was confirmed.

The District Secretary referred to the popularity of the combined practice meetings which have started a second season in the Western area under Mr. S. G. Waters, and reports were given by the members who were organising similar meetings in the other three sub-district areas—Mr. R. J. Carlton the Mid-area, Mr. H. Birch the Eastern coastal area and Miss M. Vantom the Lydd area. These reports indicated that, although some bands felt they had nothing to gain from such meetings, on the whole the scheme was well received, and that very shortly combined practice meetings would be covering the whole district. The business meeting concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. T. Cullingworth, the Ringing Master, to all who had contributed to the arrangements at Willesborough.

W. P. G.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On November 12th the Eastern District held a meeting at Cheshunt. By a coincidence proceedings started with ringing for a wedding. A short service was held at 4.30 p.m.

Tea was followed by a business meeting, at which Mr. A. J. House was elected to the chair. Mr. R Durrant (Cheshunt) was elected a probationer member and 12 new ringing members were elected from Great Hormead.

The next District meeting, at Sawbridgeworth, on December 10th, will be a joint meeting with the Essex Association. The District annual general meeting will be at Hertford on January 11th.

It was disappointing to find so few ringers present, but it is hoped that members will make an extra-special effort in future.

C. E. H.

FATHER OF THE IRON TRADE

Dear Sir,—Apropos the article on 'Rotherham Church Bells,' by Norman Chaddock, I venture to point out that the 'Father of the Iron Trade' was surely Wilkinson, of Coalbrookdale, Salop.

Wilkinson and Darby, of the 'Dale,' built both the first iron ship and the first iron bridge, which can still be seen at Coalbrookdale.

There was a foundry at the 'Dale' a hundred years before the birth of Samuel Walker.—Sincerely yours,

E. J. ROWE.

London, N.15.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

The 500th anniversary of the dedication of All Saints' Church, Wyke Regis, was commemorated only a few days previously, so it was appropriate for the autumn meeting of the Dorchester Branch to take place there on November 5th. It also provided a send-off to a happy couple who were leaving the church following their wedding.

The eight bells were rung until 4 p.m., when the Rector (the Rev. F. E. Pratt) conducted the Guild service and gave an interesting address.

Tea was served in the hall by ladies of the church, and the business meeting which followed was under the chairmanship of the Rector, who kindly deputised for Canon A. Wilkinson Markby, Branch chairman, who was unable to attend owing to illness.

The chairman expressed his regret at Canon Markby's absence and also mentioned that Wyke Regis ringers were sorry to lose the services of Mr. Frank Stevens, who had recently removed to Devizes.

Mr. Pratt spoke feelingly on the loss the Branch had sustained by the death of one of its associate members, Mrs. Hill, wife of Mr. Eric Hill, and mother of Mrs. Doreen Symonds, both ringers at Wyke Regis.

New members admitted were Mr. F. C. Morris, of Charminster, and Mr. A. J. Boyd, a scholar of Milton Abbey School, whose home is at Cuffley, Herts.

Branch practices were arranged for November 19th, at Upwey; December 3rd, St. Peter's, Dorchester; December 17th, Charminster; January 7th, Wyke Regis; and the annual meeting at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on January 21st.

Mrs. Godley proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and all his helpers for the grand welcome they had given to the ringers and for the magnificent tea provided.

Ringing continued until 9 p.m. under the direction of Mr. F. Precey, Ringing Master, and his deputies, Messrs. F. Stedman and H. Ford, methods rung including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Douuble Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major. J. H. H.

CHRIST CHURCH, ISLE OF DOGS

On the feast of All Saints, November 1st, a service of thanksgiving was held for the restoration of the Parish Church of Cubitt Town. The church was brilliantly lighted, throwing its restored beauty into excellent relief and revealing several new features of the building. From the design of Mr. Alan Lindsay the sanctuary has been redecorated.

The stained glass east windows, which were completely shattered when the building was damaged by enemy action in 1941, have been replaced by prints, depicting the customary Biblical scenes in a most original manner. A great deal of the credit for this beautiful building must go to the Vicar, the Rev. D. H. Peter Priest, who has never ceased in his efforts for restoration. The sermon was preached by the Bishop of Stepney, the Right Rev. Joost de Blank, to a packed church.

Christ Church, Cubitt Town, is of particular interest to ringers, since it was there that the first peal by an all-ladies' band was rung. The splendid board which commemorates this unique part of ringing history, and which was donated by the ringers of Great Britain, is preserved in excellent condition in the belfry.

Before the service, members of the Northern District of the London County Association rang 1,260 Stedman Triples. Although the bells have naturally suffered owing to lack of use, it is hoped that they will soon be rung regularly, both for service and practice.

Band: L. W. Bullock 1, T. H. Taffender 2, J. A. Hales 3, L. Battley 4, J. Hales 5, J. Barrance 6, E. D. Smith (conductor) 7, J. McPhail 8.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

170 Attend Annual Dinner

FORTUNATE in being able to obtain the use of the beautiful Guildhall, Worcester, the accommodation of which is hardly likely ever to be fully extended, the 18th Annual Dinner of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, held on October 23rd, attracted a large gathering of 170 members and friends. Visitors came from Reading, Bristol, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Claverley, Southampton, Bromyard and Coalville.

Presiding, in his usual inimitable and genial manner was the President and Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev. W. E. Beck, and he was supported by Mrs. Beck, the Right Rev. Bishop C. E. Stuart, the Rev. L. J. Birch (chaplain) and Mrs. Birch, the Rev. A. Webb (Cleeve Prior), Mr. C. Skidmore (Master) and Mrs. Skidmore, Mr. J. D. Johnson (general secretary) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. J. R. Newman (vice-president) and Mrs. Newman, Mr. W. B. Cartwright (vice-president) and Mrs. Cartwright. Apologies were received from Mr. and Mrs. W. Holm, Mr. R. G. Morris and Mr. H. Shuck.

After the loyal toast the chairman said he wished to deviate from the official toast list. Ringers, he said, gave voluntary help and maintained a time-honoured tradition in the life of the Church. 'We have not got to take the ringers for granted and I do appreciate your services. You do literally occupy the highest places of our churches.' Bell ringing required a high degree of skill, obedience and close co-operation with one another. That was the secret of rhythm and harmony, without which the bells of world peace could not be rung. With that, he wished to propose a toast—that to their general secretary.

Mr. J. D. Johnson briefly replied.

In proposing 'Church and State,' Mr. J. Hall said a feature of this country was the stability and close cohesion between Church and State. He had been reading Dr. Jessop's 'History of the Church,' and drew comparisons between the conditions of the 12th century and the present day.

The Rev. A. Webb, Vicar of Cleeve Prior, in reply, said it was preferable that Church and State should be the subjects of a joint toast rather than too much undeserved criticism and 'harpooning.' Their service to the Church as ringers was also a service to the State, and he appealed for more young ringers to come forward and take up the art—the more Christians in the Church, the better for the State. He told the company his own contribution to ringing was two peals, one quarter peal, two broken stays, one rope and one clapper.

RANKED AMONG THE BEST

The toast of 'The Worcestershire Association' was entrusted to the Master, Mr. C. Skidmore. They had not, he said, a history of 200 or 300 years, but the Association had always been well served by its officers, and in personnel and ability it ranked among the best in the country. He appealed to the young ringers to take an active interest in the business of the Association and stressed the desirability of more local bands ringing peals on their own. But, while they were important, the ringing of peals was not their first aim—the main reason for bells in the belfries was to ring on Sundays 'to the glory of God' and to warn people of the approaching hour of worship. As long as the belfries are manned for services, peals are a secondary consideration, and the Association would continue to thrive.

In reply, Mr. D. Beacham said that although resident just outside the county boundary, he was very proud of his membership. Much of the strength of the Association lay in the efficiency of its officers, but they could get nowhere without the co-operation of the members. It was gratifying to see so many young people present that evening—a sign of enthusiasm—but there should be no complacency. The time would come for the older members to hand on the torch and they should be continually on the lookout for new blood, acting as missionaries and bringing others into the fold. Following the chairman's tribute to the 'belles of the belfry,' he said, 'Women are showing the men that they do not have the monopoly and are proving that they can pull their weight.'

The toast of 'Kindred Associations and Visitors' was submitted by Mrs. E. D. Wilson. She gave a special welcome to Mrs. Beck, wife of the president, who was present for the first time, and hoped the Dean would explain to her the ringing terms used that evening. In welcoming visitors they were only returning a compliment, for wherever she and her husband travelled about the country they made a habit of looking in at the local tower for Sunday service or practice ringing, and were met with every courtesy and kindness. The great interest of herself and husband was with young people and the encouragement of these to 'this magic circle of ringers.'

THE CORDIALITY OF WORCESTERSHIRE

Replying, Mr. A. Diserens, of Reading, said that it was his first attendance at that dinner, but it would not be his last. There was an atmosphere of cordiality in Worcestershire which would be found nowhere else. As the father of a band of ringers, he felt he could speak with experience of youth, and he was very pleased with the way youth was being welcomed and the amount done for National Servicemen while stationed in the area. Youth called to youth, and with youngsters getting on, they themselves would bring along others. Peals were rung by a comparatively small handful, but he commended them to 'watch the quarter peals.' More quarter peals for services could lead to peals and create enthusiasm.

The toast list concluded with the health of the chairman, proposed by the Rev. L. J. Birch.

A full and varied musical programme completed an enjoyable evening. An innovation by the combined Leigh and Stonebridge handbell bands, playing tunes in unison on two rings of 12, came over with great effect in the large hall; songs by Miss Patricia Lewis and Mr. Geoffrey Hemming were well received and appreciated; and variety provided by the Bewley male-voice quartette. There was a monologue by Miss E. Clarke, a course of Stedman Triples by Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas, Miss V. Barnes and Mr. J. D. Johnson, and, to add the final spice, the inimitable Percy Sanger kept the company in roars of laughter for considerable periods with his country yokel anecdotes. As M.C., Mr. D. H. Watson competently kept the programme in hand, and Miss E. Clarke was accompanist.

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THE LADIES' GUILD

Sussex Division

On November 12th a meeting of the Sussex Division was held at St. Mary's, Hailsham, a lovely old church at which the traditional curfew is still rung at eight o'clock each evening.

During the early months of the year a ringing platform was installed, which is a great improvement; the bells are heard more easily and there is not nearly as much rope to look after. An organ has been built, and to enter the belfry one must walk through part of the organ, up the spiral staircase and a few straight but very narrow steps. Most people have to go up sideways!! In the centre of the belfry is the organ blower, which serves as a table on which a very kind member of the local band had placed a vase of autumn foliage. This, unfortunately, was moved to the top of the cupboard, by request, to enable the shorter ringers to see across the belfry.

During the afternoon and evening at least 35 ringers attended, including 15 ladies, the best attendance so far. The only all-ladies' ringing was a course of Grandsire Triples 'in hand,' rung during tea break.

After tea a short business meeting was held at which six new members were elected.

The next meeting, the annual, will be at Southover, Lewes (10), on January 14th.

K. M. Y.

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GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: G. Mansfield 1, C. Rigby 2, C. Massingham 3, N. Cox 4, G. Shellard 5, A. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

LAMBETH, S.E.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. D. Grainger 1, T. H. Taffender 2, Mrs. S. Bullock 3, F. Ranson 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, D. Wright 6, L. W. Bullock 7, J. Hales 8.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Pamela R. Gough (first quarter) 1, Diana M. Gough 2, Valerie Mepham 3, D. H. Paine 4, H. W. Brown (cond.) 5, S. W. Brown 6. Rung for the patronal festival and for Remembrance Sunday.

ASCOTT-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. J. Benfield 1, P. F. Coombes 2, L. G. Pittaway 3, W. Lewis 4, H. J. Pratley (cond.) 5, G. Longshaw 6. First quarter for 2 and 3. Rung for the birth of a daughter to Mr. O. Shirley (a local ringer) and Mrs. Shirley.

BEDFORD.—At the Church of St. Peter, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Jennifer Davies (first quarter) 1, S. J. Ivin 2, P. J. Shipton (cond.) 3, C. E. Jeffries 4, J. R. Taylor 5, D. Thompson (78) 6. Rung on the back six by the St. Paul's, Bedford, Company.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—At the Church of the Good Shepherd, on Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. C. Hart 1, H. Stalham 2, W. J. Webb 3, S. G. Ridge 4, C. Riddleston 5, J. W. Reynolds 6, S. E. Armstrong (cond.) 7, R. W. Knight 8. Rung half-muffled by representatives of the three Brighton towers in memory of Charles J. Cooper, tower secretary and steeple-keeper since the installation of the bells in 1927.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFS.—On Oct. 31st, at 56, Foston Avenue (on handbells), 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Foster 1–2, D. T. Gardiner 3–4, B. G. Key (cond.) 5–6, E. M. Key 7–8.

COWLEY, OXON.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. W. Holloway 1, W. Fern 2, Mrs. L. Busby 3, P. Smith 4, L. Busby 5, W. Holloway (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled on the memorial bells in memory of the Fallen.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): W. H. Poole (cond.) 1, Dr. L. E. Wear 2, Miss S. Eason (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. S. Hacking 4, K. E. Pinney 5, C. G. Cleal 6, W. S. Wills 7, H. Pike 8. Rung as a compliment to Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Wear on the birth of a son.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Nov. 6th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Mrs. W. F. Oatway 1, Miss P. M. Steere 2, N. G. T. Steere (first on 10 bells) 3, N. Brown 4, E. W. Razzell 5, F. E. Mitchell 6, W. F. Oatway 7, P. G. Humphries 8, F. E. Collins (cond.) 9, R. Davies 10.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples. Miss D. Johnston 1, H. Perry 2, Miss J. Taylor 3, R. Hartland 4, T. Locke 5, G. Hartland 6, J. Taylor (cond.) 7, H. Johnston 8. Rung to welcome home Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lang from their honeymoon in Spain.

FIVEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss P. Watkiss (first quarter) 1, Miss J. Taylor 2, Miss J. Burge 3, H. Burge 4, J. Taylor (cond.) 5, J. Priddle (first quarter) 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss V. Burge (niece of the ringer of the 4th) to Mr. T. Paul.

GLOUCESTER.—On Nov. 8th, at St. Mary-de-Crypt Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Faulkner (first of Triples) 1, Patricia Prowse 2, G. L. Hewitt 3, G. Green 4, P. Clarkson (first of Triples) 5, J. Whiting 6, L. Barry (cond.) 7, R. G. Corby 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. Romans on attaining the age of 87 years.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. White 1, Mrs. J. Tait 2, Mrs. A. Woodley 3, H. L. Bishop 4, M. Bishop (cond.) 5, A. Woodley 6, G. W. Bishop 7, J. C. Napper 8. Rung half-muffled as a humble and grateful token of Remembrance.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Oct. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: B. Cornell 1, G. Penney 2, Mrs. A. Coburn 3, G. Dodds 4, F. Jacklin 5, J. Ewer 6, M. Frost 7, W. J. Arnold (cond.) 8. First quarter of Major for 2, 3, 6 and 7.

HASELBURY PLUCKNETT, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Lester 1, C. Martin 2, W. Whetham 3, S. White (cond.) 4, A. Robinson 5, A. Best 6. First quarter for 3, 5 and 6.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKS.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Triples: H. Sutcliffe 1, F. Pritchard 2, R. Cryer 3, C. R. Milthorp 4, J. Cheetham 5, J. Walmsley 6, D. Sanderson (first of Triples as cond.) 7, T. Ogden 8. First quarter of Bob Triples by all except the conductor. Rung at Remembrance week-end.

QUARTER PEALS

HIGHER WALTON, LANCS.—On Nov. 5th, at the Church of All Saints, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. G. Henry 1, P. Dunderdale 2, J. Cunliffe 3, T. Barber 4, S. Walmsley 5, F. Stead (cond.) 6, A. Greenhalgh 7, H. Calderbank 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Hazel Ingham and James Brindle; the bride celebrating her coming of age this day.

HUNTINGDON.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: S. E. Dyer 1, Miss B. Spicer 2, J. R. G. Spicer 3, H. S. Peacock 4, A. T. Howes (first 'inside') 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung before Evensong on All Saints' Day. Also on Nov. 6th, 720 changes each of Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss B. Spicer 1, J. R. G. Spicer 2, G. D. Whitehead 3, H. S. Peacock 4, R. F. Baker 5, S. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung before morning service.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. S. Harris (first quarter) 1, G. Marriner 2, A. P. Cannon (cond.) 3, C. Smart 4, B. Hawkins 5, A. H. Smith 6, H. V. Young 7, W. G. Newberry 8. Rung on the occasion of the laying up of a new flag at the Parish Church earlier in the day.

LITTLE ASTON, STAFFS.—On Oct. 30th, 1,320 St. Clement's Bob Minor: C. J. Gall 1, Miss M. Wallace 2, D. W. Barr 3, J. B. Dinenage 4, P. G. Golder 5, M. W. Fairey (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band. Rung for morning service and also as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor, and a 76th birthday compliment to Mr. J. Newbold, a member of the local band.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: M. N. Price 1, G. Prescott 2, R. H. Brice 3, L. W. Pullin 4, H. W. Knight 5, J. W. Owen 6, H. A. Price (cond.) 7, J. K. Baker 8. First in method for 1, 6 and 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: J. Wing 1, Miss J. Gladman 2, J. Rushton 3, Mrs. E. Scott 4, J. Scott 5, A. Smith 6, L. A. Goodenough (cond.) 7, H. Wood 8, A. Rushton 9, R. Kendall 10. For Evensong.

NEWARK, NOTTS.—In the Ringing Room, on Oct. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. L. Exton (first quarter 'in hand') 1–2, F. G. Hooper (cond.) 3–4, D. Simpson (first quarter 'in hand') 5–6. Rung in memoriam Mr. C. Glenn.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—For harvest festival evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Dymont 1, G. Wiggins 2, H. J. E. Curtis 3, F. Tuffley 4, R. W. Rex 5, P. R. Sanders 6, M. H. Maisey 7, F. E. Turner 8, H. P. Reed (cond.) 9, B. Curtis 10.

NORTON, HERTS.—On Oct. 31st, 720 Plain Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Werrett (first quarter) 1, H. Werrett (cond.) 3, P. Flack 4, R. Dixon 5, R. Day (first 'inside') 6, E. Buck 7, Miss I. Werrett covering bell.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 6th, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 Norwich, 720 Cambridge): A. Walpole 1, J. Forder 2, B. Barber 3, G. Walpole (cond.) 4, F. Gunton 5, E. Long 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday service.

NORTHAMPTON.—At the Church of St. Edmund, on Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss S. Powell 1, W. H. Ashby 2, Mrs. G. F. Roome 3, R. A. Eldridge 4, R. Finch 5, T. Jennings 6, G. F. Roome (cond.) 7, J. Vears 8. First in method for 1 and 8. A 21st birthday compliment to Miss S. Powell.

OCKBROOK, DERBYS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Bob Doubles: F. Doran 1, W. Lee 2, G. Powdrill 3, M. Bailey (cond.) 4, J. S. Harrison 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: M. Ling 1, P. Hurcombe (first as cond.) 2, C. Wixey 3, G. P. Green 4, R. G. Corby 5, J. Cobb 6. Also 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: C. Wixey 1, J. Cobb (first of Minor) 2, M. Ling (first 'inside') 3, P. Hurcombe 4, G. P. Green 5, R. G. Corby (cond.) 6.

RAVENINGHAM, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 5th, 1,080 Doubles, comprising 360 Plain, 360 Winchendon Place and 360 St. Simon's: A. Walpole 1, B. Barber 2, J. Forder 3, F. Gunton 4, G. Walpole (cond.) 5. Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. Love, of Raveningham.

RUDDINGTON, NOTTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. A. Bartlam 1, Miss M. E. Hill 2, J. Butler 3, M. Colton 4, S. Adams (cond.) 5, A. S. Colton 6. By regular Sunday service band for dedication festival, and farewell to the ringer of the fourth, who leaves on National Service.

RUISHTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 1st, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Barbara J. Stevens 1, A. H. Reed 2, Pamela M. Stevens 3, R. P. Selway 4, C. J. Stevens 5, W. H. Poole (first in method as cond.) 6. First quarter in method for 1, 3, 4 and 5. First quarter on the bells. Rung on All Saints' Day, and as a 21st wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Stevens.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—At the Cathedral Church of St. Saviour, on Oct. 30th, 1,341 Grandsire Cinques: Miss A. Garnett 1, J. Chilcott 2, B. Bladon 3, S. H. Dearden 4, James Phillips 5, J. Crampion 6, W. J. Rawlings 7, P. I. Chapman 8, R. F. Deal 9, C. Watts 10 John Phillips (cond.) 11, B. K. Lunn 12. For Evensong, and as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. P. I. Chapman, married the previous day.

STAPLETON, BRISTOL.—On Nov. 2nd, 1,320 Grandsire Doubles (11 callings): M. C. Smart 1, C. R. Harding 2, L. E. French 3, F. Skidmore 4, J. W. Smith (cond.) 5, E. Thomas 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. George Guy, who died October 27th, aged 84. Mr. Guy was a ringer at this church for nearly 70 years.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Sept. 18th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Irene Holland 1, Margaret Thompson 2, A. D. Barker (cond.) 3, Sylvia Atkins (first of Stedman) 4, T. G. Hawkins 5, D. Wight 6, D. Stone 7, P. Maskrey 8. For harvest festival.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Judith M. Midgley 1, Mrs. R. Smith 2, Jill Tombs 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, R. Smith (cond.) 5, P. W. Webb 6, W. H. Cooper 7, R. Cooper 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

SUTTON, CAMBS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: Mrs. K. Matheson 1, M. Darby 2, D. Knights 3, L. Lightfoot 4, C. Gimbert (cond.) 5, S. Shipp 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance service.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 6th, at the Church of St. James, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Tarr 1, R. Beale 2, F. Chidgey 3, F. Matravers 4, W. Priddle 5, H. Mockridge 6, W. G. Gigg (cond.) 7, S. Jarman 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

THORLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Beryl King (first quarter) 1, Barbara Warboys 2, T. Camp 3, F. Bird (cond.) 4, C. Warboys 5, T. Swann (first quarter) 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,280 Belgrave Surprise Major: K. R. Dunstan 1, S. H. Hoare 2, R. Rowley 3, W. Wenban 4, R. G. Bell 5, D. K. Adkins 6, T. W. Sheppard 7, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by all.

WAVENDON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 5th, 1,440 St. Clement's and Plain Bob Minor: K. Garner 1, Miss L. Farmer 2, M. Hooton 3, A. Butcher 4, M. Underwood 5, Rev. C. E. Wigg (cond.) 6. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mrs. Neale, a much-respected parishioner of Wavendon.

WEST LAVINGTON, WILTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: S. Grant (cond.) 1, Mrs. W. Trotter 2, A. T. Weeks 3, J. Romain 4, W. Bevan 5, T. Daniels 6. First quarter for 2, 5 and 6. Rung for the collation of the Rev. P. Sexty as a Canon of Salisbury Cathedral.

WORTH, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,440 Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob): Evelyn D. Adams (first of Treble Bob) 1, Elsie F. Feltwell 2, Patricia M. Howard 3, J. A. Howard 4, I. A. C. Butcher 5, F. H. Hicks (cond.) 6. First Bob in the method by 2, 3 and 4. Rung for the dedication of St. Barnabas' Church, Pound Hill.

YASS, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.—On July 16th, 1,264 Doubles (one extent of Old, one of Norfolk, four of Plain Bob and 540 Grandsire): J. Giddens 1, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 2, A. Melbourne (first quarter in Australia) 3, J. Duncan 4, R. Edge 5, H. L. Curll 6. Also on the same day, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: G. Burden 1, H. R. Burden 2, Mrs. Phyllis Knox (first quarter 'inside') 3, J. Giddens 4, W. M. Rowe (cond.) 5, H. Curll 6.

OBITUARY

CANON T. J. ROWLANDS

Canon Thomas John Rowlands, M.A., B.D., Rector of Llandudno, passed away, aged 70 years, on October 26th, after a short illness of three weeks. He was a vice-president of the North Wales Association, and always warmly welcomed the Association when they met in Llandudno. His buoyant and lively nature and general appearance of good health belied an inner exhaustion which had been sapping his vitality for some months and which finally took its toll of him.

On July 9th, 1955, a peal of Plain Bob Major was rung at Holy Trinity tower to celebrate his 21st anniversary as Rector of the parish. They were 21 years of faithful and active ministry, and he was taken in the midst of his work, looking forward, among other things, to the completion of the Church of Our Saviour, and to the dedication of new gifts at Holy Trinity, St. George's and St. Andrew's Churches.

His passing will be keenly felt not only in Llandudno and the other parishes which he served, but also by many regular visitors who worshipped at Holy Trinity and at the open-air services at St. Tudno on the Great Orme, where he was always at his best and happiest. It is those, however, who knew and loved him as a parish priest, a personal friend, a spiritual guide and wise counsellor who will miss him most.

The funeral service took place at Holy Trinity, Llandudno, on Saturday, October 29th, and the bells were rung muffled as the long procession of choir, clergy and bearers left the church.

KENT RINGERS VISIT SURREY

A long day in Surrey was spent by Brenchley and Horsmonden ringers and friends on the occasion of their annual outing on October 22nd. Ringing took place at Banstead, Epsom, Ashtead, Leatherhead, Dorking, Betchworth and Buckland. Ringing ranged from rounds to Superlative and Bob Royal. Handbells were rung in the coach but after the last tower even this ceased and many of the younger ringers fell asleep. The coach arrived at Horsmonden at 11.15 p.m. Thanks are accorded to all the towers that made the party so welcome.

MR. R. G. CORBY'S 100 PEALS

With a peal at Haresfield on October 29th Mr. R. Gordon Corby completed his first 100 peals. Details are appended.

Royal.—Little Bob, Plain Bob.

Caters.—Grandsire 3.

Surprise Major.—Aldenham, Berkshire, Cambridge 3, Lincolnshire, Pudsey, Superlative 2, Yorkshire 3.

Plain Major.—Bebington, Double Bob, Little Bob 2, Plain Bob 8 (cond. 1), St. Clements 2 (1), Cholmondeley, Daresbury, Farndon, Grosvenor, Handbridge, Hereward, Liscard, Malpas, Double Norwich 5 (1), Double Oxford, Little Oxford, Painswick, Poulton, Queen, Shrewsbury, St. Valentine, Westminster.

Treble Bob Major.—Little Albion, Kent 2, Oxford.

Triples.—St. Clement's 2, College, Single Court, Grandsire 7, Reverse Grandsire, Hereward, Double Oxford, Single Oxford 3, Stedman 2.

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BLYTHE—THOMPSON. — On November 23rd, 1955, at St. Edmund's Church, Southwold, John William Blythe, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. M. Blythe, of 18, Barnaby Green, Southwold, and Margot Rose Thompson, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. J. Thompson, of 2, Stanley Cottages, Southwold. 7322

DEATH

PIKE.—On Nov. 5th, 1955, at Caerphilly, the beloved wife of Henry Pike, highly respected member of the Caerphilly band. Aged 81 years. R.I.P. 7331

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MEETINGS

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Meeting at Hyde, Nov. 26th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.—C. K. Lewis. 7266

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — Monthly meeting at Horsley (6), Saturday, Nov. 26th, 2.30 p.m.—M. Bailey. 7298

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury (6) on Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7245

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Nomination meeting in Guildford, Nov. 26th. Tea and meeting Congregational Hall, North Street (next G.P.O.), Guildford, 4 p.m. Bells available: Holy Trinity and St. Mary's 2.30 to 3.45 p.m.; S. Nicolas', Shalford and Stoke 6.30 to 8.30 p.m.—R. Kenward, Hon. Sec. 7237

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—Quarterly meeting, Wellington (on main Leominster Road), Nov. 26th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. 7311

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — Meeting, Saturday, Nov. 26th, St. Mary's, Clapham Common, R.C., 3.45 to 5.15. Own tea. St. Stephen's, Weir Road, Clapham Park. Business meeting (nominations) in vestry 5.30. Ringing 6.30 to 8 p.m.—J. H. Lott, Hon. Sec. 7267

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Monthly practice, Fulmer (6), Nov. 26th, 3.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7283

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — V.W.H. Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Ashbury, Saturday, Nov. 26th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. 7299

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Meeting at Long Melford (8), Nov. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Names for tea to V. Ambrose, 2, Westgate Street, Long Melford.—R. J. Seabrook, Dis. Sec. 7302

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—Surprise practice, Arundel, Nov. 26th. Bells 4–6 p.m., 7–8.30 p.m. Tea available. 7310

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD.—Winchester District.—Annual District dinner to be held at the Westgate Lodge Hotel, Winchester, on Saturday, Nov. 26th, commencing 6.30 p.m. Bar available 6 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 2.45-3.45; St. Maurice (6) 3.45–4.30, 5.15–6. Service at St. Lawrence's 4.30 p.m. Tickets, 10s. each, now on sale from R. F. Brewer, Dean, Sparsholt, Winchester. 7259

WOBURN, BEDS.—A set of handbells are to be dedicated at St. Mary's, Woburn, on Nov. 26th. Ringing from 5 p.m. Short Evensong and dedication at 7 p.m. Ringing afterwards until 9 p.m. All ringers invited to attend. — K. S. 7276

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting, Martock, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Service at 4.30. Tea 5. — T. J. Setter, 52, Middle Street, Yeovil. 7324

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Branch.—Annual meeting, Wellington (8), Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Names for tea.—A. H. Reed, George Street, Taunton. 7317

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery. — Annual meeting, Wrington, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Long Ashton. 7337

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Branch. — Practice meeting at Wembdon. Dec. 3rd, 6.30 p.m. — R. Short, Chilton Trinity. 7342

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—First meeting ever at Felmersham (new 8, 21 cwt.), Dec. 3rd. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in School 5. Buses to church. Names to Tysoe, Bromham P.O. No names, no tea.—Shipton, Sec. 7316

DEVON GUILD. — Aylesbeare Branch. — Meeting, Honiton Clyst, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Numbers for tea, by Nov. 28th, to R. T. Perry, Redcliff, Lympstone. 7297

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Meeting at All Saints' Church, Gosforth, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. R. S. Dryden, 2, Harewood Road, Gosforth, Newcastle-upon-Tyne 3. 7315

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Meeting, Stretham, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7314

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — N.E. District. — Rededication, Kirby-le-Soken (8), Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m., by the Rural Dean. Buffet tea 1s. Numbers for tea, by Nov. 29th, **must** be sent to Mr. U. Wildney, Laurel Cottage, Kirby. 7288

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—Annual meeting at Wotton-under-Edge (8), Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Dec. 1st. — Mary Drew, Bibstone Farm, Cromhall. 7333

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—South Forest Branch.—Annual meeting at Ruardean, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 30th, to P.C. J. S. Hemming, The Police Station, Ruardean, Glos. —D. Stafford, Branch Sec. 7320

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—Annual meeting, St. Mary Redcliffe (12), Dec. 3rd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Canteen, Redcliffe Hall, Guinea Street, 5 p.m. Meeting follows. St. Stephen's (10) after. Notify tea by Dec. 1st.—A. Bennett. 7338

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION — Watford District. — Meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at Rickmansworth (10), 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—K. R. Dunstan, Dis. Sec. 7344

LADIES' GUILD.—West Midland District. — Meeting at Handsworth, Birmingham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Notify for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 29th, Stella Hughes, 3, Delves Road, Walsall. 7335

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual meeting and party will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting 6. Give in nominations for Branch Secretary at the meeting. Whist drive and dance 7 p.m. Tickets from G. Mills, 8, Manchester Road, Heywood, price 4/6 inclusive, 2/6 tea only, 2/6 dance only. Orders for tea by Nov. 30th. 7312

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Standish Parish Church on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Names to Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan. — W. O. Farrimond, Branch Sec. 7332

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. — Meeting, St. Peter's, Burnley, Dec. 3rd. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Cups of tea provided.—Charles W. Blakey, Branch Sec. 7318

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION (Llandaff Branch) and SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD (Southern District) and LADIES' GUILD (South Wales District).—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd, at Cadoxton, Neath. Bells (6) at Neath and Cadoxton available 2.30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. **Please note:** Names for tea, by Nov. 26th, to Mr. G. I. Lewis, 33, Cadoxton Terrace, Cadoxton, Neath.—J. A. Hoare. 7269

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Annual general meeting at Stoke on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 30th, to C. H. Page, 57, Oxford Street, Penkhull, Stoke-on-Trent.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 7336

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—South Norfolk Branch.—Interim meeting, New Buckenham, on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Tuesday, Nov. 29th, to Mr. W. Saunders, New Buckenham, Norwich.—A. G. Harrison, Branch Sec. 7301

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Wavendon, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30. Service 3.30. Please notify for tea by Nov. 26th. A good attendance desired.—R. H. Howson, 19, Greenfield Road, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. 7295

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at All Saints', Wokingham, on Dec. 3rd at 6.30.—B. C. Castle. 7328

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch. — Meeting at Spratton, Dec. 3rd. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby, Warwickshire. 7326

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Salisbury Branch.—Practice meeting, Dec. 3rd, Durrington (6) from 2.30; Amesbury (8) in evening. Tea at Durrington for those who send in names, by Tuesday, Nov. 29th, to Miss Eloie. 8. Albany Road, Salisbury. 7280

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Annual meeting at Lyme Regis on Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea by Nov. 28th.—Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 7287

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD —Devizes Branch.—Meeting at Seend (6), Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea.—Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7339

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Rawmarsh, Dec. 3rd, 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. G. Hiner, 44, Spalton Road, Parkgate.—J. Seager, Sec. 7325

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available: St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12) 3.15-5.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Good attendance, please.—P. N. Bond, E. C. S. Turner, Hon. Secs. 7282

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Meeting at Wollaton, Dec. 3rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Names for tea, by previous Tuesday, to Mr. P. Giles, The Rectory, Russel Drive, Wollaton. — C. W. Towers, Dis. Sec. 7286

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Halesworth District.—Meeting, Dec. 3rd, Halesworth (8), 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea, by Nov. 30th, to Mr. R. S. Payne, 21, Hotson Road, Southwold. 7308

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division. —Quarterly meeting, Bexhill, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Nov. 30th.—R. W. Pankhurst, 11, Salehurst Road, Eastbourne. 7293

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Wednesday, Nov. 30th, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 7309

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—Annual meeting, Christchurch, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Priory bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. Business meeting follows. Notify Arthur Davis, 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. 7329

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — Meeting at Lye (8), Dec. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Names for tea to R. A. Peakman, 47, High Street, Kingswinford. 7330

HERTS (Eastern District) and ESSEX (N.W. District). — Joint meeting, Sawbridgeworth, Saturday, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Small Gains, West Road, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.—T. J. S. and G. B., Dis. Secs. 7340

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Kirton-in-Holland, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, Dec. 5th, to Mr. F. Bishop, 43, Edinburgh Drive, Kirton, near Boston. 7334

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch. — Annual meeting at St. Cross, Hollywell, Oxford, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea and meeting in the School Room 4.30. Names, by Dec. 6th, to T. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford. 7319

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Daventry Branch.—Meeting, Braunston, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Names for tea to me by Dec. 3rd, please.—F. W. Hancock, Church View, Willoughby, Rugby. 7321

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS

LAST week we published the report of the 318th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Year by year these fixed dates in the ringers' calendar occur, but repetition provides no weariness. Each of the great dinners of the 'craft,' to use the word of a recent Master of the Ancient Society, have their own characteristics. Of the College Youths it could be said that they approach in style the model of one of the City Companies. Despite the warmth of friendliness, there is a decorum about the proceedings. The entry of the Master accompanied by his stewards is more than the formal reception of the chairman that is accorded at most dinners.

One characteristic, not exclusive to the College Youths, is the respect—it almost reaches veneration—to those with long membership. The list of those present with over 50 and 60 years' membership who attend the function does not get less with advancing years. Mr. Alexander Young's innovation of some years back of honouring the 'Fragrant Memory of the Masters of 300, 200 and 100 years ago' provides one of these links with the past; there is a touch of solemnity as these men are honoured. Some of the former Masters have been men of distinction in state or commerce, but the vast majority are just ordinary men, with little known about them. Perhaps 'ordinary men' is not the right phrase, because by the very virtue of their election they were men who gained the respect and confidence of ringers of their day and generation; to the outer world 'ordinary,' but to their own intimate circle men who held the esteem of their fellows.

The experience of passing through such a chair is no light honour; the memory remains constant and these past Masters in a sense, although the College Youths have a democratic constitution, are the guardians of the Mastership. It is a sobering thought for any Master that if the Society and ringing remain as to-day their names will be read out 100, 200 and 300 years hence with perhaps an epitome of their lives. The Society should indeed appoint its historian to compile such details so that generations to come should know something of their forbears.

While the Masters in the main have come from the Metropolis and its environs, this is in no sense an exclusive prerogative. The provinces have made their contribution. An essential qualification for the Master is that he should attend the meetings of the Society and not be merely the figurehead at the annual dinner. With a programme of over 40 meetings a year held with one or two exceptions in London, the opportunity of the highest honour in this Society is outside the scope of most provincial members. But the College Youths have a far greater membership outside London, as is also the case with the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths. Of the 53 members who joined the Society last year, only four lived within the ambit of Greater London.

The question might well be asked, Why do ringers as far afield as Cornwall, Wales, Lancashire and even in distant British Columbia desire to join this venerable Society, or the Cumberlands? The practical privileges of membership are, in the main, denied them. Perhaps once in a while the country meeting of the Society will be held in their locality or they might possibly arrange for a peal of the Society to be rung in their neighbourhood, or again they can undertake the journey to London to be present at one of the anniversary dinners. It is, however, in the intangible benefits of membership that the urge to join is forthcoming. Probably the first is tradition, the consciousness of membership of a Society of continuous existence from the days of Charles I. This sense of heritage with the past wells a feeling of pride in the heart of man. But the tradition is not one of mere continuity. The College Youths pride themselves on a standard of achievement. This does not mean that every member is a perfect ringer, although a standard of performance is one of the qualifications for membership. (Whisper it not, but there are bad strikers in every ringing society, although some might have more than others.) Generally speaking, however, the Society maintains a high standard in its ringing based on the fact that the attraction to membership comes from men who are keen ringers, love bells and, above all, the fellowship of their fellow-ringers. 'Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.' These men look to the origin of organised ringing and thus become College Youths. Take any year and read the list of those who have passed over; they are invariably ringers honoured and revered who in their respective localities have given leadership in their own towers and enhanced the prestige of church bell-ringing. Their example is one to emulate and the honour of kindred association is indeed great.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 25 cwt.

PETER J. STANIFORTH	*Treble*	S. ANTHONY JESSON	7
SAMUEL MARTIN	2	SHIRLEY BURTON	8
DONALD THEEDOM	3	E. ALAN JACQUES	9
MRS. P. J. STANIFORTH	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY	10
*DOREEN DUTTON	5	WILLIAM J. ROOT	11
JOHN A. ACRES	6	†RICHARD PRIME	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal.
Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Rev. Canon J. R. Collins, a much-respected friend of the ringers of the Cathedral band.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5103 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 24 cwt.

*ROBERT C. HEAZEL	*Treble*	*FRANK B. LUFKIN	7
*HILDA G. SNOWDEN	2	*ERNEST W. FURBANK	8
GEORGE W. CECIL	3	*HARRY J. MILLATT	9
*ERNEST W. PYE	4	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	10
†TERRY EARLE	5	JOHN H. CRAMPION	11
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	6	*WALTER ARNOLD	*Tenor*

Composed by R. F. DEAL. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. † First peal on 12 bells.

SOUTHWARK, LONDON, S.E.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

ROYDON DAVIES	*Treble*	WILLIAM F. OATWAY	7
JOYCE A. ENGLAND	2	*†GORDON P. T. PETERS	8
GILLIAN R. PARSONS	3	*STEWART F. W. KIMBER	9
*ALBERT J. ADAMS	4	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	10
DAVID E. PARSONS	5	FRANK E. DARBY	11
ARNOLD BRUNTON	6	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ROYDON DAVIES.
* First peal on 12 bells. † First peal of Stedman. First of Stedman as conductor and on 12 as conductor.
Rung as a wedding anniversary compliment to the Queen Also a wedding anniversary compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

TEN BELL PEALS

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
No. 3 Version. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in D.

ALAN J. BROWN	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
BASIL JONES	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	8
JAMES FERNLEY	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
The first peal of Surprise Royal in Blackburn.

GREENWICH, LONDON, S.E.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE,
A PEAL OF 5007 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	*Treble*	THOMAS H. FRANCIS	6
FREDERICK J. CULLUM	2	RALPH BIRD	7
MRS. T. H. FRANCIS	3	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	8
ARTHUR S. MASON	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	9
ARTHUR S. RICHARDS	5	JACK DAFTERS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.
First peal at Greenwich since the restoration of the church and bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. | qr. 10 lb. in A.

GEORGE W. HUGHES	*Treble*	IAN H. ORAM	5
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	HENRY H. FEARN	7
MURIEL REAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ARTHUR V. PEARSON.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

*VALERIE PHILLIPS	*Treble*	ERNEST TREAGUS	5
*DOROTHY K. SAUNDERS	2	ERIC T. LEE	6
†JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	GEORGE FRANCIS	7
*BARWELL B. DIBBEN	4	‡W. LESLIE WELLER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD Conducted by W. LESLIE WELLER.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. ‡ 25th peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

SUTTERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Sat., Nov. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*ERIC FLINTHAM	*Treble*	HAROLD BARSLEY	5
†JOSEPH W. ELMITT	2	JOHN R. YOUNG	6
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	*DEREK SMITH	7
ALBERT E. FLATTERS	4	WILLIAM E. CLARKE	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by WILLIAM E. CLARKE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Mon., Nov. 7, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN E. DOWNIE	*Treble*	JOHN PINFOLD	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	HENRY H. FEARN	6
EVELYN M. FLETCHER	3	PETER BORDER	7
MURIEL REAY	4	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5056 CATESBY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

NORMAN J. GOODMAN	*Treble*	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	5
STELLA HUGHES	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
MURIEL REAY	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 11, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5088 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 10 lb.

URBAN W. WILDNEY	*Treble*	GEORGE BUTTON	5
*MARIAN H. MILLS	2	ROY K. DUESBURY	6
FELIX H. ERITH	3	†PERCY W. MILLS	7
*MICHAEL A. MILLS	4	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by URBAN W. WILDNEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

CATESBY SURPRISE MAJOR.
58, 14, 56, 38, 14, 58, 36, 3.
2nds place lead-end—4ths place bob.
Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, Nov. 10, 1955.

WALESBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F sharp.

John Walden	*Treble*	Gwen I. Rusby	5
Norah M. Bibby	2	George H. Randles	6
Geoffrey R. Parker	3	Peter Border	7
Geoffrey Paul	4	Jack L. Millhouse	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Peter Border.
First peal of London on the bells.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16¼ cwt.

Henry O. Baker	*Treble*	Cecil Raddon	5
John E. Bibby	2	William Allman	6
Alan Dugdale	3	Walter Allman	7
Frederick Jackson	4	Denis Maddock	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Denis Maddock.

HARROW WEALD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in A.

Joan M. Wilcockson	*Treble*	*H. George Hart	5
Phyllis M. Mayne	2	William Wenban	6
Alick Cutler	3	*Peter D. Beedie	7
*Elsie K. Hart	4	John R. Mayne	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
* First peal in the method. The first peal in the method on the bells.
Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall.

ALDERMASTON, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 HAWKHURST BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Ten-part. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. John Castell	*Treble*	James P. Blond	5
Robert B. Blond	2	Harold Reed	6
Reginald W. Rex	3	Malcolm S. Cloke	7
Geoffrey K. Dodd	4	William L. Gilks	*Tenor*

Conducted by Malcolm S. Cloke.
The first peal to be rung in the method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Remigius.
A PEAL OF 5040 TUNSTEAD LITTLE IMPERIAL BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 74 lb. in G.

Charles H. Moore	*Treble*	G. Anthony Sutherland	5
H. William Barrett	2	George Sayer	6
Nolan Golden	3	Arthur G. Bason	7
Stanley W. Copling	4	Bert Gogle	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Nolan Golden.
The first peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile.
A PEAL OF 5088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

Ernest Morris	*Treble*	Brian G. Warwick	5
Mrs. B. G. Warwick	2	Brian S. Chapman	6
Joseph W. Cotton	3	Ernest J. Jelley	7
G. Ronald Edwards	4	John M. Jelley	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. Worsley. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes.*
At the Royal Foundation Church of St. Mary-de-Castro.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 16 cwt.

E. Charles Turner	*Treble*	John A. Acres	5
Mrs. Phyllis Poole	2	E. Alan Jacques	6
Mrs. P. J. Staniforth	3	Peter J. Staniforth	7
Ernest W. Rawson	4	Frank Crane	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mrs. P. J. Staniforth.
Rung with the bells half-muffled to the respected memory of Rev. Canon J. R. Collins, Vicar of the above church for 26 years, whose funeral took place earlier this day.

NETLEY ABBEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Edward-the-Confessor,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation). Tenor 8¼ cwt.

*Isobel Inman	*Treble*	Raymond E. Finch	5
Derek C. Jackson	2	Ruth A. Carey	6
Margaret E. L. Beamish	3	R. Roger Savory	7
John H. Gilbert	4	*Michael V. White	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Roger Savory.
* First peal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Philip.
A PEAL OF 5152 VALBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

Diana J. Perrins	*Treble*	George E. Fearn	5
Evelyn M. Fletcher	2	John Pinfold	6
Muriel Reay	3	Peter Border	7
Edgar C. Shepherd	4	Clifford A. Barron	*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff. Conducted by Clifford A. Barron.
The first peal in the method.

MAULDEN, BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5024 IPSWICH SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¾ cwt. in F sharp.

Charles H. Harding	*Treble*	Bryan Pattison	5
John W. Sinfield	2	Patrick I. Chapman	6
Andrew C. Sinfield	3	Bryan S. Cope	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	C. Edward Jeffries	*Tenor*

Composed by S. Ivin. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
First peal in the method by all and for the Association.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 4¼ cwt.

*Christine Woodward	*Treble*	Walter F. Holloway	5
William H. B. Wilkins	2	James Adams	6
Daphne Castell	3	Harry P. Floyd	7
Charles Coles	4	Malcolm S. Cloke	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by Malcolm S. Cloke.
* First peal on eight bells. The 100th peal on the bells since their augmentation.

VALBOURNE SURPRISE MAJOR.
58, 14, 56, 16, 12, 38, 56, 1.
2nds place lead-end—4ths place bob.
Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, Nov. 17, 1955.

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WEEDON BEC, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in F.

J. MICHAEL LAKIN	*Treble*	*HARRY M. WINDSOR	5
VICTOR A. PERRY	2	PETER NASH	6
ROBIN WILSON	3	ERNEST G. ORLAND	7
MALCOLM J. V. CHOWN	4	MICHAEL F. AMOS	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal of Major.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5120 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSER	*Treble*	†RICHARD J. WARRILOW	5
*JOAN BERESFORD	2	†JEFFREY B. WEBB	6
†ANN BARR	3	†EDMUND MALIN	7
*GEORGE E. OLIVER	4	†PETER BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* First peal of Major in the method. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE BASILICA OF ST. CHAD, METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM,
A PEAL OF 5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in F.

MURIEL REAY	*Treble*	ARTHUR PRITCHARD	5
GEORGE E. FEARN	2	JOHN PINFOLD	6
ARTHUR V. PEARSON	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS	7
RALPH G. EDWARDS	4	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.
Rung for the opening of the Vienna State Opera.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13¼ cwt.

*PATRICIA HOWARD	*Treble*	BASIL W. WHITE	5
FRANK H. HICKS	2	KENNETH SNELLING	6
ALBERT W. BOND	3	WILLIAM ROGERS	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	RAYMOND OVERY	*Tenor*

Composed by R. BALDWIN. Conducted by RAYMOND OVERY.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 9 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 19¼ cwt. in D.

S. ARTHUR READ	*Treble*	*FREDERICK SAVAGE	5
*DAVID HOARE	2	*LAURENCE E. HITCHINS	6
GEORGE J. HAWKINS	3	RONALD G. BECK	7
*VICTOR SAVAGE	4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	*Tenor*

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

GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 14 cwt.

G. LEONARD HEWITT	*Treble*	JOHN WHITING	5
THOMAS NEWMAN	2	WILLIAM RICHINGS	6
ERNEST PALMER	3	LESLIE BARRY	7
*PETER CLARKSON	4	ERIC COOKSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.
* First peal of Triples.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb. in G.

VALERIE PHILLIPS	*Treble*	JOAN M. PHILLIPS	5
*JANET BURROUGHS	2	BARWELL B. DIBBEN	6
JUNE M. CLEMENTS	3	W. LESLIE WELLER	7
GEORGE FRANCIS	4	RAYMOND P. WOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE FRANCIS.
* First peal.

LUGWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 OXFORD BOB TRIPLES
Parker's Six-part No. 4. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*BERYL D. HOLLAND	*Treble*	CHARLES G. JONES	5
MOLLIE TILBURY	2	AUSTIN T. WINGATE	6
PHILIP G. MORGAN	3	REGINALD T. JONES	7
JOSEPHINE A. GREEN	4	LESLIE EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by REGINALD T. JONES.
* First peal. 25th peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band.
Mr. L. Evans has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

MELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 26 cwt.

BRO. FREDERICK G. LEAKER, St. Kenya Lodge, 1833	*Treble*
BRO. ERIC NAYLOR, Beacon Court Lodge, 1967	2
BRO. WILLIAM F. J. COPE, Elizabethan Lodge, 7296	3
BRO. GILBERT H. HARDING, Concord Lodge, 632	4
BRO. ALAN A. HILLIAR, Burnett Lodge, 6789	5
W. BRO. EDWIN H. NASH, Royal Somerset Lodge, 973	6
BRO. ALBERT M. TYLER, Burnett Lodge, 6789	7
BRO. JOHN M. STALLARD, Burnett Lodge, 6789	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRO. ERIC NAYLOR.
Rung to commemorate W. Bro. Nash's year as W.M. of his Lodge.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15¼ cwt.

*J. B. JACKSON (Emman.)	*Treble*	G. C. GALLEY (Queens')	5
C. M. P. JOHNSON (Sel.)	2	*F. B. COOKSON (S. John's)	6
SUSAN JACKSON (Girton)	3	W. T. COOK (Jesus)	7
W. J. RIDGMAN (Queens')	4	J. H. FIELDEN (S. Cath.'s)	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. T. COOK.
* First peal. The ringer of the fourth has 'circled the tower.'

TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH, NORTH SHIELDS.
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*ELISABETH B. SCOTT	*Treble*	*PETER G. WILLIAMS	5
MARGARET A. SOFTLY	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	6
*MARION S. CABEY	3	E. ALAN RAWLINSON	7
ENID SOFTLY	4	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. ALAN RAWLINSON.
* First peal. First peal as conductor and in the method.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 30 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23¾ cwt.

*MARY FULLER	*Treble*	DEREK P. JONES	5
*IAN H. ORAM	2	*JOHN L. MORRIS	6
*BRIAN BLADON	3	*PHILIP MEHEW	7
ROBERT COLLINS	4	DENNIS BERESFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by DENNIS BERESFORD.
* First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

GREAT MONGEHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN F. PENFOLD	*Treble*	*PETER J. RYE	4
*MRS. F. W. LAWRENCE	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN	5
*FREDK. W. LAWRENCE	3	†J. MICHAEL STEPHENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Minor.
Believed to be the first peal of Surprise on the bells.

ACLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Reverse Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, College Bob, Double Bob, St. Clement's and Double Court. Tenor 9 cwt. 47 lb. in G.

HERBERT W. LIDBETTER	*Treble*	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	4
DORIS E. LIDBETTER	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	GEORGE SAYER	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer on his 83rd birthday.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*GEORGE SHELLARD	*Treble*	MONTAGUE SAUNDERS	4
BARRY E. SAUNDERS	2	†WILLIAM F. EYDEN	5
THOMAS E. ROBERTS	3	WILLIAM A. YATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. YATES.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal. First of Surprise on the bells.
The above band are all eligible bachelors of the Towcester Branch.

HAVERING-ATTE-BOWER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*BRIAN E. BRANCH	*Treble*	LIONEL S. WOODS	4
MRS. T. G. FOX	2	HENRY C. WEAVER	5
THOMAS G. FOX	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.

* First peal.

NAZEING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Plain Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

C. W. SAMS	*Treble*	B. G. BURTON	4
F. WHITBY	2	W. WHEELER	5
S. CLARK	3	W. H. ALEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. ALEY.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. H. F. Hawkins, for his silver wedding anniversary.

SPONDON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,
A PEAL OF 5040 ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

JACK BAILEY	*Treble*	WILLIAM LANCASTER	4
FRANCIS R. LOWE	2	BENJAMIN BARKER	5
JOHN S. HARRISON	3	ALFRED MOULD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
First peal of St. Clement's Bob Minor by all, on the bells, and for the Association.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Bailey.



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STITHIANS, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEDYANA.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents, called differently. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

MARGERY A. BIRCH .. .. *Treble*	ARTHUR F. BURLEY 4
ALAN CARVETH 2	DAVID PENROSE 5
A. HUBERT EPLETT 3	ROBERT A. SOUTHWOOD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN CARVETH.

Rung to mark the institution of the Rev. J. R. Jose to the benefices of Stithians and Perran-ar-Worthal.

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in A.

FREDERICK WATSON .. .. *Treble*	J. HARRY COOK 4
*ROLAND H. COOK 2	WILLIAM JOHNSON 5
MICHAEL VERNON 3	JOHN VERNON .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN VERNON.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung as an 82nd birthday compliment to Mr. Evander L. Littlewood, a ringer at All Saints', Asfordby.

WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

In 25 methods: (1) and (2) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (3) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford Treble Bob; (7) Oxford. Tenor 14 cwt.

SYDNEY SAGE .. .. .. *Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 4
M. JILLIAN BRIERLEY .. 2	NEIL D. LOMAS 5
*IVOR JENKINS 3	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.

* First peal in 25 methods 'inside.' 50th peal as conductor.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector, the Rev. E. D. Reeman, on completing ten years' service in this parish, and on his recent appointments as Rural Dean and as an honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of St. Clement's and five of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

SAMUEL H. WATERFIELD .. *Treble*	*GEOFFREY R. DREW .. 4
JOHN COUZENS 2	ROBERT ALLCOCK 5
ROY OWEN 3	TONY OWEN .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.

* First peal in two methods.

The second ringer has now 'completed the circle' of this tower.

CROFT, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
On Mon., Nov. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 25 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 6½ cwt. in B.

FREDERICK WATSON .. .. *Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS 4
*GERALD JOHNSON 2	JOHN VERNON 5
*WILLIAM JOHNSON 3	MICHAEL VERNON .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by MICHAEL VERNON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Minor as conductor and first as conductor on tower bells.

Rung for the birthday of H.R.H. Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall. Also as a compliment to the Rev. and Mrs. Simms-Reeve, of Croft, on their wedding anniversary.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 34 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one extent each of Beverley, London, York, Bourne, Cambridge Surprise, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

JOHN HALL .. .. .. *Treble*	GEORGE W. MOODY 4
C. AUBREY HARRISON 2	HARRY HALL 5
RONALD CHAFER 3	JACK BRAY .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

BUNWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and St. Clement's, and one one extent of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK C. J. ARNOLD .. *Treble*	RONALD E. BURT 4
DAVID VOKES 2	C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO .. 5
T. CHARLES BROWNE 3	WILFRED G. SAUNDERS .. *Tenor*

Conducted by C. FRANK W. PHILLIPPO.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Rev. C. J. and Mrs. Warren, and a 21st birthday compliment to Miss C. Warren.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three extents of Cambridge Surprise, and one extent each of York Surprise, Plain Bob, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in A flat.

JOHN R. MAYNE .. .. *Treble*	*JOHN SCHOFIELD 4
*MADELEINE CHAPPLE .. 2	KENNETH R. DUNSTAN .. 5
*JOAN M. WILCOCKSON .. 3	D. KAY ADKINS .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. MAYNE.

* First peal in five methods.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Seven extents (C.C.C. No. 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150).
Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDK. E. WILSHAW .. .. *Treble*	CHARLES S. RYLES 4
G. ARNOLD MOORE 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
EDWIN SHARRATT 3	WILLIAM CARNWELL .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by FREDK. E. WILSHAW.

All the band have now rung Kent Treble Bob from Minor to Maximus.

LANGLEYBURY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes.*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

*JOHN LE MARIE .. .. *Treble*	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4
WILLIAM WENBAN 2	JOHN E. ROOTES 5
THOMAS J. CLARK 3	THOMAS W. SHEPPARD .. *Tenor*

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY.

* First peal.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Marie Rowley and Mr. J. A. C. Barker, which took place at this church prior to the peal.

PENYFAI, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being one 240 and 40 six-scores (six callings). Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.).

D. WALFORD DAVIES .. *Treble*	WILLIAM T. PETTY 3
THOMAS E. HIDDINS 2	MALGWYN H. WILLIAMS .. 4
THOMAS YEOMANS .. .. *Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PETTY.

First peal on the bells, cast 1903.

Rung as a thanksgiving for the return to health of the Vicar, the Rev. A. Sturdy.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Consisting of two extents each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb. in F sharp.

IVOR JENKINS .. .. .. *Treble*	SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN. 4
SYDNEY SAGE 2	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD 5
*BRIAN SCHOFIELD 3	NEIL D. LOMAS .. .. .. *Tenor*

Conducted by NEIL D. LOMAS.

* First peal in three methods.

Rung for the opening by the Vicar of the new parish hall, and its dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chester.

RAYNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise and Plain Bob, and two extents each of Kent T.B. and Oxford T.B.
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

HENRY PRATT	*Treble*	GEORGE SAUNDERS	4
CECIL BARKER	2	PETER WOOD	5
RONALD SUCKLING	3	ALFRED LITTLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by RONALD SUCKLING.

WENTWORTH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of four 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in G.

FRANK BRUNT	*Treble*	DENIS HOLLAND	4
GEORGE R. HINER	2	SAM SCATTERGOOD	5
BARRY HOLLAND	3	HARRY MORTEMORE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY MORTEMORE.
Rung by the Sunday service band as a 77th birthday compliment to George West (Nov. 18th).

SCULTHORPE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, Nov. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE COOKE	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. DREW	4
*GEORGE GREEVES	2	JOHN COUZONS	5
S. H. WATERFIELD	3	TONY OWEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by TONY OWEN.
* First peal 'inside.'

HANDBELL PEALS

SALFORD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRED L. ROBINSON	1—2	ROBIN G. TURNER	5—6
FREDK. WM. GROCOTT	3—4	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7—8

Composed by J. CARTER.
Rung silent.

SCAWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT GREENGATES,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

MRS. J. BRAY	1—2	JACK BRAY	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	C. AUBREY HARRISON	7—8

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE E. FEIRN.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
AT 26, WELLINGTON ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5093 GRANDSIRE CATERS
No. 14. Tenor size 15 in C.

MICHAEL J. E. BEST	1—2	DANIEL T. MATKIN	5—6
MRS. F. J. MARSHALLSAY	3—4	DAVID HOARE	7—8
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	9—10		

Composed by M. J. MORRIS. Conducted by DANIEL T. MATKIN.
Arranged for David Hoare, it being his first peal on ten handbells.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Recent visitors to Cape Town have been Roy Hubbard from St. Mary's, Chartham, Kent, now serving in the M.V. 'Trevince,' who presented the tower with a fine new stay; and Roy Towler from Basutoland, formerly of All Hallows', Ordsall, Retford (one time secretary of the North Notts Association), who was a lay member representing Basutoland at the recent Synod. His vivacious company was much enjoyed, and Woodstock ringers were delighted to gain a quarter peal with him.

The 1,000th peal for the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was rung at Heavitree on November 19th.

The many friends of Mr. W. J. Prescott, of Bath, will be pleased to hear that he is now back in harness again after several weeks of illness.

Brethren who took part in the Masonic peal at Mells would like to thank W. Bro. and Mrs. Nash for their very kind hospitality extended to them after the peal.

Seven members of Southampton University Society, conducted by a member of Birmingham University Society, rang a peal at Netley Abbey on November 16th. The Southampton University Society have now visions of their first peal.

How pleasant to hear those little-used Rayne bells going once again on November 19th, to a peal which marked Peter Wood's entry into National Service. And still more pleasing to know that they were being rung by some of the Essex Northern Division 'forgotten men.'

The Misses Diana G. Ward and Joan M. Wilcockson, of Stanmore, write telling us of their happy holiday in South Wales, and through our columns would like to thank Miss Jean Powell, of Bedwellty, and others who made them so welcome.

Mr. Denis J. Woodhams, of Tooting, sails for Australia on the 'Orcades' on January 4th. He has been appointed geologist to the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority at Cooma, New South Wales, and expects to be away from this country for two or three years.

By ringing in the peal of Minor at Whetstone on November 12th, 13-year-old Roland Cook, of Asfordby, Leics, has now taken part in peals of Doubles, Minor, Triples and Major.

In the peal at Rugeley on October 15th (page 724) it was Roger Chicken who rang his first peal in three methods and first of Minor 'inside,' and not James B. Morley.

Miss Elizabeth Cooper (15) impressed the Beddington band on the way she rang her first quarter—Grandsire Caters. It was a fine start to her ringing career.

The correct report of the peal at Stanwell, Middlesex, on November 5th should read M. Hatchett 1, Monica Howard 2, F. T. Blagrove 3-4, W. Birmingham 5, P. Lawrence 6, and not as published.

Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, at less than two months short of his 86th birthday, has rung a peal of Plain Bob Major at Oxford. Can he claim to be the oldest tower bell peal ringer?

We are pleased to report improvement in the condition of Mr. Frank E. Pervin in the Cleaver Ward, Gulson Hospital, Coventry. Mr. Pervin wishes to thank those many friends who have so kindly written him letters of sympathy and encouragement.

Congratulations to the Kent band, conducted by Mr. Mark S. Lancefield, who rang the peal of 5,280 Spliced Surprise Major in seven methods at Tonbridge on Nov. 20th. This is the third band to ring this peal. It is time Middlesex ringers pulled something out of the bag.

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PEAL RINGING IN SURREY

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

WITH Surrey we come to another county where large numbers of peals have been rung (almost as many as Suffolk since 1881, despite the fact that more were rung in the earlier days of the period than now). Many of the famous London churches are in this county, which partly explains why, in many churches, we find a greater popularity 70 years ago than now. This is not true of the tower with the most peals—Beddington (10). There has been very consistent ringing here, and its 307 peals have come regularly through the years. Except for the war years, only in 1885, 1901 and 1909 has no peal been recorded, which is a great record. Even Loughborough Bell Foundry has three silent years in its history—1910, 1918 and 1919—whilst Crayford has two and Erith four. One-hundred-and-fourteen peals were rung from the first on the bells in 1877 to 1914; 129 came between the wars, and there have been 64 since 1943. Thus the average per year is greatest between the wars when probably the greatest achievements of 10-bell ringing in the history of the art were accomplished there under Mr. C. H. Kippin. But space forbids enlarging on the matter.

Holy Trinity, Guildford (8), comes very close to Beddington, for it has just reached the 300 mark, as was mentioned recently in this paper. Two previous peals had been rung before the first published in the ringing press (in 1899), and they were in 1780 and 1813. From 1899 to 1914, 56 were rung; from 1919 to 1939, 133, and from 1943 to 1955, 109 (the average is dropping recently, for whereas 18 peals were rung in 1947, only one has been rung so far this year). Here we find Mr. A. H. Pulling the leading light at the heyday of this tower, which was also one of the leading centres in the country for advanced 8-bell ringing.

At Ashtead (8), which is nearing the 300 mark with 286, we find a much greater popularity 50 years ago than now. It was first in the county before the first World War, for no less than 187 of the peals had been rung by 1914. For 15 years after the war the average was nearly as high—87 peals coming up to 1933. Then we find a sudden cessation, for only two more peals were rung before the second war, both in 1938. We nowadays come across an occasional peal, for ten have been rung since 1945. These three towers are a long way ahead of their nearest rivals, for none of the remainder have yet reached the 200 mark.

It will, no doubt, surprise many readers to find that the fourth tower in the county is St. John's, Waterloo Road (8), with 185 peals. One-hundred-and-eighty-three were rung between 1882 and 1914 (65 from 1910 to 1914), which is nearly as many as at Ashtead in that period. The only two peals since 1914 were both rung in 1922. Now that the bells have been restored one hopes to find the tower in the peal lists again.

THE TWO TWELVES

Since one of the two 12-bell towers comes next in the list, we can conveniently mention them both now. Southwark Cathedral has 183 peals since 1881. Four came from 1881 to 1885, then there was a gap to 1903, when 20 peals followed before 1914. The tower was very popular between the wars for 114 peals were recorded then and it has retained that popularity since, for 45 have been rung in the past ten years. This tower is noted for a great 'tragedy.' In 1923, 12,675 changes of Stedman Cinques were rung there—a great achievement considering the weight of the tenor, etc. This was found to be false some ten years later. But that does not lessen the accomplishment of those who took part—it was one of the most magnificent efforts in ringing history. The other 12-bell tower is St. John the Baptist, Croydon. This has only been a 12-bell tower for 20 years—before that it had eight bells. On the eight, 36 peals were rung between 1886 and 1912, and a further 13 from 1923 to 1927 (the last peal on the eight was false!). Then came a ten years' silence, at the end of which came the augmentation to 12. Nine peals were rung from 1937 to 1939, and there have been 14 since 1946.

Surrey has a large number of 10-bell towers—11 in all. Three of these had eight bells at the beginning of the period and one was destroyed in the war (St. John's, Horsleydown, where only two peals had been rung since 1881—in 1884 and 1885, so they had been silent for 50 years when disaster came). Two of the towers are 'centenarians,' both having 105 peals to record, strangely enough. They are St. Nicolas', Guildford, and Reigate. Both had their best periods prior to 1914 and show a similar decline. At Guildford, we find 69 peals between 1881 and 1914, 30 from 1919 to 1939 and six since the war. Reigate's decline is more marked, for 75 of the total were rung from 1883 to 1914, 29 from 1919 to 1937 and only one since the war—in 1945.

Leatherhead's 94 are spread fairly evenly over the past 75 years—41 from 1881 to 1914, 44 from 1919 to 1939 and nine from 1944 to 1954. Epsom, St. Martin, had eight bells until 1920. On these, 32 peals were rung prior to 1914, and there were two more in 1919. It became more popular with its ten bells, and 55 peals were rung from 1921 to 1932. Then came silence for some reason or other, and there have only been four since the war. Haslemere was also an 8-bell tower until 25 years ago. Fourteen peals had been rung from 1901 to 1913 and 17 from 1918 to 1927. It, too, became more popular after augmentation, and 39 peals came from the years 1928 to 1940. Since the war there has only been one peal—12 years ago in 1943. Kingston-on-Thames is enjoying its best period now. Of the 70 peals, 31 came before 1914, 12 between the wars, and there have been 27 since 1945 (none this year so far, however). Camberwell has 42 spread fairly evenly over the years, but with rather more in the early period (five since the war—the last, seven years ago). Croydon, St. Peter, has 39. Thirteen on the eight from 1887 to 1906, five on the ten in 1913 and 1914, 15 between the wars and 6 since. The last 10-bell tower is Bermondsey. Only one peal has been rung since 1913—in 1923. The remaining 21 all came from 1881 to 1913.

EIGHT-BELL TOWERS

We return now to the 8-bell towers. There are three more, not already mentioned, which have reached the century (making ten centenarians in the county in all). They are Epsom, Christ Church, with 139 (60 from 1890 to 1914, 53 from 1916 to 1939 and 26 since 1945—but none since 1952). Mitcham, St. Peter and St. Paul (which was burnt down during the war), had registered 127, with more in the 1881 to 1914 period, on the average, than after—95 as compared with 32. The last 100-pealer is Battersea, which has just reached that total in the period (but it should be remembered that most of the towers in this county, being so near London, have many older peals). Ninety of the 100 were rung from 1882 to 1914, and there were six from 1921 to 1936. Thus there have been four since 1949. Next comes Southwark, St. George, with 96 (41 before 1914, 53 to 1939 and two in 1948 and 1951).

Ewell's 95 have come regularly since 1892 (32, 44 and 19 in the three periods respectively). Chiddingfold and Putney both have 91. At the former for the three periods we have 58, 22 and 11, and at the latter 79, 9 and 3 respectively. So Putney was far more popular 50 years ago. It is 24 years since a peal was recorded at Carshalton. Nevertheless it comes next in order with 86 peals—72 before 1914. Hersham has 81 (35, 26 and 20 commencing in 1901). Horley has 77 (46, 29 and only two since the war, in 1950). Lambeth, St. Mary, has 75 (35, 14 and 26 since the war). Banstead and Farnham have 74. Both have been fairly consistent all the time. Walworth has 68; 65 from 1882 to 1906, and the remaining three in 1925 and 1926. Camberwell, St. George, has likewise nearly all the peals before 1914—62 of the 67. The others were in 1923, 1934, 1937, 1951 and 1952. There are no other 8-bell towers with more than 50 peals, and that seems to be a convenient place to 'draw the line' in this county.

No 6-bell tower has been mentioned yet and none have totals more than the above 8-, 10- and 12-bell towers. Actually, 6-bell ringing has never been very popular in the county, it would appear. That is rather echoed by the fact that there are relatively few such towers in the county—almost the smallest proportion of any county with a similar number of towers. Limpsfield Chart has most peals—62 (9 from 1905 to 1914, 43 from 1922 to 1938 and 10 from 1945 to 1954). Forty-five of Capel's 50 were rung before 1914 (18 in the years 1886 to 1890, when it was the most popular tower of the Winchester Diocesan Guild). Four of the remainder have come in the last three years, so there was only one from 1913 to 1952 (in 1928). Buckland is the only other tower with more than 40. It has 45—only three since the war, in 1952 and 1953. Burstow (26), Seale (23) and Charlwood (22) complete the towers with more than 20 peals. All 8- and 6-bell towers have had peals, but several have been silent for a very long time. The recent peal at Wimbledon broke a silence of 69 years!

There are only six 5-bell towers mentioned in Dove's book. Four of these have had peals. They are Hascombe (7), Ockham (6), and Old Coulsdon and Merton (3 each). All have been rung since the war, except one each at Ockham and Old Coulsdon. Chipstead and Tandridge are the only ones unconquered, but I believe the former is now out of the running, the bells being hung 'dead.' If that is so, I don't suppose it will be long before Surrey becomes the first county to have all its possible towers conquered! Or does Leicestershire claim that? Peals include all published to October 28th, 1955.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

'In extolment of a wedding,' was the footnote to a quarter peal received this week.

The first meeting for many years of the Ladies' Guild in Gloucestershire will take place at Wotton-under-Edge on December 10th. Hopes are entertained that the lady ringers of the county will respond to this Western District quarterly meeting. Gentlemen are cordially invited.

The three generations represented at the College Youths' dinner were the Hurrells, of Eltham, Kent, and not the Howells, of Barking, as stated in the report on page 745. They were Jim, Frederick J. and Geoffrey J. Hurrell. Recently the three took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Eltham, this being Geoffrey's first peal 'inside.'

Owing to certain romantic developments which are rapidly flourishing, an all-bachelor band rang a peal at Cold Higham on November 12th. During the peal a power cut occurred and the fourth 720 was rung in almost darkness. The expression on the faces of the band when the light came back was a sight to be remembered. It is hoped that the spinsters of the Towcester Branch will respond with a quarter peal.

OBITUARY

MR. LIONEL H. PAGE

AN APPRECIATION

May I, as one of his former pupils, express gratitude for the work of Lionel Page, whose death has just been reported in your columns. I speak particularly of the period when he was attached to St. Mary's, Ealing. So keen was he, and he had the knack of imparting his enthusiasm to others, that within a little over 12 months he had, with the help of Jimmie Hunnisett, taught a band who were able to ring a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples.

He was an excellent instructor, who emphasised the importance of good handling and good striking. St. Mary's bells in those days were very odd-struck, and the wooden frame used to 'walk round the tower,' which also swayed considerably. In spite of these obstacles, the ringers he taught to ring those bells did strike them (although I say it!). It was usual to attempt quarter peals as often as possible (we used to meet at 10 and 5.30 every Sunday), and I think we managed 38 in one year.

Lionel Page encouraged us to go about to other towers with him, but not before he was satisfied that we could handle and strike our bells properly. As a result, we were welcomed wherever we went, and the sound principles that had been instilled in us quickly bore fruit. Whatever success I have had in ringing, I know to be due to the excellent start I was fortunate enough to have. Oddly enough—or is it odd if one is grateful to and mindful of one's instructors?—I find the greatest pleasure in teaching recruits, and the greatest thrill when one's efforts are rewarded by adding one more to the ringing fraternity.

So let us hand on the work Lionel Page and his like have done. Let us pause a moment from our personal ambitions and remember Lionel Page. Are we setting as good an example to those less experienced; and, above all, what are we doing to secure the future of the Exercise?

And so, on behalf of his very many pupils, may I say thank you, Lionel Page, for all the patience and skill you lavished on us in our early struggle. I think you made real ringers of us.

FRED W. GOODFELLOW.

Iver Heath.

MR. ALEC RUSBY

The death has taken place at his home at Cawthorne, Yorks, of Mr. Alec Rusby, at the age of 48, after a long illness.

A conscientious ringer for many years at All Saints', Cawthorne, Alec was always keen on upholding the local traditions of ringing, and would strongly resist any attempt to break or modify any special ringing. He was a likeable character, making friends easily as was shown by his London experiences; on a visit to the cup final some years ago he presented himself outside St. Paul's Cathedral on Sunday morning and asked a policeman where the ringers ascended the belfry. Unabashed by the reply, 'You won't be allowed up there,' Alec joined the ringers, was welcomed by Herbert Langdon, Jack Phillips and Co., and quickly made to feel at home. On subsequent visits he always called at St. Paul's, and although a 'Minor' ringer he found much in common with the College Youths.

Contest ringing was his special favourite, and he was a member of the Cawthorne team for many years in local competitions and kept the party enlivened on these occasions. He rang in four peals of Minor, and although he had no use for paper work he could stand in for over 30 Treble Bob Minor methods.

At the funeral the bells, which were half-muffled, were rung by ringers from Cawthorne, Barnsley and Silkstone. A quarter peal was also rung after the service.

MR. W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM

The funeral service took place at St. Albans Abbey on Wednesday, November 23rd, for Mr. Walter Harry Lee Buckingham, aged 89, who died the week previous at the home of his son at Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Mr. Buckingham was born in St. Albans in 1866, and was elected a member of the newly-formed Cathedral Society of Change Ringers in September, 1884, under the late Mr. N. N. Hills. He joined the Hertford County Association at its inception and attended the first meeting in January, 1885. His election as a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths was also in 1885.

His first peal was rung at St. Albans Abbey on August 29th, 1885, and from that date he took part in a great number of peals. His first peal on handbells was rung in January, 1887, at the Goose and Gridiron, London. In the following March he was a member of the famous band that rang Holt's Original 'strictly silent' on handbells. Mr. J. C. Mitchell, another of the 'St. Albans boys,' also took part in this peal, and is now the only living member of the band.

On the resignation in 1894 of Mr. G. W. Cartmel, through reasons of ill-health, Mr. Buckingham was asked to take over the conductorship of the Cathedral Society, which he did until he left St. Albans to live at Bushey in 1896, but continued to conduct peals all over the county, many of which he composed. In 1903 he moved to Goodmayes, Essex, and did not return to St. Albans again until 1918.

He was a member of many societies and associations throughout the country, and although he kept no records, his peal total must have been at least 500. His last peal for the Hertford County Association was in 1933 at St. Peter's, St. Albans, where he had assisted the late Mr. E. P. Debenham in 1887 to form a changeringing society out of the call-change band, and later rang many peals with them, as the peal boards testify.

His longest peal was the 12,096 of Double Norwich, at Maidenhead in 1892, a record length occupying 7 hours 10 minutes. Mr. Buckingham also took a prominent part in Masonic affairs, and held high rank in several Lodges, including the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire and the Grand Lodge of England and Wales. He took part in several Masonic peals, notably the first Masonic Stedman Cinques at Chelmsford in 1926, and the first Masonic Surprise peal at Crayford in 1927. His passing severs another link with the old days when belfry reform came in and 'clean sweeps' had to be made in many towers. Amongst those who were able to pay their last respects to his memory on November 23rd were Messrs. E. R. Mitchell, H. Hodgetts, W. Ayre, H. Goodenough, W. J. Arnold, F. Beeson, G. W. Debenham and H. V. Frost.

A half-muffled course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells as the cortege left the Abbey, and in the evening half-muffled quarter peals were rung at the Abbey and St. Peter's.

H. V. F.

MR. WILLIAM THOMPSON

A ringer at Pirbright Parish Church, Surrey, for over 60 years, Mr. William Thompson died on November 20th, aged 89 years. At the funeral service on November 23rd the bells were rung half-muffled, and the whole pull and stand rung by Messrs. A. C. Hazelden, F. Cherryman, S. Petter, E. Sherwood, Miss Eileen Turner and Mr. J. Avenell.

MR. W. J. NUDDS

The death occurred on Monday, October 31st, at Edgware, of William J. Nudds, at the age of 86 or 87. Unfortunately his wife was in hospital, and information was not available in time for any of his friends to attend the funeral.

Older members of the Exercise will remember him as one of the band that W. Pye made so famous. The highlights of his career were the long peals of Stedman Caters at Loughborough about 1906, and at about the same time four Surprise peals in one day, rung in three different counties.

For several years he rang at St. John's, Stanmore, for morning service and at St. Margaret's, Westminster, for evensong. After ringing at St. Margaret's on the Sunday before the Coronation he fell on some stairs and damaged his ankle. Since then his visits to the tower had been few—the last at Stanmore in the summer of 1954—and for the last few months before his death he was confined to his house.

He had rung 501 peals: great efforts were made for him to complete 500 before his 80th birthday, but it was not to be; it was only reached a year or two later. His last peal was with the over-80s at Camberwell two years ago.

The bells at St. John's were muffled and a memorial quarter peal attempted unsuccessfully on the following Thursday.

MR. THOMAS GOODCHILD

We regret to report the death of Mr. T. Goodchild, who passed away at his home in Maidenhead on Friday, November 11th, after a long illness. He was 79 years of age.

Mr. Goodchild was born in Bray in 1876 and learnt to ring at St. Michael's, Bray, in 1884, where he rang for 30 years. He later moved to Maidenhead, and until his illness two years ago rang at All Saints', Boyne Hill, where he was a regular and loyal ringer for 40 years.

He kept no record of his peals, but it is thought he took part in about 50 peals in methods up to and including London. He was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

The funeral service was held at All Saints', Boyne Hill, on November 16th, attended by his widow and family, and several ringers. The bells were rung half-muffled before and after the service by visitors and local ringers.

E. E. G.

MR. CLEM GLENN

AN APPRECIATION

Mr. Clem Glenn, who passed away recently, did much of his early ringing in Rotherham, and in the parish church peal records are many of the peals he rang in, over 50 years ago, including peals in most of the standard methods on 8 and 10, both on tower- and on handbells. He usually was the conductor. One performance recorded is a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells by a band of average age 19 years, conducted by Mr. Glenn.

He was much respected in Rotherham District for his views on what constituted good striking and good bell music, and his practical application of these ideas in the belfry, also for his courteous and firm manner and the hard work he did for the cause of Sunday service ringing.

On November 6th the following ringers showed their respect by ringing, on the half-muffled bells of All Saints' Parish Church, Rotherham, 1,008 Plain Bob Major:—

Pat Maxwell 1, Betty Wardill 2, Margaret Mills 3, H. Woodall 4, P. Knights 5, F. Fisher 6, T. C. Ryder 7, N. Chaddock (conductor) 8.

N. C.

EWELME, OXON.—1,340 Doubles (St. Martin's, St. Simon's, Grandsire and Plain Bob): W. Fulker 1, F. Godden 2, J. Godman 3, R. Tuckwell 4, F. Absolom (cond.) 5, Mr. Winfield 6. Rung half-muffled for the passing of Mr. E. S. Calcutt, an old ringer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLLECTION OF DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—May I congratulate the Methods Committee on the completeness of their Doubles collection. Unfortunately they have four of the names wrong. The method they give as Antelope, and its reverse and new variations, was rung and named Imperial before the Methods Committee named it Antelope.

Not only did we ring it as Imperial, but the use of the name Antelope can only lead to confusion, there being already too many examples of two methods having the same name, due to 'modernising.' Will the Methods Committee please acknowledge that in the twin-hunt methods section methods 7, 8, 9 and 10 should read Imperial instead of Antelope.

Some of the compositions are also incomplete in the following groups:—

Groups C, D, E, F also have 12 one-part extents given by BPPPBBPPPBPP, and 12 one-part extents given by BPBPBBPPPBBP, and Groups J, K, L, M have 12 one-part extents given by PBPBPPBBBPPB, where P is plain lead and B is bob lead.

Let us hope the Minor and Triples collections will be at least as complete as the Doubles collection.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell.

LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL BELLS

Dear Sir.—Having recently had the very great pleasure of ringing on the mighty bells of Liverpool Cathedral, I feel certain that Mr. R. H. Dove, when he wrote about Lancashire's 'twelves,' could not have heard this grand ring, considered by many to be the best, not only in Lancashire, but the whole world.

The fact that immediate local acoustics render changeringing on them somewhat 'unreadable'—at least to the untrained ear—does not detract one whit from their beautiful organ-like tones and, fine as St. Nicholas' bells are, there is no doubt that local residents and visitors from far and wide do not place them in the same grade.

Lucky Liverpool ringers to be the proud possessors of these two magnificent rings!—Yours faithfully, 'OLD BILL.'

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE

Dear Sir.—I should like to join with Mrs. Staniforth in congratulating the ladies who rang the peal of Major at Shirley, especially the stalwarts at the 'heavy end.' It is to be hoped that we shall shortly see the first peal of Surprise by the ladies of this district.

I must, I feel, take this opportunity to draw attention to the incorrect locating of Shirley, an error due, perhaps, to the convenient but entirely misleading convention used by the postal officials. Shirley is not, and never was, in the city of Birmingham. Shirley is one of the five towns that go to make up the extensive borough of Solihull. The correct designation is Shirley, Warwickshire.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Solihull, Warwickshire.

A GRAND PEAL

Dear Sir.—I should like to thank all the band who rang that grand peal of Cambridge Royal at Grantham on October 22nd. I have heard a lot of praise from ringers and others. It was a treat to listen and hear these grand bells, and one ringer remarked, 'Only the best is good enough for them.'—Yours, etc.,

TOM HALL.

Grantham.

FIRST PEAL OF ST. SIMON'S, 1732

Dear Sir,—With regard to the peal of St. Simon's rung at Courteenhall, I believe there has been at least one peal in the method since the last war, but I should like to point out that the Society of College Youths rang a peal of St. Simon's Triples on the front eight at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in 1732. Presumably this was the first peal in the method.

Doubles ringers might be interested in the following four *regular* methods (Cranbourne first rung at Clewer on Sept. 4th, the other three at Stanwell on Oct. 8th).

Cranbourne Imperial	Winkfield Imperial	Bedfont Imperial	Hatton Imperial
12345	12345	12345	12345
21435	21435	21345	21435
24153	24153	23154	24153
42513	42513	32514	42513
45231	42531	35241	45231
54321	24351	53241	54231
54312	23415	52314	52413
45132	32145	25134	25143
41523	31254	21543	21534
14253	13524	12453	12534
14235	13542	14235	15243
Bob	Bob	Bob	Bob
14253	13524	35241	45231
12453	15324	35421	45321
Single	Single	Single	Single
14253	13524	35241	45231
12435	15342	53421	54321

There are 12 extents of each method, viz.: PBPBPS repeated or PBPBSB repeated, each giving six different callings. These methods are definitely regular.—Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell.

PEALS OF ST. SIMON'S

Dear Sir,—A peal of St. Simon's Doubles was rung at Terling in Essex on Whit Saturday, 1944, conducted by myself, and was the second peal to be rung in this method.—Yours faithfully, RONALD SUCKLING.

Braintree.

GOOD WISHES FOR 112 MINOR METHODS 'IN HAND'

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the band who rang the 106 Minor methods 'in hand.' I wish to extend to Mr. Wilfrid Moreton and his band our sincere congratulations on their attaining the record number of 109 Minor methods, also 'in hand.'

The most methods that can be included in seven different extents at present is 112. I understand that the Yorkshire band are to attempt this in the near future. We wish them luck.—Yours sincerely,

G. E. FEIRN.

Kirton Lindsey, Lincs.

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BEDFORDSHIRE YOUNG RINGERS

Although a somewhat smaller band than on previous tours (being unavoidably depleted in number through illness, work, etc.), the seven members of the Bedfordshire Young Ringers who met on the weekend of October 29-30th nevertheless spent a most enjoyable time in Oxford.

Abandoning their usual mode of transport—bicycles—the journey to Oxford was by train. The first bells to be sampled were the light eight of St. Ebbe's. Here and at St. Aldate's (6) the visitors were pleased to enlist the services of two ringing veterans—Mr. Willis, Oxford, and Mr. Emery, Bromley—in touches of Plain Bob, Stedman, Cambridge, Kent, Double Court, etc.

After lunch the first touch—Cambridge—was at St. Cross' (6), followed by Plain Bob, which unfortunately came to grief only a lead short of a quarter peal. Later, in the evening, at All Saints' (8), Mr. W. Judge kindly stood in and conducted another quarter attempt, this time Stedman Triples, which also very disappointingly came to a rather untimely ending—'swaps' being the culprit on both occasions.

On Sunday morning the party joined the local ringers in touches of Plain Bob, Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and attended the service at the Church of St. Giles. In the afternoon we were met by Mr. P. Walker and with him visited the towers of St. Mary Magdalene's (6) and St. Thomas' (6), and the bells, especially of the latter, were, in spite of a friendly difference of opinion as to the pace at which they should be rung, eagerly kept going to touches of Oxford and Kent T.B., Cambridge, etc. (London would not go.) All too soon it was time to leave the spires and bells of Oxford behind and return to our various home towns and villages. D. H.

LATE NEWS

Mr. A. J. Pitman's composition of eight spliced Surprise methods was rung on November 25th by the Chester Diocesan Guild at Macclesfield.

MEETING AT BUCKFAST ABBEY

Buckfast Abbey again proved a popular venue for the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild of Ringers' by-meeting on November 19th. The large belfry was soon filled with visitors, and ringing was provided to suit all tastes, including rounds on the twelve and a well-struck touch of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Mr. J. E. Lilley.

After tea at the Kings Arms Assembly Room, one new member from Townstal and three new members from All Saints', Babbacombe, were elected. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast for the use of the Abbey bells. Ringing took place at Buckfastleigh and Dean Prior parish churches in the evening.

DEDICATION

FELMERSHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE

After an absence of about 15 months, the old heavy five at Felmersham have been retuned and rehung, while at the same time three trebles have been added. The dedication service was conducted by the Bishop of Bedford, the Rt. Rev. A. C. MacInnes, on October 11th. The opening rounds were rung by the surviving members of the old local band, together with one or two 'foreigners.'

Immediately after the service the bells were rung to Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Cambridge Surprise Major, and the 'go' and tone were all that could be desired. The tenor weighs about 20¼ cwt., and the work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

B. P.

TOPIC FOR THE MONTH – XI.

Retrospect and Prospect

IN this closing month of the year we may, perhaps with some advantage, look back over the previous ten 'Topics,' and consider them in relation to the ringing of the future.

When, towards the end of last year, the idea of this monthly series for 1955 was put forward, official acceptance was given too late for its introduction in the first issue of the paper for the month of January; but in the 11 articles now published it has been found possible to include most of the intended subject matter. This material, miscellaneously propositional, factual and provocative, was intended to stimulate thought, discussion and possibly action. How far it may have succeeded remains to be seen; but at least it seems to have created interest; though not always have its points been interpreted in the intended light.

For example, Topic I—'Peals, Public Opinion and Progress' (Feb. 4th), was interpreted by some as a plea for the substitution of shorter peals. On the contrary it advocated, of course, the retention of full-length peal attempts where no local objection exists; but it suggested the addition of shorter length peals for attempts where full-length peals could not—for various reasons—be attempted; and this was for the specific object of gaining those advantages (including improvement) in ringing practice, which *only* the longer *touches* can provide. Further, the cultivation and not the alienation of public sympathy in this matter was advocated. Closer consideration of these ideas may yet be forced upon us, through the increasing influence of an organisation for the abatement of public noise. 'Forewarned is forearmed!'

In Topic II—'Blue Book and Register' (March 4th), was introduced a subject directly related to the previous one of peals—in fact, the scheduling of each and every method that should find official favour for peal attempts, listed in classification; also how performances in such methods should be centrally registered. For the former a 'Blue Book' was proposed in form of sections, with block-number allocations for the methods in each class, the entries being coded and brief, occupying one line per method and including the approved 'extensions' stages. For the 'Register' a Central Council Officer was suggested—the 'Registrar,' who would compile the currently-initiated volume as reports come in, and 'back' volumes from sundry records, preferably by reference, through kind permission of the Rev. K. Felstead, to his monumental research in peal records. Serial numbering annually with a year-prefix symbol would solve the present v. past numbering problem.

Following this concept came, in Topic III, 'Instruction Manual' (April 1st). This developed the idea that instruction must be well-founded to train ringers for service ringing and up to peal standards. A complete synopsis of a suggested course of instruction was given. The support for this idea, particularly from towers in 'remote' areas, indicates probable future necessity for the detailed compilation of such a work.

On May 6th, with the Central Council meeting upon us, we acknowledged, in Topic IV, 'Ringers' Parliament,' the good work put into the revision of the Central Council's 'Decisions': but stressed two things: the need for careful 'territorial' consideration of the revisions, prior to the Council meeting; and sympathetic consideration for the sponsors of the work But the need was indicated also for the further consideration of some of the forms of dicta, as set out. One example, of several quoted, was that regarding the naming of 'unrecognised' extensions. And only a fortnight ago in these columns we find a peal in one of these, blatantly announced by a name which, unqualified, is not to be 'recognised'—'London Surprise Royal'—thus emphasising our point. We also indicated the need for inclusion of dicta on principles of *method structure*. The extraordinary cart-before-the-horse situation of this neglected branch of ringing science in relation to that of *composition* (which, of course, logically springs from it, but of which the principles have already been fairly well laid down), should clearly have been remedied, long since. Sooner or later these matters must be clarified.

Topic V—'Taking it Seriously' (June 3rd), was, in part, a review of the previous Topics, leading to the point that each of us, as a ringer, has the personal responsibility to assume an objective; as, for example, the furtherance of recruiting. Seven various ways and means of tackling the problem were suggested; and there seems little doubt that the future of the Exercise depends upon our 'taking it seriously.'

In Topic VI—'Strike It!' (July 1st), we came back to this very practical aspect of ringing, and drew a parallel with performance on other musical instruments—but with a difference! Both employ tempo variation; but this was shown to be far easier for a musician in an orchestra, with a conductor to control and indicate the *simultaneously-varied* tempo for *all* the players, than for a ringer in a band where the three tempos are not respectively varied simultaneously for *all* performers (in fact, all three tempos are used at once, of course), and yet where precision striking limits are as close as, or closer than one quarter of a second! Much more attention, in fact, was shown to be necessary to ear-training in the earliest stages of ringing instruction.

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On August 5th, by which time the recently-accepted revision of the C.C. 'Decisions' had become known, our Topic VII—'Comes the Dawn?'—ventured to express the hope that the 'spirit of widened outlook and broadened toleration of what may be rung with official blessing' would have an invigorating effect upon the Exercise. It went on to develop the point briefly indicated as at the close of Topic IV above, and enlarged on the subject of the 'Specification' of methods. It was shown that figures—no matter whether set out in the form of a 'lead' of rows, or of places made in the successive row-intervals of a lead—can never define a method family. The utmost they can do is to identify the particular form of the method applicable to that particular stage only. The modern way of a 'specification,' however, defines completely the method for any or all of its applicable stages. Specifications for extant methods can be deduced; but new methods will doubtless eventually all be designed to given specifications, and so published.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

A page will be reserved in our issue of December 23rd for Christmas greetings to ringing friends. The last date for receiving same is Friday, December 16th. Price 3/6 for 42 words; above 42 words 1d. per word.

'The Meeting' was the VIIIth Topic (Sept. 2nd), and was intended to help those without much experience who were being newly-elected to office. The general arrangements for a meeting were first detailed, both preliminary and sessional. Since the successful administration of any society is partly dependent upon a sound constitution, a note was given on the compiling of rules. The procedure in session as viewed from the chair was then detailed; and lastly the order of agenda items was explained at some length, and the vital importance of adhering to this order for the efficient discharge of business was stressed. Economy of time and effort, with resultant efficiency, was the keynote.

The arresting title of 'Sabotage or Succour?' for Topic IX (Oct. 7th) introduced the vital question of pupil- and ringer-wastage. It stressed the learner's responsibilities to his tutor and to the rest of the band, and reciprocally, and discussed the five types of delinquent in this 'drift' from the ranks. Remedial action was indicated and the need for future care in this field was emphasised.

And so, from a well-run meeting, through well-maintained membership of a band, we came naturally enough in our last Topic—X, 'Ringers' Club' (Nov. 4th)—to the organisation, within the band, of work essential to the maintenance of the 'quarters' of the 'club's' activities. In modern times, with so many distractions and time-stealers, the need for slick organisation and administration is obvious. With emphasis on the need for each member to undertake his or her share of some aspect of belfry maintenance or of administration of the band's activities, we tried to show the helpful effect of congenial environment on the tone and degree of achievement.

In each of the Topics, then, an effort has been made to introduce a subject in which there is a 'future'—a future which demands nothing less than our best attention. Perhaps, as the Christmas season approaches, we may feel that there is no more opportune occasion in which to wish one another well in our efforts to promote good ringing; and to hope for happy peals in 1956. A. YORK-BRAMBLE.

ASFORDBY, LEICS.—On Nov. 10th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss C. Wheeler 1, E. Littlewood 2, R. H. Cook 3, Mrs. I. M. Manton 4, R. E. Manton 5, J. H. Cook (cond.) 6. First of Minor for 1, 3 and 4. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Evander Littlewood for his 82nd birthday.

BARNET, HERTS.—On Oct. 31st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss E. Poolman 1, D. Bowen 2, P. J. Lewis (cond.) 3, M. Soper 4, D. Searcy 5, W. Poolman 6, C. Ward 7, C. King 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. P. J. Lewis on leaving the district.

BEXLEY, KENT.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Tunbridge 1, Miss M. R. Andrews 2, Miss M. Prockson 3, J. L. Morris (cond.) 4, Miss J. Cox 5, I. H. Oram 6, W. Prockson 7, J. Walden 8. First of Triples for 1 and 8. Rung for Evensong.

BIBURY, GLOS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Carey 1, W. Godwin 2, M. Day 3, R. Wenban (cond.) 4, P. Bartlett 5, J. Dowdeswell 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Blachford (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Rea (first 'inside') 2, R. Pike 3, Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay 4, Miss K. Fletcher 5, E. Booth 6, A. V. Davis (cond.) 7, J. Coles 8.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,260 Minor (1,224 Oxford Treble Bob, 36 Bob): W. Broadhead 1, G. Crompton 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, N. P. Moxon (cond.) 5, H. Mann 6. Rung half-muffled after burial of Alec Rusby, ringer at Cawthorne for many years.

CREECH ST. MICHAEL, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Shire (cond.) 1, F. Matravers 2, H. Floyd 3, W. Priddle 4, M. Long 5, F. G. Burt 6.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (240 each of Plain Bob, April Day, Old Bob, Reverse Caterbury Pleasure and 300 Grandsire): H. J. Edmunds 1, R. Daniels 2, N. Line 3, E. Smart 4, R. Line (cond.) 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,316 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss B. Slark 1, F. Hurrell 2, B. Aldridge 3, K. Small 4, T. Culver 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, J. Hurrell 7, J. Sims 8. Rung for the performance of Brahms' Requiem by the Eltham Park Musical Society. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,274 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): Miss B. Slark 1, J. Sims 2, E. J. Coode 3, F. Hurrell 4, F. Richardson (cond.) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Hurrell 7, G. Hurrell 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day Evensong.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Oct. 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Parvin 1, Mrs. R. Sturgess 2, Miss J. Sturgess 3, D. Nuttall 4, G. Verrill 5, H. Nobes 6, A. Sturgess (cond.) 7, B. Bellamy 8. Rung after Evensong on the occasion of the visit of Bishop A. L. Kitching, who during Evensong dedicated a new lectern and Bible given in memory of Mr. Norman Atkins.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. D. Whelpton (first quarter) 1, R. Jones 2, R. H. Mills 3, S. G. Joyce (cond.) 4, W. Wright 5, R. Whelpton 6. Rung at Evensong for Remembrance Sunday.

HANDSWORTH, BIRMINGHAM.—On Oct. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. J. Bennett (first quarter) 1, L. Willday (first 'inside') 2, Miss E. Yardley (first 'inside') 3, Miss D. Perrins 4, I. D. Thompson (cond.) 5, A. Stubbs (first quarter) 6. First quarter on the new ring of bells.

HEADINGTON, OXON.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Doubles (an extent each of Stedman, Reverse Canterbury, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, Plain Bob, Old, Norfolk, All Saints, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day and 60 Grandsire): J. Cruickshank 1, V. Green 2, J. Hadfield 3, T. Smith (cond.) 4, R. Trebilcock 5, R. Gallop 6. First quarter in 11 methods by all. A farewell compliment to Mrs. D. Harding, secretary of the St. Andrew's P.C.C. for many years.

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: P. Rose 1, D. Peacock 2, F. Elsome 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papworth 6.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On Nov. 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Woodard (first quarter) 1, Miss P. Drury 2, E. Warner 3, J. Martin 4, G. Oliver (cond.) 5, W. Saunders 6. Rung for the wedding of Miss S. Ford and Mr. P. Murray, who were married the same day at Melo, Uruguay.

QUARTER PEALS

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 1st, 1,320 All Saints' Doubles: F. L. Weller 1, Miss J. Burroughs (cond.) 2, Miss S. A. Richardson 3, W. L. Weller 4, G. Francis 5. Rung for Evensong. Also on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob): F. L. Weller 1, Miss V. Phillips 2, C. Skinner 3, G. Francis 4, W. L. Weller 5. Conducted jointly by 4 and 5.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Eaton 1, S. A. Hill 2, M. Camochan 3, D. Fagg 4, P. C. Hollingdale (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6. Also in the afternoon, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. S. Eaton 1, P. N. O. Robinson 2, M. Camochan 3, P. C. Hollingdale 4, S. A. Hill (cond.) 5, F. Cox 6.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss W. Picton (first quarter) 1, A. G. Cook 2, R. W. R. Picton (cond.) 3, R. Picton 4, B. M. Barker 5, D. J. Goodman 6. For Remembrance Sunday.

KNOWLE, WARWICKS.—On Sept. 17th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): A. C. Morris (cond.) 1, E. E. Wimlett 2, J. L. Lightfoot 3, A. A. Upton 4, J. Foot 5, A. Nix 6. Also on Sept. 29th, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): A. C. Morris (cond.) 1, K. Foot 2, R. G. Morris 3, J. L. Lightfoot 4, T. Gwilt 5, A. Nix 6.

LEICESTER.—On Nov. 16th, at the Cathedral Church of St. Martin, 1,323 Stedman Cinques: H. B. Bowley 1, S. A. Martin 2, D. Theedom 3, H. G. Wayne 4, Doreen Dutton 5, H. G. Jenney 6, E. Clements 7, S. Burton (cond.) 8, S. A. Jesson 9, H. Broughton 10, W. J. Root 11, R. F. Prime 12. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Canon Collins, of St. Mary de Castro, who was interred this day.

MARLOW, BUCKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Cook 1, Miss E. Gibson 2, Miss H. Bonner 3, J. T. Clay 4, E. Silvey (first in the method 'inside') 5, R. E. Dean 6, L. J. Young (cond.) 7, E. D. Poole 8. Rung for Evensong within the octave of the patronal festival.

NORTH CREAKE, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 5th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. H. Beales 1, D. Emerson 2, J. Couzens 3, R. Allcock 4, A. Leete 5, T. Owen (cond.) 6.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Oct. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Sheila Scott 1, Elizabeth Scott 2, S. Hewitt 3, J. Palmer 4, H. Weekes 5, B. Hair 6, J. Scott (cond.) 7, E. Langton 8. First quarter for 1, 2, 5, 6 and 8. First quarter rung by the local band for Evensong since ringing recommenced in 1946.

NORTON, GLOS.—On Nov 6th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: I. Goulter 1, Shirley M. Parsons (first of Surprise 'inside') 2, Valerie Willard 3, G. Bowen 4, C. A. Wratten 5, D. W. Beard (cond.) 6, D. Beacham 7, D. J. Marshall 8.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 6th, at St. Ebbe's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): C. J. Taylor (first quarter) 1, Miss E. M. T. Powell (first quarter in the method) 2, D. A. Edwards 3, R. A. Hodgson 4, W. H. Jackson 5, P. R. Sanders 6, D. Hodgson (first quarter in method as cond.) 7, J. Read (first on 8) 8. For Remembrance Sunday.

PAYHEMBURY, DEVON.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Tozer (25th quarter peal) 1, A. Hodge 2, C. Webb (cond.) 3, E. Johns 4, W. Sparks 5, W. Webb 6.

PIRTON, HERTS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: B. W. Lake 1, S. Ashton 2, R. Head (cond.) 3, K. Timbury 4, F. Croft 5. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

PITMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: P. Holway 1, W. Burston 2, J. Summerhayes 3, R. Shire (cond.) 4, G. Salter 5, T. Langdon 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Tom Langdon.

QUEDGELEY, GLOS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (five extents): W. R. Wixey 1, C. F. Wixey 2, C. Pugh (first 'inside') 3, F. E. Tranter (cond.) 4, W. C. Whey 5, S. Pugh 6. For Evensong.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Nov. 1st, 1,008 Little Bob Major: P. Dawes 1, Elizabeth Wardill 2, H. Woodall 3, G. S. Lee 4, F. J. Jackson 5, F. Fisher 6, A. Firth 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Longest length of Little Bob Major by 2 and 3. Rung for the patronal festival.

RAMSBURY, WILTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: F. Cuss 1, J. Fuller 2, A. Palmer 3, G. Newman 4, F. Read (cond.) 5, A. Watts 6. First quarter for 2 and 6.

SAPCOTE, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Rosemary Stratford 1, Jennifer Stratford 2, Christine Stratford 3, Dorothy Stratford 4, Rita Stratford 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. A birthday compliment to M. E. Brown. The ringers of the front five are sisters.

SOUTHGATE, N.—At Christ Church, on Nov. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Miller (first quarter) 1, W. Bowden 2, B. Edwards (first 'inside') 3, D. C. Bowen 4, S. Wade (cond.) 5, L. E. Tubbs 6, S. G. Peck 7, C. Aldridge (first quarter) 8. Rung for a Confirmation service by the Bishop of Willesden at which two members of the local band were confirmed.

STAMFORD HILL, S.E.—At St. Ann's Church, on Nov. 10th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. J. Rowe (first quarter, aged 13) 1, M. Cubitt 2, P. Lentz 3, B. Bladdon (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, F. Riddlesden 6. For Confirmation service.

STREATHAM, S.W.—On Nov. 20th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. Sanders 1, Mrs. R. Sanders 2, J. Rea 3, J. Chapman 4, T. Welbourne 5, S. Howard 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, E. Wright 8. Rung as a compliment to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh on their eighth wedding anniversary.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 20th, at Christ Church, a quarter peal of Grandsire Caters: C. J. Gardner 1, Mrs. F. Wilton 2, H. Craig 3, R. G. Townsend 4, E. J. Berry 5, E. Sutton 6, T. Townsend 7, W. W. T. Daniells 8, G. Wells (cond.) 9, E. Vincent 10. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Bristol.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Nov 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Brown 1, Miss G. Brown 2, Miss P. A. Gaunt 3, R. Christopher 4, M. Maisey 5, J. N. Diserens 6, R. Diserens (cond.) 7, R. Rivers 8. Also 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: Miss G. Brown 1, R. Diserens 2, Miss P. A. Gaunt 3, J. N. Diserens 4, R. W. Rex 5, M. Maisey 6, G. K. Dodd 7, H. P. Reed (cond.) 8.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—At the Church of St. Matthew, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. K. Brady 1, Miss J. Highley 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, Miss N. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, D. Neal (cond.) 6, R. K. C. Wilkings 7, C. F. Neal 8.

WALMER, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,256 Little Bob Major: A. C. Rye 1, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 2, Mrs. F. W. Lawrence 3, J. F. Penfold 4, F. A. Rye 5, P. J. Rye 6, F. W. Lawrence 7, F. B. Lufkin 8. First quarter peal of Little Bob Major by all except the conductor. Rung for Evensong, also as a silver wedding anniversary compliment to the ringers of the treble and the 5th.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Hayes 1, F. C. Maynard 2, H. Rumens 3, D. Hewitt 4, A. J. N. Boyack 5, C. T. W. Coles 6, R. J. Chapman (cond.) 7, B. Collard 8. Rung for Confirmation.

WEMBDON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 9th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Stone 1, F. Sweet 2, C. Clarke (first of Grandsire as cond.) 3, D. Miller 4, R. Short 5, C. Sweet 6.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Tinsdale 1, Miss T. Duck (first 'inside') 2, J. R. Waller 3, A. Sykes 4, G. W. White 5, H. Waters 6, S. R. Elwick (cond.) 7, F. Lamerton 8. For Remembrance service.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,320 Double Bob Minor: Rita A. Gower 1, Phyllis Lowes 2, E. S. Ruck 3, L. C. Smith 4, R. J. Carlton (cond.) 5, M. S. Lancefield 6. For Matins. Also 1,320 Double Court: Rosemary E. Gower 1, D. Staples 2, C. T. Hillis 3, A. J. Lancefield 4, W. P. Garner 5, M. S. Lancefield (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Sunday.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 480 April Day and 300 Grandsire): M. Hendy 1, D. Elliott 2, E. Thomas 3, E. Anstey 4, W. F. Scudamore (cond.) 5, R. R. Hack 6. Rung in connection with the 100th birthday celebrations of a local resident.

WOOD GREEN, N.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 different callings): K. A. Hart (aged 15, first quarter) 1, Miss E. Bettridge 2, Miss W. Bettridge 3, R. O. Stroud 4, W. Vince 5, J. G. Nash (cond.) 6.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

Good Material to Carry on the Tradition

The fourth annual dinner of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford took place at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, on November 12th. Accommodation was limited to 102 and all available tickets had been quickly disposed of.

The Archdeacon of Stafford (Venerable W. A. Parker) was in the chair, and he was supported by Mrs. Parker, Rev. W. S. Bethway, Vicar of Wombourn and Rural Dean of Trysull, and Mrs. Bethway, Rev. G. A. H. Rainbow, Vicar of Claverley, and Mrs. Rainbow, and Rev. F. Insull, Vicar of Bentley. Other visitors included Mr. C. Skidmore, Ringing Master of the Worcestershire Association, and Mrs. Skidmore, Mr. A. Glazzard (Hartlebury), Mr. and Mrs. J. Bennett, Mr. H. Henshaw and Miss F. Seaman, together with ringers and their wives from Worcestershire and Shropshire. Apologies were received from Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary) and Mr. and Mrs. F. Colclough.

Following a very good meal, the chairman proposed the loyal toast. In his remarks, Ven. W. A. Parker said what great pleasure it gave him and Mrs. Parker to attend this annual function. He was particularly gratified to notice the large proportion of young people present.

Mr. J. Bennett, brother of Mr. F. Bennett, lay secretary, proposing the toast of 'Church and State,' reminded his listeners that 200 years ago people in this country could be fined 1/- for not attending church at least once a month. Events of recent weeks had emphasised the close relationship between Church and State.

Replying to this toast, Rev. W. S. Bethway said there were those who strongly favoured disestablishment. He was addressing himself especially to the younger members when saying there was no point in altering old traditions just for the sake of a change.

Proposing the toast of 'The Society,' Mr. C. Skidmore said the members could be justly proud of their Association. It had been built up through the efforts of good, sound men in the past. For the present the affairs of the Society were in the hands of competent officials and, went on Mr. Skidmore, looking at the number of youthful faces present that evening there should be plenty of good material to carry on the traditions of the Society in the future. Mr. Skidmore made special reference to Mr. Herbert Knight, who had been associated with the Society for 60 years and who was present at the dinner that night, and Mr. John Roden, who represented the up-and-coming generation of young ringers.

In reply, Mr. John Roden, of Penn, said he was proud to be a member of the Society. He thanked Mr. Skidmore for his kind references and said he was sure the younger members would not let the Society down.

Proposing the toast of 'The Visitors,' Mr. Dennis Holden made a witty little speech (this after assuring the secretary that he was no speaker).

Replying, Mr. Jack Courtman, of Claverley, said he was sure all the visitors present had had a most enjoyable evening. He was always impressed with the good fellowship which existed amongst ringers.

This concluded the speeches, and Mr. Fred Bennett thanked the Archdeacon for taking the chair in his own inimitable manner, and the artistes for so kindly giving their services.

Entertainment was provided by the Tamworth Parish Church handbell ringers, under Mr. G. Peers, Mr. B. G. Key (alto), Mr. C. W. Kirtland (baritone) and Mrs. Marion Key at the piano. An additional item was a few handbell tunes, rung by Messrs. B. C. Ashford, A. Boxley and A. Glazzard, of the Worcestershire Association. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. David Barr 1-2, E. E. Speake 3-4, A. D. Collins 5-6, and D. Knowles 7-8.

During the afternoon the bells of Walsall Parish Church had been available for those attending the annual dinner.

OPEN DAY AT LIVERPOOL CATHEDRAL

The Annual Open Ringing Day at Liverpool Cathedral attracted upwards of 80 ringers from all parts of the country; Lancashire and Cheshire were well represented. The President of the Lancashire Association paid an all-too-short visit to the belfry in the company of the Vice-Dean of Liverpool, and the Very Rev. D. P. Roberts, a very old friend of Liverpool and District bell-ringers. Owing to fog and illness, bands from Ellesmere and Bolton were unable to attend.

Ringing ranged from rounds on the front eight (tenor 24 cwt.) to Bob Major on the back eight (tenor 82 cwt.). Bell-ringers from far and wide tried their skill on this most excellent ring of bells, a ring which is matched to perfection, every bell striking true and every bell setting fair, back and hand. There may be other rings of bells in the country in which every bell is true to ring and set, in which case this single-handed throughout heaviest ring might be seriously challenged for pride of place.

It is hoped this Annual Ringing Day will be even better attended next year, by which time it is hoped the tower will be completely handed over to the Church authorities.

Mr. J. Marsh brought a band from Aughton and asked to meet any other ringers who had rung on the bells of the old Cathedral in Church Street. Eventually one other stalwart was found to keep him company.

On future occasions, ringing would be much improved if bell-ringers came in bands rather than as individuals. E. L. H.

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YATES—BALLARD.—The engagement is announced between Kathleen (Kay) Ivy Ballard, of Plumpton End, Paulerspury, Northants, and William Alfred, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yates, Welsh Lane, Boycott, Buckingham. 7350

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch.—Monthly practice meeting, December 3rd, at Burton-in-Kendal, Westmorland. Ringing 2.30 to 8. Tea 4.30. Names for tea to: Alan Casson, 5, Barton Row, Burton-in-Kendal, via Carnforth.—R. F. Eccles, Branch Sec. 7353

SALISBURY GUILD.—West Dorset Branch. —Annual meeting at Lyme Regis on Dec. 3rd. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m.—Barrett, 22, Proutbridge, Beaminster. 7287

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS and MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Joint meeting, Saturday, Dec. 3rd. Bells available: St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12) 3.15-5.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10) 6.30-8.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea. Good attendance, please.—P. N. Bond, E. C. S. Turner, Hon. Secs. 7282

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Turner's Hill (8), Dec. 3rd. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. 7309

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, near Tottenham Court Road tube station, on Monday, December 5th, 7 p.m.—T. J. Lock. 7358

BARNSLEY DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting at Wath-on-Dearne, Dec. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. W. Green, 28, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne, nr. Rotherham, not later than Dec. 7th.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec. 7383

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch.—Practice meeting, Axbridge, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6), 5 to 8 p.m.—E. C. Wickham. 7385

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—Meeting at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Special methods, Kirkstall and Burnaby Delight. —L. H. Bywaters, Sec. 7360

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District. — Meeting at Wellesbourne Hastings, on Saturday, Dec. 10th (note change of date), at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. All visitors welcome to this recently rehung ring of six. Names for tea by Dec. 7th, please.—H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, nr. Rugby, Warks. 7343

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 10th, Heavitree. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names by Dec. 7th to F. Wreford, 24, Normandy Road, Exeter.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District. — Roker, Saturday, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 8th to Mr. G. Smith, 20, Denham Avenue, Fulwell, Sunderland. Method—Cambridge Royal. 7365

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Saturday, Dec. 10th, at Sutton-in-Ashfield. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Friday previous, please, to Sec., B. A. Sollis, Pendene, Haddon Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. 7379

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Edenbridge (8), Dec. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Names to E. C. Leigh, Spital Cross, Edenbridge. Annual dinner, Jan. 14th. Tickets 10s. 6d., now available from myself or Mr. Wellington. Details later.—C. A. Bassett. 7354

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7367

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Stroud (10), Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5. Notify for tea by Dec. 7th.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 7381

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Christ Church, Swindon (10), Dec. 10th. For tea advise Dr. H. Craig, 22, Lansdown Road, Swindon.—W. B. Kynaston. 7362

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Tewkesbury Branch.—Annual meeting, Tewkesbury Abbey (12), Dec. 10th. Notify before Dec. 6th for tea. J. Beech, Hon. Sec., The Pump House, Berrow, nr. Malvern. 7361

HERTS (Eastern District) and ESSEX (N.W. District). — Joint meeting, Sawbridgeworth, Saturday, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Small Gains, West Road, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.—T. J. S. and G. B., Dis. Secs. 7340

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Names for tea by the 7th to Mr. B. Barker, 26, Havelock Road, King's Langley, Herts.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 7380

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Names for tea to Mrs. de Jong, Vanaarken, Beresford Close, Saltford, Bristol. 7347

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—Practice meeting at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to F. Langtree, Laurel Bank, Broughton-in-Furness.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec. 7382

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LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Loughborough District.—Castle Donington, Dec. 10th. Ringing 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in Church Hall. Names by Dec. 7th to Mr. S. Knighton, 62, Park Lane, Castle Donington, nr. Derby.—C. W. Hall. 7341

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Kirton-in-Holland, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea, by Monday, Dec. 5th, to Mr. F. Bishop, 43, Edinburgh Drive, Kirton, near Boston. 7334

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Billingborough (8), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at New Inn, 5.30 p.m. Names for tea by not later than Dec. 6th to B. H. Dalton, Church Road, Billingborough, Sleaford, Lincs. 7346

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Ann, Stamford Hill, N.15, on Saturday, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Alight at Seven Sisters Road Station, for St. Ann's Road, from buses 623, 627, 659, 679.—T. J. Lock. 7359

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Acle, Dec. 10th (note altered date). Bells (6) from 2.45 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 7th, certain please, to Mr. H. W. Lidbetter, South Walsham Road, Acle.—P. Newstead, Hon. Sec. 7352

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch. — Annual meeting at St. Cross, Hollywell, Oxford, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 3.45. Tea and meeting in the School Room 4.30. Names, by Dec. 6th, to T. Bowles, The Lodge, Chilworth Farm, Milton Common, Oxford. 7319

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Central Bucks Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stone, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 2.45 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45. Names for tea please by Dec. 7th to F. Gibbard, 30 Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks. 7370

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—Practice at Tilehurst on Dec. 10th at 7 p.m.—R. G. Burton. 7355

ST. DAVID'S GUILD.—Meeting at Pembroke, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Names to C. H. Hawkins, Sec., 2, Embankment Road, New Dock, Llanelly. 7376

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Annual meeting at Blandford, Dec. 10th. Visitors welcome. Write: Rev. Wm. Uphill, Stour Provost Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset. 7349

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District.—Meeting at West Retford (6), Saturday, Dec. 10th. Plenty of cafés in town.—H. Denman. 7369

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Bletchingley, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in King Charles Tea Rooms, followed by business meeting in Church Hall. Business includes nominations for District Officers for 1956. Names for tea, by Dec. 7th, to F. Bird, Braddon, Godstone Road, Bletchingley. 7366

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Practice meeting, Storrington, on Dec. 10th. Names for tea please by previous Tuesday to C. Leslie Weller, Sunnyside, Itchingfield, Horsham. 7378

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ship, Saturday, Dec. 17th, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 4 p.m. 7375

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking, Dec. 17th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room, 5, followed by business meeting. Please send numbers for tea to Miss Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by Dec. 14th.—A. H. Smith. 7372

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YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at St. Paul's, Drighlington. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Names for tea to Mr. S. H. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington, not later than first post on Friday, Dec. 16th.—A. E. Marsh Hon. Dis. Sec. 7377

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PEALS OF DOUBLES

THE painstaking researches of the Reverend K. H. W. Felstead regarding statistics of peals claimed to have been rung in the various counties cause ringers to look more carefully into the matter. When facts are assembled and re-presented they take on a different aspect. Thus we learn, as far as Somerset is concerned, that six peals have been rung on the heavy six at Queen Camel. Of five of these peals there can be no reasonable doubt, having due regard to the time taken, and of the bands which rang them. But of the sixth there is grave doubt. In the peal book of the Association concerned, it is recorded that six men rang a peal of Doubles on the bells in the year 1908 in the time of two hours and forty-eight minutes. It is perfectly obvious to the many ringers who know the bells, and still more so to those ringers who knew at least some of the band, that either the full number of changes was not rung, or that the time taken was grossly underestimated. Whether there was much comment at the time in the district is not now known. But then so much gets by without challenge. Some twenty years ago, the report of a multi-method peal of Minor asserted that a 720 of Little Bob was included in it. No comment on the matter appeared in 'The Ringing World,' but no doubt much was said outside, particularly to the conductor.

It is not uncommon for reports of very fast peals to be published. Usually they are peals of Grandsire Doubles, and generally they are rung by bands having no great knowledge or peal ringing experience. They cause adverse comment among knowledgeable ringers who are convinced that the performances as claimed are not valid. One instance can be recorded, however. The report of a peal of Grandsire Doubles was published and many ringers were quite sure that the facts could not have been as claimed. These doubts came to the ear of the conductor, whose first peal as conductor it was. A man of integrity, he was almost prepared to withdraw his claim to having rung the peal, but he did a very wise thing. He invited an observer to listen to, and to time a quarter peal, rung by the same band. The observer had the pleasure to record that the quarter peal was rung correctly, and in a time which was almost exactly one quarter of the time claimed for the peal. The band made no attempt to hurry things but rang at the natural pace of the bells, and the observer was able to report accordingly, and so silence the critics. There was one error in the report—the tenor's weight was later found to be some 3 cwt. lighter than it was popularly supposed to be. It would be well if conductors of peals which are ultra fast, and which cause adverse comment, would repeat their alleged performance, or a part of it, after having given due notice to do so. Those ringers who have rung a peal in 160 minutes, and those, fewer in number, who have rung a peal in 150 minutes, and knowing how fast they had to ring, certainly open their eyes at reports of peals rung in 140 minutes or thereabouts.

How can such claims arise? Too often the time of the start and finish of a peal is only casually observed, not that that matters very much as a rule, but greater care should be taken when it appears that a fantastically fast peal is going to be rung. It is not particularly easy to call a peal of Doubles, accurately and in full. There are so many things which may happen. Nearly half a century ago, a young man started to call his first peal as conductor. The bells were steel bells, and because of their relatively large size for their weight, the wheels were unduly large, and the draught was no short one. The ropes were excellent ones as far as durability was concerned, but in wet weather they became almost unmanageably stiff, and it *was* wet for the occasion. The conductor's tutor and mentor, in spite of the rain, walked about the fields and lanes, heeding every blow. Some five six-scores from home the third and fourth ropes became entangled owing to one of the ringers missing his sally, and the conductor stopped the ringing. When the band met the observer, he asked what had happened. On being told, he commented in his inimitably dry way: 'It would have been love's labour lost, anyway, because you rang your 12 six-scores of Plain Bob all right, and so you did the first ten of your Grandsire, but when you came to the ninth six-score of your second ten, you called it B.S.B.S. instead of B.S.B.B.S.B. Not only that, as the bells came round at a single, you presumed that you had reached the end of the thirty-second six-score, and forthwith embarked on what you thought were the last ten.' The moral of this is plain. Had the weather been dry, and had the mentor been at home ill in bed, the report of the ringing would have been published as a peal probably, for there was no doubt that the band would have rung the last six-scores properly, unless, of course, the conductor had made a further mistake. And six young men would have been convinced that they had rung a peal. Doubtless there are others who imagine,

quite wrongly, that they have rung in a peal. So it behoves all conductors of peals of Doubles to make as sure as it is possible that they and their band are not under a misapprehension. It is quite certain that the would-be conductor of the ringing of nearly fifty years ago *did* make certain, as far as it was humanly possible, that any future peals of Doubles that he might conduct were absolutely complete. J. T. D.

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At the Cathedral Church of All Saints.
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Geoffrey Paul	3	Raymond F. Smith	9
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At Christ Church.
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Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*Clifford Thomas	*Treble*	Edward J. Holloway	6
Wilfred Kerr	2	George A. Packer	7
Stephen Layland	3	Ewart H. Edge	8
Richard D. Langford	4	Ivor Nichols	9
†Malcolm Owen	5	W. Frank Stenson	*Tenor*

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A PEAL OF 5003 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in E flat.

Frank C. Price	*Treble* / 2	William H. Coles	6
John Chilcott	3	Thomas J. Lock	7
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At the Church of St. Wilfrid,
A PEAL OF 5152 WEMBLEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

Vivienne M. Horton	*Treble*	Robin G. Turner	5
Gordon A. Halls	2	Harold Taylor	6
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At the Church of St. Catherine,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's Variation. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Alfred Ballard	*Treble*	Alan Hough	5
Nancy E. Marklew	2	John Vernon	6
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BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Joseph Saxton	*Treble*	George Challans	5
Mrs. Bessie Holmes	2	Herbert T. Rooke	6
*Alan Keller	3	Harold Wagstaffe	7
†Kenneth Rutland	4	Douglas H. Rooke	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. Pitstow. Conducted by Herbert T. Rooke.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal of Major.

EXETER, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
OFFICERS' PEAL.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael, Heavitree,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Holt's Ten-part. Tenor 25¾ cwt.

Beatrice M. Boyle (Sec., N. Devon Branch)	*Treble*
Ernest J. Taylor (Gen. Sec.)	2
Robert T. Perry (Sec., Aylesbeare Branch)	3
Frederick Wreford (Sec., Exeter Branch)	4
John L. S. Glanvill (Ringing Master, Aylesbeare Branch)	5
*William H. Ware (Sec., N.E. Devon Branch)	6
Thomas G. Myers (Sec., S.W. Devon Branch)	7
†William Webb (Sec., E. Devon Branch)	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas G. Myers.
* First peal of Triples 'inside.' † First peal of Triples. First Officers' Peal for the Guild. The 1,000th peal for the Guild.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Leonard G. Toseland	*Treble*	*Richard F. Roe	5
*William J. Whitmore	2	*Barrie Hendry	6
*John King	3	*Geoffrey E. Watson	7
Brian Austin	4	Patrick I. Chapman	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Barton. Conducted by Geoffrey E. Watson.
* First peal in the method.
Rung as an 86th birthday compliment to Mr. A. Y. Tyler, of Irthlingborough.

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NORTH CURRY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

C. HENRY FLOYD	*Treble*	HARRY G. KEELEY	5
RAYMOND P. SELWAY	2	HARRY J. GAYLARD	6
WALTER H. POOLE	3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS	7
GORDON WALFORD	4	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.

First peal of Major on the bells. The last peal was rung on the bells over 30 years ago. They have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

TUDOR P. EDWARDS	*Treble*	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
*CLIFFORD T. BLUNDELL	2	FRANK D. MACK	6
MICHAEL T. SPRACKLING	3	IVOR H. TRUEMAN	7
ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	4	PATRICIA M. BOURN	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by PATRICIA M. BOURN.
* First peal of Major.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb. in F.

BENJAMIN GREATOREX	*Treble*	HERBERT E. TAYLOR	5
JACK BAILEY	2	WILLIAM LANCASTER	6
*ALEX RICHARDSON	3	BENJAMIN BARKER	7
SYDNEY J. MERRY	4	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JACK BAILEY.
* First peal in the method.

Rung after Confirmation service. Rung also as an eighth wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Merry.

DORCHESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JOHN J. STANIER	*Treble*	DAVID BEACHAM	5
ALBERT DISERENS	2	†STANLEY G. DAY	6
GERALD BOWEN	3	JOHN N. DISERENS	7
RONALD F. DISERENS	4	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In seven methods, comprising 960 changes of London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 640 Superlative, 608 Dorchester and 576 of Pudsey, with 125 changes of method, and with all the work of the seven methods for each bell. Tenor 21 cwt.

ROBERT COLLINS	*Treble*	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	5
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEPP	2	MARK W. MARSHALL	6
JOHN R. COOPER	3	MARK S. LANCEFIELD	7
J. ALAN AINSWORTH	4	THOMAS CULLINGWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

First peal of seven Spliced Surprise Major by all the band and for the Association.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5184 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 28 lb.

*JOHN HALL	*Treble*	JACK BRAY	5
C. AUBREY HARRISON	2	HARRY HALL	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	3	GEORGE W. MOODY	7
RONALD CHAFER	4	PHILIP BARNES	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JACK BRAY.
* First of Treble Bob Major.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

MARGARET GIBSON	*Treble*	†E. ALAN RAWLINSON	5
*MRS. C. N. LEA	2	A. NEVILLE BROWN	6
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	3	KENNETH LAWSON	7
ROBIN G. LEALE	4	CHARLES N. LEA	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES N. LEA.
* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt.

PHILIP MEHEW	*Treble*	GEORGE J. BUTCHER	5
ARTHUR G. MASON	2	*RALPH BIRD	6
BRIAN BLADON	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
JOHN L. MORRIS	4	FREDERICK J. CULLUM	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM.
* First peal in the method.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 Pudsey, 448 Superlative and 416 Lincoln, with all the work of each method for every bell. 121 changes of method. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

PETER LAFLIN	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
BASIL JONES	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
ROBIN G. TURNER	4	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	*Tenor*

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.

A 21st birthday compliment to Dennis Heapy, a local ringer, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

This composition is now rung for the first time. (R.W. Nov. 4, 1955.)

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. HENRY FIELDEN	*Treble*	*J. DESMOND PAINTER	5
*GILES C. GALLEY	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	6
*F. BRIAN COOKSON	3	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	7
T. REGINALD DENNIS	4	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal in the method.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 8 cwt.

ROY DUESBURY	*Treble*	CHARLES A. ANDREWS	5
MRS. R. H. ROUSE	2	EDWARD E. DAVEY	6
ALAN R. ANDREWS	3	FELIX H. ERITH	7
ARTHUR G. BUTTON	4	RONALD W. STEWARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

HEYDOUR, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5024 HEYDOUR SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN R. KETTERINGHAM	*Treble*	GEOFFREY R. PARKER	5
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
NORAH M. BIBBY	3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	7
*GWEN I. RUSBY	4	JOHN WALDEN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* 50th peal. The first peal in the method.

HEYDOUR SURPRISE MAJOR
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Second place lead end 14263857.

MAULDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5184 PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt.

*PETER J. SHIPTON	*Treble*	C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	5
†PHILIP MEHEW	2	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	†JOHN W. V. SINFIELD	7
DEREK P. JONES	4	†STEPHEN IVIN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by STEPHEN IVIN.
* First peal of Major. † First touch in the method. First peal of Surprise Major as conductor. A. C. Sinfield has now 'circled the tower' three times.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. EURGAIN AND PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lb.

*DAPHNE LESTER	*Treble*	DENNIS H. B. MILLWARD	5
LEWIS S. GRIFFITHS	2	PERCY SWINDLEY	6
JOHN W. GRIFFITHS	3	†L. JOHN EVANS	7
GEORGE F. SPERRING	4	CHRISTOPHER GUDGEON	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF (C.C.C. 87 Pl. Bob).
Conducted by JOHN W. GRIFFITHS.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a welcome to the Rev. T. A. C. Wheldon Griffiths, as Vicar of Northop.

NORTHOWRAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5024 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

JOHN PEARSON	*Treble*	*KENNETH HARRISON	5
JOE GREENWOOD	2	DONALD HOYLE	6
ROY MANN	3	†FIELDING CROSSLEY	7
CYRIL F. SUTCLIFFE	4	W. GEORGE TURNER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOHN PEARSON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal for 33 years and in the method. Ringers of 2 and tenor are the first to 'complete the circle.'
A 73rd birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA.
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 7 lb. in F.

*MARION J. PARKER	*Treble*	ERIC N. HARRISON	5
NELIA M. LEAHY	2	J. ALAN AINSWORTH	6
†RUSSELL H. R. PARKER	3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS	7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN	4	ALFRED T. GREENWOOD	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by FREDERICK W. ROGERS.
* First peal of London. † First peal of London 'inside.' The 100th peal rung in the tower.

SCORTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES METCALFE	*Treble*	ROLAND ECCLES	5
GEORGE BRAITHWAITE	2	JAMES E. BURLES	6
ALAN CAPSTICK	3	STANLEY ANDERTON	7
HERBERT RAINFORD	4	RICHARD P. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. BURLES.
Rung in honour of the new Bishop of Lancaster.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 58 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

E. ALAN RAWLINSON	*Treble*	J. ROBIN WORSDELL	5
*PETER G. WILLIAMS	2	‡A. NEVILLE BROWN	6
FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD	3	ROBIN G. LEALE	7
†MICHAEL S. BRIDGES	4	§KEITH S. HART	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBIN G. LEALE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ 50th peal. § First peal. First peal of Plain Bob Triples for all except the ringer of the third. The first peal for the Society.

SIX BELL PEALS

ABBOTTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.
THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY.
On Wed., Nov. 9, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge and Kent, two extents of Oxford and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CLIFFORD T. BLUNDELL	*Treble*	*ALAN J. SMITH	4
†ARTHUR R. WRIGHT	2	DAVID HEIGHTON	5
TUDOR P. EDWARDS	3	PATRICIA M. BOURN	*Tenor*

Conducted by PATRICIA M. BOURN.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in four methods. First peal of Minor in four methods as conductor.

COPLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Nov. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Consisting of seven different extents. Tenor 8¼ cwt. in G sharp.

*KEITH WAKEFIELD	*Treble*	SYDNEY FOSKETT	4
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES	2	BRYAN F. SIMS	5
C. HENRY HARDING	3	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal at first attempt (aged 13).

CRANHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*VALERIE WILLARD	*Treble*	†SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	4
†ALFRED LYNALL	2	DAVID W. BEARD	5
†PETER CLARKSON	3	†CYRIL A. WRATTEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID W. BEARD.
* First peal of Kent T.B. Minor. † First peal in the method. First peal of Kent Minor as conductor.

EAST FARLEIGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, and four different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*RONALD J. RAYFIELD	*Treble*	GEORGE FRY	4
*STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	2	COLIN A. TESTER	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.
* First peal in four Minor methods.
Rung half-muffled for Armistice Day.

HUNTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents of Single Oxford, and five different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

LESLIE G. MAYNARD	*Treble*	STANLEY A. HAYZELDEN	4
*ARTHUR E. WEBB	2	COLIN A. TESTER	5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT	3	LUTHER J. HONESS	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal of Minor.
A 21st birthday compliment to Ivy, daughter of the ringer of the second

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 changes each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 720 St. Clement's and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

HUBERT C. CROME	*Treble*	LESLIE HOUGHTON	4
EDWARD BARKER	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
JOHN WILSON	3	NORMAN V. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by NORMAN V. HARDING.
Rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Miss Phoebe Howes, a churchwarden at All Saints', and for many years a teacher at Shouldham School.

MERRIOTT, SOMERSET.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

*WALTER H. POOLE	*Treble*	SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
RAYMOND P. SELWAY ..	2	THOMAS J. SETTER	5
ALBERT S. ATYEO	3	†WILLIAM E. TURNER ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM E. TURNER.
* 125th peal. † 60th peal. First peal on the bells.
Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, who is shortly leaving the parish.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 31 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*CHRISTINE M. WOODWARD	*Treble*	ROBIN A. HODGSON	4
†DERMOT D. T. ROAF ..	2	DONALD H. NIBLETT	5
‡ASHLEY C. P. PUGH ..	3	PETER R. SANDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER R. SANDERS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal. ‡ First peal 'inside.' First peal of Minor as conductor.
Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert Barrett, member of the Oxford Society, who passed away on Mon., Nov. 14th.

PACKWOOD, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Fri., Nov. 18, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JUDITH A. WALKER.. ..	*Treble*	J. THOMAS GWILT	4
A. CHARLES MORRIS ..	2	ROBERT E. TALLIS	5
†RICHARD G. MORRIS ..	3	RODNEY B. MEADOWS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by RODNEY B. MEADOWS.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.'

ALFRETON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 16 240's (5 Pitman's, 11 Morris's) and ten 120's (ten callings).
Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*PATRICK W. SEWRY	*Treble*	†KENNETH M. DUROW ..	4
*KENNETH S. FAULKNER ..	2	†REGINALD J. STRETTON ..	5
DAVID K. WALKLATE ..	3	*COLIN LANCASTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID K. WALKLATE.
* First peal. † First 'inside.'
Average age 18. Rung for Martinmas.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE FRY	*Treble*	†STANLEY JENNER	4
*JANET FRENCH	2	COLIN A. TESTER	5
BETTY A. TESTER	3	KEVIN S. HOHL..	*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN A. TESTER.
* First peal 'inside.' † First peal in the method.
Average age of band 19 years.

HEVERSHAM, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 16 cwt.

*DOROTHY NELSON	*Treble*	ALAN CASSON	4
ROLAND F. ECCLES	2	GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE ..	5
MARION HAYTON	3	ALAN CAPSTICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. BRAITHWAITE.
* First peal.



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HORBLING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge, Primrose, Norfolk, Ipswich, York, Durham and Beverley. Tenor 9 cwt. in B flat.

Ruth Morgan	*Treble*	James H. Musson	4
James W. Haw	2	Albert E. Scott	5
Cecil Wade	3	Leonard C. Blanchard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cecil Wade.

Rung in memoriam Annie Elizabeth Musson, sister-in-law of James H. Musson, who passed away at Finchley Hospital, London, on Nov. 9th.

MILTON REGIS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

James A. Judd	*Treble*	George A. Naylor	4
Albert J. Dunk	2	Edward C. Barton	5
Doris G. Dobbie	3	George Kenward	*Tenor*

Conducted by George A. Naylor.

Arranged and rung prior to the special service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the church.

GOSBERTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb.

Horace Bennett	*Treble*	William A. Richardson	4
Stanley C. Bennett	2	Ronald C. Noon	5
John G. Ames	3	Frank Taylor	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Taylor.

BETHERSDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 1 *Minute,*
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt.

William C. Marshall	*Treble*	John R. Cooper	4
Albert J. Lancefield	2	Mark S. Lancefield	5
Thomas Cullingworth	3	Mark W. Marshall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Mark W. Marshall.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (Michael Charles) to the conductor and Mrs. Marshall.

ROPLEY, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 23, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURFLEET SURPRISE MINOR
Seven different callings. Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

Ruth A. Carey	*Treble*	Derek C. Jackson	4
Raymond E. Finch	2	Peter Nash	5
Margaret E. L. Beamish	3	*J. Michael Lakin	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. Michael Lakin.

* 50th peal. The first peal in the method by all the band and for the Guild.

A birthday compliment to the conductor.

STRETHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Nov. 25, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. James-the-Great,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge, Kent T.B., Oxford T.B., Double Bob and St. Clement's, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*F. Brian Cookson	*Treble*	T. Reginald Dennis	4
J. Desmond Painter	2	J. Henry Fielden	5
Chris. M. P. Johnson	3	William T. Cook	*Tenor*

Conducted by William T. Cook.

* First peal of Minor.

Rung to celebrate the induction the previous day of Rev. D. M. Foulds.

ATCHAM, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Eata,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and three each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. (approx.).

*Ernest F. Willcox	*Treble*	Frederick G. Beddow	4
*Philip J. Evans	2	Edward V. Rodenhurst	5
F. Hector Bennett	3	Arthur Pritchard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Pritchard.

* First peal in three methods. The first peal on the bells.

CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Barnsley District Society.)
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
Being one extent each of College Pleasure, College Exercise, Sandal, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt.

James W. Buxton	*Treble*	Herman Rusby	4
Cyril Rusby	2	Noel F. Moxon	5
Fred Cowling	3	Daniel Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Daniel Smith.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Alec Rusby, a ringer at this tower, who passed away on Nov. 11th after a long and painful illness, and was buried in the churchyard on Nov. 16th.

FITTLEWORTH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of Single Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Oxford, Cambridge, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 7 cwt. in B flat.

*Joan N. Phillips	*Treble*	Eric T. Lee	4
June M. Clements	2	Leslie W. Weller	5
George Francis	3	A. Patrick Cannon	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Patrick Cannon.

* First peal in seven methods. The conductor's 125th peal of Minor (conducted 86).

WARSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR
Being one 720 each of Ipswich, Primrose and Cambridge, and two 720's each of Norfolk and Norwich Surprise. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Dennis A. Smedley	*Treble*	Arnold Hill	4
*Harold Denman	2	Douglas H. Rooke	5
George Challans	3	Herbert T. Rooke	*Tenor*

Conducted by Douglas H. Rooke.

* 150th peal of Minor. First peal in five Surprise Minor methods by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. T. Rooke and G. Challans, and also to Master J. T. Rooke.

HANDBELL PEALS

SHERBURN-IN-ELMET, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 51 *Minutes,*
In the Ringing Chamber of the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven extents.

D. Margaret Hawley	1—2	Edward M. Bradley	3—4
		Alan Sheppard	5—6

Conducted by Alan Sheppard.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
At St. Thomas' Association Club, Station Road,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (four callings). Tenor size 13 in E flat.

Peter J. Morton	1—2	Michael G. Morton	3—4
		Paul J. Rigby	5—6

Conducted by Michael G. Morton.

First handbell peal by all. First peal as conductor.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

Surfleet, with its famous leaning tower and lightest ring of 12 bells, attracted about 40 members. friends and visitors to a meeting of the Elloc Deaneries Branch on November 19th. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m. A service, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. C. Leeke, was followed by tea in the Fraser Room; an excellent meal produced by Mrs. A. Richardson and helpers.

The Vicar acted as chairman over a short business meeting, at which the secretary (Mr. J. Allen) informed the members that he found it impossible to carry on his post after this year, and asked that nominations should be put forward for a successor to be elected at the next meeting, which would be the annual at Spalding. No other business was put forward, so with a vote of thanks to all concerned in the arranging of this meeting from Mr. J. Ames, the closure was applied.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH

The quarterly meeting of the Monmouth Branch was successfully held at Bassaleg on Novembei 19th. Ringing on these six steel bells, cast in Sheffield. was ably conducted by the Branch Master. Mr. J. Alsop. The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Bartle Jenkins, who heartily welcomed the Branch to Bassaleg.

An enjoyable tea followed in the church hall, prepared by the Bassaleg ringers and their wives. Mr. Arthur Hoare expressed the thanks of the gathering. At the business meeting new members were elected from Caldicot and Bassaleg. Ebbw Vale was chosen as the place of the Branch annual meeting in January. J. S. E.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

Guildford District Secretary's Resignation

Nearly 60 ringers attended a meeting at Guildford on Nov. 26th in response to a circular to 'revitalise' the district. The meeting was also for nominations for district officers, and these were received as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. F. A. Munday; hon. secretaries (joint), Miss Monica Collins and Miss Ann Cox; hon. auditor, Mr. Horsman. Mr. R. Kenward, who had been secretary of the district for the past seven years, announced that he would probably be leaving Guildford shortly and could not accept nomination. He was thanked for his services by Mr. T. W. White, who presided.

Various suggestions were made for stimulating district meetings and helping backward towers with their practices and it was decided to place the item on the agenda for the annual meeting.

The chairman read a letter from Canon R. G. Clitherow, calling attention to the Diocesan Mission from April 15th to 22nd, and asking for ringers to make a special effort to ring the bells in their churches before the weeknight services.

A willingness to co-operate was expressed, but actual details could not be examined until parish programmes were available. It was suggested that where a shortage of ringers occurred help from neighbouring towers might be arranged.

Ringing took place during the afternoon at Holy Trinity Cathedral and St. Mary's, and in the evening at Stoke-next-Guildford and St. Nicolas'.

BELLRINGERS' SUNDAY AT WOLVERCOTE

The fourth annual Bellringers' Sunday was held at St. Peter's, Wolvercote, near Oxford, on November 15th, and ringers' relations and their friends from 11 towers attended a specially arranged evening service. The address was given by the Rev. G. Savage, and the collection was in aid of the bell repair fund.

After the service a most successful social was held in the church hall. Refreshments were served and the visitors and ringers were entertained by well-known tunes on handbells by the Iffley ringers. Lady members of the Eynsham Choir, conducted by Miss D. Castell, sang several carols, and after a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells by city and university ringers, a very enjoyable evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A pleasant meeting of members of the Northern District was held at St. Nicholas', Stevenage, on Nov. 19th. In spite of the typical November weather there was a good attendance. During the service the Vicar welcomed the visitors.

Mr. K. Timbury was chairman at the business meeting held in the tower. Messrs. S. Lake and R. Luxor were elected ringing members; Mr. B. Blaydon and Mrs. R. King-Salter (of Oldham) were elected non-resident life members. The annual district meeting will be held at Hitchin on Jan. 21st; the annual general meeting will be held in the Eastern District.

Corrections were made to the annual report, then ringing started again, with methods ranging from rounds to the special method, Painswick College Bob. J. S.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

A half-muffled peal of Grandsire Doubles, attempted by the University of Bristol Society on Nov. 16th, unfortunately broke down after an hour's ringing. The peal was to have been in memory of the late Clement Glenn, who was an honorary member and one of the founders of the Society.

All reports and correspondence for insertion in 'The Ringing World' should be addressed to the Editor.

We regret to hear of the passing of an old Kent stalwart, Mr. William J. Walker, of Rainham, aged 87 years.

As an 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, on Dec. 3rd. Mr. Knight rang the third.

Readers will miss Mr. Tom Cullingworth's name from our peal columns for a few weeks. He was riding his auto-cycle recently when he ran into the back of a lorry and fractured his arm.

We regret to learn that Mr. C. Mayne, of Harrow, is seriously ill in hospital with coronary thrombosis. At present he cannot see visitors but letters would be welcome. His address is Bushey General Hospital, Windmill Lane, Bushey Heath, Herts.

In reporting a failure to call his first peal on eight bells at Wadhurst, Mr. C. A. Bassett recounts that the attempt was to have marked his wedding anniversary on Nov. 17th, his birthday on Nov. 24th and that of his wife and Albert Relfe on Nov. 27th. News of the attempt spread locally, and a press photographer and reporter saw the start. Alas, when the report and pictures appeared in the press the following day, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bassett were able to read about their silver wedding anniversary! As they had been married only 21 years the report has caused much leg-pulling.

After the peal at Merriott, Somerset, the ringers were met by the Vicar and congratulated on the peal and were given refreshments in the Vicarage.

Congratulations to the Willesborough twins—Rosemary and Rita Gower—on ringing their first peal of Minor. It was regretted that Mr. Ted Ruck, the tower captain, was not present to share in their success.

St. Helen's, Sandal, Wakefield, band have a promising number of young ringers who on Nov. 27th rang a 720. They are Miss J. Wray (16) 1, G. Maynard (19) 2, Miss J. Goodwin (16) 3, C. Morris (17) 4, J. Cutt (conductor, 20) 5, P. Petch (20) 6.

Welcome, Durham University, to the list of peal ringing university societies. The Society rang its first peal at West Hartlepool on Nov. 26th. Seven of the participants are at King's College, Newcastle, and the ringer of the fifth is at Hatfield College, Durham. Enthusiasm abounds at Durham, however, despite their small representation, as Robin Worsdell has about a score of learners at various stages all 'coming on nicely.' He has even managed to extract a monetary grant for the students' representatives council.

The tenth bell of St. Mary Magdalene's, Taunton, which is 15 cwt., has been removed to the Whitechapel Foundry for recasting. This bell, which bears the inscription 'purchased and placed in this tower of St. Mary Magdalene, Taunton, by voluntary subscriptions, 1840. Henry Badcock, John Turtie and Robert Henry, churchwardens,' has been cracked. According to local press reports the bells cannot be rung because they are unsafe, being too high in the tower. It is estimated it will cost about £3,000 to have the bells of the only ring of 12 in Somerset hung lower.

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PEAL RINGING IN SUSSEX

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

THE three counties beginning with Su have all been prolific peal ringing counties and we now come to the last of them—Sussex. This is the only county which can claim three towers which have passed the 300 mark in peals. There is also one in the mid-200's and four other centenarians, so there is plenty to talk about here.

The leading tower is St. Peter's, Brighton, where 329 peals have been rung since 1881. As is usually the case with towers with large peal totals, they have been spread evenly over the whole period. As an 8-bell tower, 173 peals were rung from 1882 to 1914. There was just time to ring the first two peals on the 10 bells before the 1914-18 war put an end to activities for the time being. The 20 years after the war saw 128 peals rung, but since 1945 the average per year has dropped, for only 26 have come since 1945 (none this year so far). Sixty years ago, the Brighton band was about the foremost in the country, with Mr. George Williams one of the leading lights. Mr. G. Baker, the famous composer, is one of the last survivors of that band, and it is a pleasure to see his occasional comment on various matters in 'The Ringing World.'

At Warnham (8), the peak period was at the end of the last century, for no less than 145 peals were rung from 1886 to 1899 (about 11 a year average). A further 36 were rung from 1900 to 1914 (a considerable drop). Between the wars there was increased interest again, and we find 102 peals rung in those 20 years. There have been 34 since 1946 (a slight diminution of activity again with none this year so far). Thus the total is 317.

Close behind Warnham comes Crawley (8) with 313. There were 137 in the pre-1914 period here and 146 between the wars, which means a greater average per year. There have been 30 since 1945. All three towers have records for first peals in new methods and long lengths. Thus Warnham still holds the record for Canterbury Pleasure Major, with 13,440 changes in 1889, whilst Crawley held the Superlative Surprise Major record from 1894 to 1910 with a 9,312.

TWO NOTED TENS

We now come to the tower which has passed the 200-peal mark. It is another of the three 10-bell towers in the county (there are no 12's)—Lewes. Here we find more peals rung early on than since, for 140 were rung from 1883 to 1914 as compared with 94 from 1919 to 1939 and 13 in the last ten years. The third 10-bell tower is a centenarian, so all three have been very popular. It is Brighton, St. Nicholas', where again we find greater activity 50 years ago than since. Out of the 137 peals, 96 were rung from 1883 to 1914 with exactly one-third that number between the wars. The remaining nine have come since 1945—a further diminution.

Having dealt with all the 10-bell towers, we return to the 8's. Apart from the two already mentioned as having more than 300 peals, there are three which have passed the 100 mark. First is Steyning. This was a 6-bell tower at first, and very popular too for that type of tower in those days, for 30 peals were rung in four years from 1886 to 1889. One more was rung in 1890 before augmentation and then came 81 peals up to 1903. Peal activity was already dwindling, for only 25 peals came from the next ten years. After the war, the average was one a year, and it has remained at that since 1945 for there have only been 9 since 1946. The total is 165. Heene shows a similar history of lessening activity which is even more pronounced than at Steyning. Of the 155 peals, 131 were rung from 1883 to 1914 (39 in the four years from 1910 to 1914). There were only 17 from 1919 to 1936 and seven from 1947. Lastly comes Eastbourne, Christ Church, with yet again its glories in the past. Seventy-eight of the 108 peals came from the years 1888 to 1914, as compared with 22 from 1919 to 1939 and eight from 1946 to 1951 (none since).

EIGHT-BELL TOWERS

Salehurst (8) is nearest to the 100 mark, and here we find the greatest activity (for a change) in the middle period. Only five of the 92 peals had been rung by the time of the first war, but 75 came afterwards. There have been 12 since 1943 (none this year yet). Cuckfield (8) and Rotherfield (8) each have 79. The number of peals in the three usual periods at the former is the reverse of the latter. At Cuckfield we find 38 before 1914, 20 between the wars and 21 since 1945. At Rotherfield, 20 before 1914, 21 between the wars and 38 since 1946, which is the most in any tower in the county for the post-war period, so it is doing well at the moment. Cuckfield's peals actually started much earlier than Rotherfield's. Arundel and Henfield (both 8's) each have 70 peals. The lean period in both was between the wars and the heyday early on. Sixty-one peals were rung at Arundel before 1914 and only two between the wars (in 1933 and 1937). There has been a revival of late and seven peals have been rung in the last four years.

Henfield had 51 from 1887 to 1914, seven from 1918 to 1935 and 12 from 1945 to 1951 (so there is a slump again of late). Hurstpierpoint (8) has only had two peals in the last 24 years, both in 1948. There were 38 from 1881 to 1914 and 26 from 1919 to 1931, so peal activities came to rather a sudden end 24 years ago. The total is 66. Billingshurst and Buxted both have 65. Both are 8-bell towers again and both have had the peals fairly regularly through the years, which is rather different from the general trend in the county. Both also started in the 1880's.

They are followed by Withyham (8) which is enjoying its best period now. Only six of the 61 had been rung before 1914, then there were 30 from 1919 to 1937, and there have been 25 in the last ten years. St. Mary's, Eastbourne (8), and Shoreham (8) each have 60. At the former, there were 37 peals from 1884 to 1913, 13 after the first war to 1939 and ten in the last eight years. At the latter the numbers are 25, 23 and 12 for the same periods. Fifty-eight peals have been rung at Horsham, including the first peal ever of Oxford Bob Triples in 1882. From that year up to 1914, 32 peals were rung, then there were 16 from 1921 to 1935, and there have been ten since 1946. That completes all the 8-bell towers with more than 50 peals. All have been 'conquered' and only five have not had a peal since the war. Two of these are at Brighton—St. Paul's, where the last of the 32 peals was rung in 1912, and The Good Shepherd, where only two peals have been rung—in 1927 and 1929. The others are Upper Beeding, Bolney and St. Clement's, Hastings.

SIX-BELL TOWERS

No 6-bell tower has as many peals as those above mentioned. We find the most at the amazing tower of Angmering. I mentioned this in the very first article I wrote on the subject. No less than 46 peals were rung in the years 1888 to 1891, and then came peal silence for 59 years when four more were rung from 1950 to 1954. Thus it has now reached 50 peals, but it took 63 years to get there from the 46 mark. Worth comes second with 38 peals. The first was in 1887, and only West Tarring had a peal as early as that year in 'The Bell News.' There were 11 before 1914, 12 from 1926 to 1939 and 15 since the war.

West Tarring and West Grinstead both have 31. Both are doing well at the moment with 14 peals since the war. Warbleton has 26, exactly half since 1946, Shipley 24, 13 since the war, and Midhurst 20, but 19 of these were rung from 1888 to 1905, the twentieth being in 1952. That is all the towers with 20 or more peals. All the towers have been 'conquered,' but seven have only one peal to record and three of these were rung long ago. Thus Chailey's only peal was in 1898, Harting's in 1903 and Rodmell's in 1909. The last tower to have its first peal appears to be Rudgwick—in 1952.

Of the ten 5-bell towers, seven have had peals and most have been rung since the war (18 out of a total of 29). Hammerwood has most—nine (seven since the war), then follow Bodiam and Twineham with six each. Amberley has four (the first three from 1893 to 1895), Itchingfield two and Ewhurst and Hooe one each. Still to be 'conquered' are Pagham and Ripe; so, like Surrey, it may not be long before this county can claim peals on all its towers with serviceable rings. Peal totals include all published up to October 28th, 1955.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION

Ringers from a wide area attended the November meeting which was held at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Darlington, with its six light, lively bells. The service was conducted by the Vicar, Rev. Donald Goldie; the theme of his address was based upon knowledge, anonymity and teamwork, and drew the likeness of these features of ringing and the work for God and the Church. Peter Rock officiated at the organ and the lesson was read by F. W. Cooke.

About 40 members, friends and guests sat down to a wonderful tea, provided by the ringers' wives. Thanks were expressed to the ladies for the tea by the Vicar. Brian Harris thanked the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells.

Ringing took place to 8.30 p.m., consisting of Grandsire, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, several Surprise methods, including spliced methods.

A band of ladies rang a 120 of Bob Minor, which must be the first in the district by an all-ladies band.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY

The November meeting was held at Ossett on Nov. 26th. Bells were rung up soon after 3 p.m. and good use was made of the ringing time until tea was served in the local schools, when some 25 members enjoyed a meat tea.

The business meeting was held in one of the classrooms. Owing to the illness of the secretary, the duties were carried out by Mr. Lofthouse, and Mr. Strangeway was pressed into service as chairman. The vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and ladies was ably proposed by Mr. I. Slack, who said the Society's biennial visit to Ossett was one of the best meetings. This was seconded by Mr. Hogg. Mr. Fred Bennett replied and promised to pass on the thanks to the persons concerned. Enquiries were made regarding the secretary's illness and also of the recovery of the Ringing Master (Mr. L. Drake). The acting secretary spoke of the slow but steady improvement of Mr. L. Fisher after his very severe accident while working

Members were present from Armley, Bradford, Drighlington, Horbury, Keighley, Leeds Parish Church, Pudsey, Chapel Allerton, Rothwell and Wakefield.

The next meeting is due to be held at Wakefield on Jan. 28th.

DEVON'S FIRST THOUSAND PEALS

'It is suggested that if the Guild, as seems likely, rings its 1,000th peal in 1955, a special effort might be made to mark the occasion.' So ended the 1954 Report of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers' peal secretary, Mr. A. L. Bennett: and when early in October, 1955, it seemed that it was time to start arranging something, the general secretary had the bright idea that it would be very appropriate if the 1,000th peal could be rung by a band of officers, one from each of the Guild's eight branches. The secretary of his own branch nobly consented to stand aside if necessary, the other seven were duly warned to be available at very short notice, and the Vicar of Heavitree most kindly consented to place his tower at the Guild's disposal.

The reasons for choosing Heavitree were that it is very central, more peals have been rung there than in any other tower in the county, and the bells are far-famed for their glorious tone. There was no doubt as to who should do the calling. With his 117 peals for the Guild, of which he has conducted 50, Mr. Tom Myers leads the field, with the rest a long way behind; and provided that the striking comes up to the standard he demands, a lost peal with him in charge is a very rare event.

These preparations having been made, a careful count was kept of Guild peals as they were rung, and advance news of future attempts sought from all likely sources. At the beginning of November it was apparent that zero hour was rapidly approaching, but the organiser received something of a shock on College Youths' Dinner morning, when partaking of much-needed refreshment in good company at Beddington. There, staring at him from the pages of a borrowed 'Ringing World,' was the report of a peal of which he had no knowledge (although much later he dimly remembered having been offered a rope in it!). He assumed that the peal secretary, with whom he had been in close touch all along, hadn't heard of it either, and when on his return to Devon he received news of two more recent successes, which brought his tally up to 999, he immediately sent out calls for action stations for November 19th.

Difficulties soon presented themselves. The Mid-Devon Branch had a most important meeting at Buckfast Abbey on the appointed day at which all their officers were in duty bound to attend: the only available officer of the N.W. Branch was away for ten days, and two more peal attempts were under way during the week. The organiser of one of these, Mr. Sidney Skinner, most unselfishly agreed to cancel his effort: the other failed to materialise. However, on the due date a band composed of six Branch Secretaries, one Branch Ringing Master, and the General Secretary assembled at Heavitree, and a good peal was rung: incidentally, the first officers' peal for the Guild.

Mr. Tom Myers had chosen Holt's Ten-part, not merely because it is a great favourite of his, but because in all probability it was the composition called by Col. C. A. W. Troyte for the Guild's first peal, at Huntsham on Feb. 2nd, 1875.

The band would like to associate with the peal the names of Messrs. A. L. Bennett and J. W. Sangwin (the secretaries of the branches not represented), and to thank the Rev. E. Royle for granting the use of Heavitree bells, as well as that grand old stalwart Mr. C. G. Glass, for having everything ready and for meeting them afterwards.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cowley 1, A. Chilcott 2, Miss F. Hartley 3, W. Nurcombe 4, F. Caseley (cond.) 5, J. Hill 6. First quarter for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for the Duke of Cornwall's seventh birthday.

THE LADIES' GUILD

Midland District at Derby

The Midland District of the Ladies' Guild held a most enjoyable meeting on Nov. 19th at Derby Cathedral, where a very warm welcome was received. The ten bells were made good use of and were rung during the afternoon and evening to a variety of methods.

Whilst in the belfry, photographs were taken of a group of lady ringers, representing several counties of the Midland District: one of these photographs appeared in 'The Derbyshire Advertiser' dated Nov. 25th.

As always, an important feature of the meeting was the service. This was conducted by the Succentor, who welcomed the Ladies' Guild to the Cathedral, stating that it was the first bellringers' service at which he had officiated, and asked to be forgiven and corrected for any errors he might make regarding campanological terms! However, this was not necessary and he acquitted himself very well.

A delightful tea, very much appreciated by everyone on such a typical November day, was served in the nearby Diocesan House by the local ladies.

Miss Thompson, vice-president, expressed thanks to all concerned, especially to Mr. Harold Taylor, for making the local arrangements, adding that it was a double pleasure to visit Derby Cathedral, as they had been invited to go there. Since it was the last meeting of the year, Miss Thompson thanked the gentlemen for supporting the meetings throughout the year, and said that she hoped they would continue to do so during 1956.

At the business meeting, apologies were received from seven members. Mrs. M. J. Corby was elected an honorary member and Miss J. Brown a ringing member.

It is hoped to hold the next meeting, the annual, at Nottingham in February.

J. M. S.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

The autumn meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at two towers, Kelsale and Saxmundham, on Nov. 5th.

The attendance was low but some good friends were welcomed from Stonham Aspal and Ufford. It was regretted that a service could not be held owing to previous engagements of the rectors.

Ringing commenced at Kelsale in the afternoon, and Saxmundham in the evening, when many methods were rung. An adjournment was taken for tea, and a short business meeting held, when Leiston was chosen as the place of next meeting on Feb. 11th.

BEVERLEY & DISTRICT SOCIETY

About 30 members attended the November meeting of the Beverley and District Ringing Society at Patrington. The Society's chaplain, the Rev. G. Storer, of Hutton Cranswick, conducted the service.

At the business meeting the president, Mr. A. E. Sellers, asked members to stand in remembrance of Mr. Clement Glenn, whose tragic death took place on October 23rd, after ringing for evening service at Bulwell, Notts. Mr. Glenn was a great loss to their Society. His death at the age of 72 had removed from the ringing world a sound and brilliant ringer. He was well known among the members and ringers of the East Riding, having resided in Hull and district for a number of years as a naval reservist, holding the rank of first lieutenant.

After the meeting ringing was resumed until 8 p.m., under the supervision of Mr. L. Rodmell, Ringing Master.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

Stockport Branch

The last meeting of the year was held at Hyde on Nov. 26th, when some 70 members and friends were present. Ringing was enjoyed from early in the afternoon on the fine ring of eight bells, ranging from rounds for the beginners to Surprise Major for the more advanced.

The usual service was conducted by the Vicar of Holy Trinity, Gee Cross, who gave a very interesting address, basing his remarks on the custom of the Jewish high priest who entered the Holy of Holies once a year and then only after careful cleansing and preparation. He drew a parallel between this and the Christian need at Advent for self-examination and rededication at the beginning of a new Christian year.

Tea was served in the nearby schools when, in spite of the fact that there was about a third more present than had sent names, an excellent meal was enjoyed, ably served by the local ladies.

At the business meeting the venues and dates of 1956 meetings were suggested as follows: Annual meeting, Stockport (St. George), Jan. 28th; meetings on Apr. 28th, Bowdon; June 23rd, Taxal; July 21st, Mobberley; Sept. 29th, New Mills, and Nov. 24th, Bredbury. Final arrangements and dates were left to the secretary's discretion. A committee was appointed to arrange a social early in the New Year in conjunction with the Macclesfield Branch. The following new members were elected: J. A. Booth (Hyde), R. Smith (Bowdon), M. C. Heap and I. Shaw (Mottram), G. Massey and D. Hough (Dunham Massey), and the belfry elections of D. Taylor, T. Taylor, G. McKay and P. Border were confirmed.

Mention was made that the Bishop of Chester had visited the ringing room when on a visit to Bowdon, and had taken part in a touch of Grandsire Doubles. The branch extended its congratulations to the band which had the previous night rung a peal of Spliced Surprise Major in eight methods, in which all the bells do all the work of all the methods.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Holy Trinity, who had left a function in his own parish to take the service, because Hyde (St. George) is at present awaiting the induction of a new vicar, to the wardens, the local ringers, the organist and the ladies.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the large number of young ringers present; at least a third of those present were under 18 years of age.

C. K. L.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

At the Northern District quarterly meeting on Nov. 26th there was a large attendance. Under the guidance of Mr. F. E. Collins, Ringing Master, the eight bells of St. Giles', Ashtead, were rung from rounds to Kent Treble Bob.

The service was conducted by the Rev. J. Douglas, followed by tea, laid on by Mr. J. Symonds and the ladies, for 53 ringers from 14 towers.

At the nomination meeting the following were nominated: Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Collins; secretary, Mr. W. Parrott; treasurer, Mr. H. M. Pitstow, M.B.E.; auditor, Mr. Layton; committee, Messrs. A. J. Adams, J. Mudd, G. Peters, A. J. Weise, E. Young; 'The Ringing World,' representative, Mr. A. J. Weise.

Further nominations can be sent in to the secretary (Mr. W. Parrott) by Dec. 31st. The annual district meeting will be held at Beddington on Jan. 28th.

The business meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Mr. J. T. Symonds for arranging the meeting. Ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

A. J. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

KINGWESTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Below I attach a cutting from 'The Daily Sketch' of Nov. 22nd which has been sent to me by a ringing friend.

Ding-dong

The peaceful countryside indeed! We get bellringers pulling their hearts out until after 9 p.m. They even play popular tunes like 'Put another nickel in.'—A. F. S., Kingweston, Somerset.

Tin Pan Alley on the old church bell?
Bit of a clanger, that.

As a member of two bands which have visited Kingweston recently I have written a letter of protest, with I hope adequate force, to the editor of 'The Daily Sketch,' which I trust he will have the decency to publish.—Yours sincerely. E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

GRUNDISBURGH

Dear Sir,—The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards is correct. The old five bells were augmented to six in 1831, eight in 1897 and ten in 1946. Two peals of Minor were rung in 1891 and 1896 respectively, and 11 of Major between 1897 and 1904.

The bells are now available for peals to any band who care to apply and are rung twice each Sunday and Thursday evening.

C. W. PIPE.

Grundisburgh.

FATHER OF THE IRON TRADE

Dear Sir,—Mr. Rowe is correct in saying Wilkinson (1728–1808), of Coalbrookdale, built the first iron bridge and the first iron barge.

Whilst 'Iron-mad' Wilkinson, as he was called, was known as 'the father of the South Staffordshire iron trade,' Samuel Walker, of Rotherham, one of Wilkinson's contemporaries, has also in Yorkshire been called 'father of the iron trade.'

Undoubtedly Wilkinson's name figures more prominently in history, particularly as the maker of cylinders for Watt's new steam engine. Wilkinson so loved iron that in his office he kept an iron coffin in which he hoped to be buried.

Iron was smelted in many places, including Rotherham, centuries before the birth of either Wilkinson or Walker, but it was during and following their lifetime that the great expansion in iron smelting took place (17,000 tons in 1740 to four million tons in 1860).

Walkers, of Rotherham, were the only firm considered able to make the new Southwark Bridge, which had two arches spanning 210 feet and one 240 feet, and a bridge appears as part of Rotherham's coat-of-arms.

Whilst Rotherham has, since Walker's time, continued to expand its production of iron and steel, the iron works of Coalbrookdale have become less productive than formerly.

Thanking Mr. Rowe for his interest in this subject.—Sincerely yours,

NORMAN CHADDOCK.

Rotherham, Yorkshire.

ST. SIMON'S DOUBLES

Dear Sir,—As one of the band who rang 5,040 St. Simon's Doubles at Oakley, Beds, on Oct 28th, 1937, and which (to quote Mr. Stote's letter) has been 'claimed in some quarters as the first in the method,' I would like to say that no such claim has ever been put forward by any of those who took part in the above-mentioned peal.

The Bedfordshire Association's annual report for 1937 states that it was the first in the method by the band and in the county. The conductor was not the late D. L. Cockings (though he fixed it up).—Yours faithfully,

C. H. HARDING.

Blunham Beds.

METHODS WANTED

Dear Sir,—Could someone please supply the figures of the following methods: Erith Little Bob, Little Canterbury, Little Albion T.B., Dartford L.B., Northfleet L.B. and Ninian Doubles, rung by the Swainswick, Somerset, band in their Coronation peal of June 3rd, 1953. —Yours sincerely,

FRANK T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE

Dear Sir,—Further to Mr. Morris' reply about churches dedicated to St. Simon, there is a St. Simon's Church in Southsea, and there is also a St. Jude's Church (in the neighbouring parish).

St. Jude's has a musical octave of tubular bells. As to St. Simon's—some 20 years ago the Vicar of Portsea received an irate letter about the bells on Wednesdays in the early evening. Knowing this was not the practice night at St. Mary's, one of the staff listened for these 'bells' and got on a bicycle to track them down, to find the sound blaring from very small louvres in the roof of St. Simon's Church, before their mid-week service! They had apparently recently installed a bell-record apparatus. There is no tower at St. Simon's, and whether the 'bells' still ring there I do not know.—Yours faithfully,

Y. L. ELOIE.

Salisbury.

EARDISLAND DELIGHT

Dear Sir,—The method recently rung as Basingstoke Delight Major was first rung to a peal as Eardisland Delight on Dec. 26th, 1953, at Eardisland, Herefordshire.—Yours sincerely,

WILFRID F. MORETON.

Normanton, Yorks.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR IN WALES

Dear Sir,—Has there ever been a peal of Little Bob Major rung in Wales, and when and where?—Yours faithfully,

JOHN ROBERTS, N.W.A.

Llandudno.

MILE FOR MIKE

Dear Sir,—I see that my attempt to write in bed has resulted in one letter being mistaken. The old Dorset contraction for Michael was not 'Mike,' but MILE: Michaelmas was known as Milemas.

Mr. Morris' theory about St. Miles is most interesting.—Yours sincerely,

F. Ll. EDWARDS.

Charing Cross Hospital, W.C.2.

Dear Sir,—The name Miles is a contraction of Michael. The Church of St. Michael, Coslany, Norwich, is more generally known as St. Miles'.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID CUBITT.

Wakefield.

CHICAGO BELLS

Dear Sir,—I was very interested in the article by James R. Lawson regarding Chicago bells in your issue of November 4th. I would, however, like to make a correction as the home town of my brother, Mr. F. J. Rumens, was London—not Leeds as stated in the article. Both he and myself commenced ringing at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, in the early years of this century.—Yours truly,

H. RUMENS.

London, E.17.

EWELL'S NINTH OUTING

This year's outing of the Ewell (Surrey) ringers was perhaps even more of a success than any of the previous eight, for the schedule, which allowed ample time for ringing at seven towers, was rigidly adhered to without any obvious haste.

Fifty-six people made up the party, 24 of whom were ringers, at all stages of advancement, which accounted for the considerable variation in the quality of the ringing.

At precisely 8.45 a.m. our two coaches drew up at Apsley End, Hertfordshire, to find Mr. A. V. Good waiting outside his church in the sunshine. An hour later we arrived at Hemel Hempstead, two miles distant, where Mr. Gates had the bells ready. It was here that something went wrong with the hearing of the tenor (19¼ cwt.) ringer in the touch of Stedman Triples, for he let the bell down amongst the others and didn't know it! At these first two towers we had the benefit of Mr. Walter Ayre's welcome presence and advice.

Leaving with reluctance, we skirted Whipsnade Park on our way to the ancient church of St. Giles at Totternhoe, Beds, where Mr. Scott had kindly made preparations for our arrival. We were complimented on our ringing here by a villager standing near the farm outside.

Travelling along the old Icknield Way to Dunstable we had a meal and then made our way to the impressive Priory Church of St. Peter, a short distance from Watling Street, where cross two of the oldest roads in England. Before ascending, we noticed one of the several 'charities' with which Dunstable, like our own parish, is endowed—the manifestation in perpetuity of good Christian folk's concern for the welfare of others. This was 'Jane Cart's bread,' 15 loaves in a glass case for that number of widows. Who Jane was, whether the widows call for it each week or whether it is distributed and what arrangements were made during the rationing period, we had no time to discover.

The eight bells here afforded great pleasure to us, but not, I fear, to Mr. Sharman, who had to leave before we put our best men in. Judging by the peal boards, he is used to better stuff!

St. Mary's, Woburn, is a large, modern church, built by the 8th Duke of Bedford, standing in spacious grounds just outside the park gates. Mr. Harris and his band are justly proud of their eight at Woburn, the heaviest of our trip, with 24 cwt. tenor: we found them excellent in every way.

Our next 20 miles was specially planned for the beauty of its scenery. Entering the park, with deer grazing on either side, we presently had to slow down to let an emu pass, and eventually, by narrow and winding ways, came to Barton-le-Cley.

The church is 600 years old. We were enchanted with its treasures. The oak roof is supported by 12 eagles carved in wood, each resting on the head of a man in Tudor garb. The eagles in turn support figures of the 12 apostles, and over all ten angels look down. The ringing gallery is open and affords a splendid view of the church interior. Some of us were delighted to see Mr. Kendall, a former ringer at Epsom, who had travelled over from Luton to meet old friends.

St. Nicholas', Stevenage, was the final tower of the day. Dusk was falling as we entered the church for evensong, kindly arranged for us by the Rector, the Rev. E. W. B. Cordingly. Repairs unfortunately prevented the use of the organ, but Mr. Miller, our own travelling organist, played just as effectively at the grand piano. Ringing, from the ground floor, continued until about 8.30 p.m., when we said goodbye to Mr. Lawrence and left for home.

We are greatly indebted to the incumbents and steeple-keepers, whose co-operation made the outing so enjoyable. J. E. B.

MEMORIALS DEDICATED

TO MR. ERNEST HERBERT

The dedication took place on November 26th at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, Woburn, Beds, of a ring of 12 handbells presented to the church in memory of Ernest Herbert, the last surviving son of Charles Herbert, the founder and first secretary of the Bedfordshire Association of Change Ringers.

The service of dedication, in the ringing chamber, was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. T. N. Gunner. It was preceded by Evensong at which the choir consisted almost entirely of local ringers.

After the dedication a silence was observed in remembrance of Mr. Herbert, and then three of the local ringers rang the hymn 'Abide With Me.'

The inscription engraved on the tenor reads: 'In memory of William Ernest Herbert, a Ringer here for 67 years, a member of the Beds Assn. for 65 years, also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths for 53 years. These bells were presented by Mrs. Herbert, his wife, Nov., 1955.'

Those present included Miss Evelyn Steel (president of the Association) and Mr. Douglas Harris (now 80), who is tower captain and, with Mr. Herbert, was in the band that rang the only peal of Maximus to be rung for the Bedfordshire Association. This took place at Mr. C. Herbert's residence in 1903 and was rung 'in hand.'

Before and after the service the tower bells were rung by ringers from as far afield at Hatfield, Hove (Sussex) and Harrow Weald, as well as by the local band. K. G. S.

TO MR. BARNEY PATMORE

On Sunday, November 20th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Great Munden, Herts, in the presence of his widow and about 20 or more friends, a tablet was unveiled and dedicated to the memory of Barney Patmore by the Rector, the Rev. C. E. Howlett, M.A.

The tablet, subscribed for by a number of ringing friends, is in the ringing chamber and is of brass on an oak surround and is inscribed:—

'In Memory of
Barney Patmore
Died Feb. 26th, 1955
Over 50 years a ringer of this Parish.'

In a short but sincere service the Rector spoke of Barney's willing service to all with whom he came in contact. For over 20 years he was verger at Great Munden and was always ready to help in the work of the church.

Barney was a life member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and a member of Hertford College Youths. He took part in over 50 peals, his first being in 1908. At Benington on July 5th, 1933, he rang the seventh in the record peal of 18,144 Bob Major.

During the first world war numbers of Service men stationed in the district were welcomed and encouraged by Barney, and he will long be remembered by other younger ringers to whom he gave a helping hand. M. S.

5,024 CORNWALL SURPRISE

By STEPHEN IVIN

23456	O	H	I	F
42635		x		
43265	2		—	
24365	2		3	
36245	—		—	
23564		x		

Twice repeated, omitting the 3 bobs 'In' in the first part.

A SOMERSET 'TOWER GRAB'

You couldn't call it an outing; it was a tower grabbers' orgy. It all began when a certain Mr. Paul Field decided that there were a few rings of bells in Somerset that needed 'shaking up a bit.' It followed, therefore, that on the cold, grey morning of November 19th we met at 9.30 outside the first tower for the day; Ilchester, a ring of five with a 12 cwt. tenor.

We were rather a mixed gathering; two of us from Cornwall, a certain 2,000-tower man from Coventry, three from Bridgwater and, of course, our organiser, E. T. P. F. The bells were soon up and going well to a variety of Doubles methods. All too soon, however, they had to be rung down and a move made to the next tower at Chilton Cantelo. The five bells were much enjoyed, in spite of the fact that a couple of well-known ringers nearly departed this life owing to the rope of the second's habit of slipping wheel.

The next call was at Mudford, a fine heavy five (tenor 19 cwt.) Next came our first six of the day, at Marston Magna; and the 13 cwt. tenor, although a rather sluggish bell, was soon being expertly turned in to Cambridge and Kent.

At West Camel we found a delightful recently restored ring of five (tenor 14 cwt.), and these bells were put to good use with a variety of Doubles methods. By this time the sun had reached its zenith, and it was decided to call a halt for lunch. Two of our number found their way to the 'Mildmay Arms' at Queen Camel, and were quietly sitting in the bar equipped with a pork pie and pint each, when the landlord leaned over the bar and said: 'Be you goin' to the football match?' 'No!!' 'Well, you be ringers then; I always know that if a stranger comes in here he is either going to football or else he is a ringer.'

In due course, with lunch over, we sallied forth to the 'piece de resistance' of the day—the fine six of Queen Camel. The musical qualities of these bells has to be heard to be appreciated, and Plain Bob, Cambridge and Stedman went well on them.

From Queen Camel, through country lanes to Barton St. David (five bells, tenor 10 cwt.), and a curious octagonal tower with a 'leper squint' through to the sanctuary. The bells, however, are worthy of praise, and Winchendon Place and St. Nicholas' Doubles were successfully brought round. At Kingweston we received a warm welcome from the local tower master, and everyone enjoyed ringing on the five pleasant bells (tenor 18 cwt.) which are housed in a rather small but lofty steeple overlooking glorious parkland.

At Kingsdon we came to our third six for the day. Unfortunately we were unable to stop as long as we would have liked owing to a delay in starting The 24 cwt. tenor does not go as well as she should, but the tone of these bells, housed in a massive tower, was much appreciated by all.

Leaving Kingsdon, our convoy of three cars, with the addition of a motor-cycle, ridden by two friends from Langport who had joined us at Queen Camel, proceeded through the gathering dusk to Somerton, where we were welcomed by the vicar and some of the local ringers. The tower houses a very fine six with a 20 cwt. tenor. The rising of all tenors was by this time delegated to one poor fellow who was almost on his last legs, but who managed successfully to turn it in to a touch of Plain Bob. This was another ring whose musical qualities were heartily acclaimed, and we hope to find the two empty pits filled by new trebles in the not-too-distant future.

The bells of Long Sutton must surely be one of the grandest fives in the county, and are housed in a fine lofty tower which is worthy of a ring of ten. During the ringing Mr. President, who we suspect was still seeking consolation in a foaming tankard, slipped over to the 'local' for a quick one. When he returned, he informed us that the local lads were favourably impressed with our 'scientific' ringing. The tenor here is 17 cwt.

The five bells at Pitney (tenor 7 cwt.) go very well but are spoilt by the fact that the tenors are very much off key. However, everyone enjoyed some 'Appendicitis' Doubles on them.

The last tower for the day was Muchelney, another good five with a 19 cwt. tenor, which, in spite of the fact that we had been told otherwise, went 'like a ton of bricks.' Perhaps we were feeling too weary by then to put enough effort into our ringing. Indeed, a few of our number were glad of a diversion in the shape of an ancient barrel organ installed in the church.

After leaving Muchelney, the band split up until the following morning, when certain of our numbers met to help ring for matins at Langport (six bells, tenor 17 cwt.), and in the afternoon successfully to bring round a quarter peal of Cambridge Minor on the delightful little six at Ash-in-Martock (6¼ cwt. tenor).

So ended another most enjoyable ringing weekend, and our sincere thanks are due to Paul for arranging the tour, and to the incumbents and local tower masters for so kindly allowing us the use of their bells.

R. A. S.

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LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Nov. 13th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Hawkins 1, J. Newman 2, G. Parsons 3, C. Martin 4, T. Boreham 5, L. Barry 6, J. Euston (cond.) 7, H. Newman 8.

ASH-IN-MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Carveth (250th tower) 1, Miss J. L. Taylor 2, R. A. Southwood 3, J. C. Taylor 4, E. T. P. Field 5, W. A. Stote (cond.) 6. First in the method for 2, 4 and 5. Especially arranged for the ringers of 1, 3 and 6, who are from Truro, Plympton and Coventry respectively.

BARMING, KENT.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gunner 1, W. Manser 2, T. Grice 3, W. R. Manser (cond.) 4, F. E. Manser 5, H. J. Manser 6. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 26th, at St. Michael's with St. Paul's Church, 1,260 Doubles (600 Plain Bob, 660 Grandsire): Kathleen Tooze 1, G. J. Hawkins (cond.) 2, Miss B. Russell 3, J. G. Hobbs 4, J. G. Davis 5, G. Plank 6. First quarter of Doubles in two methods by all the band. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Bush.

BATLEY, YORKS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Barbara Morton (first quarter) 1, Margaret Rhodes 2, W. Scrimshaw 3, P. Whitaker 4, A. Wear 5, D. Thorp (cond.) 6.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Elizabeth Cooper (first quarter) 1, A. J. Clayton 2, R. D. Tomlin 3, J. Pink 4, L. Bance 5, W. Parrott 6, D. E. Parsons 7, F. D. Jennings 8, S. F. W. Kimber (cond.) 9, L. A. Reece 10.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Dunsden 1, J. Blond 2, A. Greenough 3, J. Grace 4, F. James 5, C. Corderoy 6, R. Blond (cond.) 7, C. Corderoy 8. Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day.

BRADFORD-ON-TONE, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Barbara J. Stevens 1, A. G. Cook 2, Pamela M. Stevens (cond.) 3, H. Comins 4, C. J. Stevens 5, J. Garland 6. Rung as a compliment to J. Garland, who has been a ringer at this church for over 41 years.

CANNOCK, STAFFS. — On Nov. 24th, 1,260 Doubles (240 All Saints', 240 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): R. W. Barker (aged 13, first quarter) 1, A. E. Barker 2, P. P. Barker 3, A. Armstrong 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, E. Borley 6. Rung as a farewell compliment to Douglas Borley, a local ringer, who left earlier in the day to join the Royal Air Force.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: K. Wakefield 1, Ann Fundrey 2, E. Izzard 3, D. E. A. Houghton 4, J. B. Long 5, B. Pattison (cond.) 6. Rung for Evensong.

CHELSEA, S.W.—At St. Luke's, on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Caters: Miss J. M. Weddell 1, C. H. Wood 2, Miss V. E. Dupre 3, F. Howson 4, A. B. Peck 5, A. F. Udall (comp. and cond.) 6, C. M. Meyer 7, J. H. Lott 8, J. Bullock 9, C. T. Bartlett 10. In memoriam F. H. Bartlett, sidesman and church councillor of St. Luke's.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICS.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. M. E. Brown 1, Sheilagh Proctor 2, Mrs. G. S. M. Young 3, A. Ballard 4, M. Vernon 5, M. E. Brown 6, I. Vernon 7, C. Clark 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. Seal, the donor of these bells, on her birthday.

CONISBROUGH, YORKS.—On Nov. 9th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss E. Wardill 1, Miss M. Mills 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, M. Fowler 4, A. Firth 5, F. Fisher 6, G. Lee 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Longest length by 1 and 2.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 6th, 1,260 Bob Triples: Mrs. P. Cracknell 1, Miss A. Miles 2, Miss L. Skeet 3, W. Slaughter 4, W. Cracknell 5, S. Arnold 6, G. T. Jennings (cond.) 7, A. Stoner 8. First in the method by all the members. Rung for Remembrance Sunday Evensong.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original): R. Clarke (first quarter) 1, J. Sims 2, F. Hurrell 3, F. Richardson 4, J. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder (cond.) 6, G. Hurrell 7, P. Down 8. Rung for Evensong.

ESCRICK, YORKS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: F. Darbourne 1, Miss M. E. Wilkinson (first of Bob Major) 2, F. Terry 3, H. Parker 4, H. Spencer 5, S. H. Steel 6, H. Walker 7, B. Sutton (cond.) 8.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 26th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. Nunn (first of Major) 1, R. Darch 2, W. Kerrison 3, A. Sutherland 4, J. Gibson 5, L. E. Etheridge 6, J. Thurlow 7, R. Payne (first of Major as cond.) 8. A wedding compliment to Miss Margot Thompson and Mr. John Blythe, both prominent ringers in the Halesworth district, who were married on Wednesday, November 23rd.

QUARTER PEALS

HECKFIELD, HANTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,320 Doubles (240 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire and 120 each of Stedman, St. Clement's, St. Martin's, St. Nicholas', Winchendon Place, Reverse St. Bartholomew and Reverse Canterbury): R. F. Diserens 1, G. K. Dodd 2, J. N. Diserens 3, N. J. Diserens 4, M. S. Cloke (cond.) 5. Longest length on the bells.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX. — On Nov. 11th, 1,500 Northrepps Doubles: E. Sybil M. Tonkin 1, Kathleen M. Yeo 2, Laura M. Beeney 3, F. H. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, P. Message 6. Rung as a 16th birthday compliment to E. Sybil M. Tonkin.

ITCHINGFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 13th, 1,320 Spliced Doubles in the following methods: St. Simon's, St. Martin's, St. Edmund's, Rugby S.C., Merton S.C., Slapton S.C., St. Nicholas', Winchendon, St. Remigius', Longford S.C., Thornborough S.C., Hascombe S.C., New Bob, Huntspill, St. Vedast's, Oakley S.C., Itchingfield S.C., Chipstead S.C., Westminster II., Blackburn, St. Hilary's, Chesham S.C.; Ockham S.C., Broughton S.C., Reverse Union, Reverse St. Faith's, Reverse St. Julian's, Bedfont S.C., Boveney S.C., Eton S.C., with 132 changes: F. W. Weller 1, Miss J. Burroughs 2, G. Francis (cond.) 3, Miss V. Phillips 4, W. L. Weller 5. Believed to be the most methods rung to a quarter peal. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Harry Goodwin, churchwarden, who passed away this day.

LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL, WILTS.—On Oct. 16th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (with 4, 6, 8 covering): E. C. Marlow 1, Carol Jones 2, Queenie Cooper 3, E. F. Marlow 4, R. F. Jones 5, A. Meddock 6, W. A. Avery (cond.) 7, H. Trollope 8. Rung in honour of of the christening of Kathryn Frances Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Jones, and grand-daughter of the conductor.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. G. Keeley 1, E. L. Taylor 2, G. S. Morris 3, Mrs. C. W. Powell 4, Canon C. C. Cox (cond.) 5, C. W. Powell 6, R. Keeley 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For evening service and to mark the 25th anniversary of the first quarter peal (Grandsire Doubles) ever rung in this tower, in which the ringers of 1 and 6 and the same conductor took part.

NETTLEHAM, LINCS.—On Nov. 8th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: Mrs. J. Dawkins (first quarter) 1, H. Jeffery (first 'inside') 2, J. Dawkins (first quarter) 3, C. Jeffery 4, G. R. Parker 5, W. R. Parker (cond.) 6. Rung for the laying of the foundation stone of the new C. of E. School.

PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK. — On Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: J. F. White, (aged 81) 1, G. Howlett 2, B. Thompson 3, E. Chapman 4, G. A. Kindred 5, J. W. G. Kindred 6, M. Solley (first quarter) 7, P. Kindred (first quarter as cond.) 8. On the wedding anniversary of the ringer of the 6th.

PUCKINGTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: R. Pond (aged 13, first quarter) 1, H. Bungay 2, F. Welch (cond.) 3, R. Welch 4, K. Welch 5, J. Cornelius (first quarter) 6.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On Oct. 8th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, Miss J. M. Weddell 2, B. Dibben (first on more than six bells) 3, A. F. Udall 4, C. W. Ottley 5, C. M. Meyer 6, J. Bullock (cond.) 7, C. T. Bartlett 8. Rung for Pulborough's Tower Restoration Fund Gift Day. Also celebrating the 79th birthday of W. S. Langdon and 50 years' ringing for C. W. Ottley.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At All Saints', on Nov. 1st, 1,008 Little Bob Major: P. Dawes (longest length) 1, Miss E. Wardill 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, H. Woodall 4, F. J. Jackson 5, F. Fisher 6, A. Firth 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. For patronal festival Evensong.

RUGBY, WARKS.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Nov. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Click (first quarter of Triples) 1, C. Underwood 2, E. Hunt 3, P. Fisher 4, J. Underwood 5, S. Osborne (cond.) 6, A. R. Pocklington 7, R. Gibbons 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. A. V. Baillie (Rector of Rugby 1898–1912), who died on November 4th.

SAHAM TONEY, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 16th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. G. Banham 1, Dr. P. Jonason 2, L. Lawrence 3, W. Eagling 4, E. R. Shingfield 5, J. S. Barnes (cond.) 6. Rung for the wedding of Mr. Alan Beales and Miss Sylvia Drake.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.—On Nov. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: C. E. Hayter (first quarter) 1, M. D. Frost 2, B. G. F. Pinnock (first quarter) 3, G. Penney 4, J. E. Ewer 5, B. C. Johnson (cond.) 6.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: F. Skinner 1, D. Miller 2, W. Stevens 3, E. Skinner 4, R. Short 5, C. Clarke (first in method as cond.) 6. First quarter of Minor for 1 and 4. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. H. J. S. Cooke.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Nov. 13th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. T. H. Francis 1, A. J. House 2, B. J. Luff (first on 12) 3, Miss J. Clements 4, T. H. Francis (cond.) 5, E. N. Harrison 6, A. R. Ling 7, W. R. Winterton 8, A. P. Cave 9, A. F. Thirst 10, A. J. Ainsworth 11, B. Bladen 12.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,380 Doubles (240 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse St. Bartholomew, April Day, Plain Bob and 420 of Grandsire): Miss S. J. Devereux 1, P. J. Lawton 2, T. P. Harris 3, J. F. Olney 4, D. R. Brazier (cond.) 5, G. M. Wood 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Rev. G. M. Oakeshott, Vicar, cremated this day.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 20th, 1,344 Plain Bob Major: A. W. J. Thompson 1, C. Finch 2, Miss M. Thompson 3, G. A. Sutherland 4, C. J. Gibson 5, R. J. Wells 6, R. S. Payne 7, J. W. Blythe (cond.) 8. Rung for divine service on St. Edmund's Day (patronal festival).

SPALDING, LINCS.—On Nov. 14th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. E. Bennett 1, R. C. Noon 2, F. Taylor 3, C. R. Burrell 4, T. H. Charlton 5, W. A. Richardson 6, J. G. Ames (cond.) 7, H. Bennett 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mrs. K. Proctor, wife of Ald. R. T. Proctor, Vicar's warden at this church.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—At St. Ann's Church, on Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Janet Secker (first quarter) 1, M. Cubitt 2, P. Lentz 3, I. M. Parry (cond.) 4, E. J. Rowe 5, L. Green 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Nov 22nd, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: D. Hewitt 1, Gillian Neal Smith 2, Dr. D. J. Neal Smith 3, H. Rumens 4, R. J. Chapman (first of Grandsire Caters) 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, C. T. W. Coles 7, E. E. Holman 8, F. C. Maynard (cond.) 9, F. C. Taylor 10 First of Caters for 1, 2 and 3. Rung for the visit of London Society of Organists and English Church Music Singers.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): T. Marlow (80) 1, J. Phippen 2, L. Hawkins 3, N. Knee (cond.) 4, T. Mallard 5, A. Bull 6, H. Perrett 7, J. Titt 8. Rung half-mulffled to the memory of Mr. R. Tudgy, whose funeral had taken place that day.

WEST DIDSBURY, LANCS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): B. Bennion 1, Barbara Kay 2, A. Bennion 3, D. F. Manning 4, V. Griffin (cond.) 5, L. Grierson 6. First quarter for 1 and 6. Rung for evening service and as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving for Northern Ireland.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Nov. 6th, at the Parish Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Kyte (first of Triples) 1, Miss J. Adamson 2, Miss Wickenden 3, K. Buckingham 4, A. J. Glass 5, E. S. T. Farr (cond.) 6, E. F. Willcox 7, A. J. Painter 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 12th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: W. S. Butler 1, J. Chalk 2, Miss M. Edwards 3, B. Crook 4, J. Warner 5, H. Nicholls 6, E. W. Bright (cond.) 7, H. Dorking 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Mr. William Butler, a ringer at St. Nicholas' Church, Witham, for many years, who was interred this day.

WOODSTOCK, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: V. Sheppard 1, C. Gardiner 2, J. Wood 3, L. Hewitt 4, W. Smith (cond.) 5, R. Towler 6, O. Lamb 7, J. Ernstzen 8. For Evensong and to mark the close of the 16th Anglican Synod.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Price 1, Miss M. Legg 2, Miss P. Barnard 3, L. W. Pullin 4, R. J. Brice 5, H. A. Price (cond.) 6, G. Prescott 7, J. K. Baker 8. Rung for the 21st birthday of Miss Judith Price, daughter of the tower captain, and for the 8th anniversary of the wedding of H.M. Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

OBITUARY

MR. A. W. GROVES

The death occurred peacefully on Nov. 30th of Mr. A. W. Groves, of Heene, Worthing. He was a prominent ringer in Sussex from 1895 to 1939, during which time he was secretary of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association for 22 years, and set a record of not being absent from any meeting while in office.

He had rung about 330 peals; the outstanding one was Stedman Cinques 'in hand' at Henfield, conducted by C. Tyler, the only 12-bell peal yet rung for the Sussex County Association.

He learnt his ringing under C. Tyler at Henfield, and when he moved to Worthing in early 1900 he became a leading member at St. Botolph's, Heene.

He rang peals in all the standard methods and conducted several, mainly Stedman, his favourite method. He represented the Division on the Central Council.

The funeral service on Dec. 3rd was attended by his two sons and daughter, the Master of the Sussex County Association (Mr. S. E. Armstrong), Messrs. H. Stalham, W. Hart, A. Bond (Brighton), L. Stilwell (Central Council), E. Rapley (Horsham) and R. Wood (Heene).

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside.

MR. HARRY LEWIS

The death occurred on Nov. 23rd of Mr. Harry Lewis, of Cirencester, at the age of 71, after a long and painful illness. He was well known in his younger days and was a member of the Cirencester ringers. He rang 38 peals before ill-health prevented him from peal ringing, but continued to ring for services until the last few years, when he was forced to give up.

A quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, on Nov. 29th, with the clappers half-muffled as a last tribute to his memory, by Peter J. Lewis 1, T. J. Lewis, sen. (conductor) 2, W. G. Cook 3, V. R. Williams 4, H. L. Cooke 5, T. J. Lewis, jun. 6, W. H. Hayward 7, W. Wrigley 8.

MR. W. J. NUDDS

Mr. E. J. Leversuch has now received the record of the peals of the late Mr. W. J. Nudds and desires to make the following corrections to the report of his work that appeared in our last issue.

He was born in 1868 at Banham, Norfolk, and had therefore passed his 87th birthday in May of this year. The long peal at Loughborough was rung not in 1906 as stated, but on April 12th, 1909; it was 18,027 Stedman Caters. It was on Easter Monday, 1914, that the four Surprise peals, Bristol, London, Cambridge and Superlative, were rung in one day in Surrey (2), Middlesex (1), Berks (1). A full list of his 500 peals was published in 'The Ringing World' on Jan. 5th, 1951, page 13, from which the following noteworthy performances have been extracted:—

Three peals of Stedman Cinques within 24 hours, Quex Park, 1905; two peals of Stedman Cinques and one of Kent T.B. Maximus within 24 hours, also at Quex Park, 1904; rung all the bells of Southwark Cathedral to peals of Stedman Cinques; at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Dec. 26th, 1923, 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal.

The over-80's peal was rung at Deptford, not Camberwell.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 17th, 1,440 Minor (720 Reverse Canterbury, 720 Oxford Treble Bob): H. Daniels 1, T. E. Roberts 2, W. F. Eyden 3, W. A. Yates 4, G. W. Holland 5, G. E. Green (cond.) 6.

A SOMERSET OUTING TO WORCESTERSHIRE

An ambitious outing for the time of year was undertaken on Nov. 12th by Yatton ringers, ringing friends from other Somerset towers, and relatives.

Four of the party left Bridgwater at 6 a.m. and with others at Worle (Weston-super-Mare) joined the coach, which then proceeded to Yatton for the main party and official start at 7 a.m. We were still without the organiser, Mr. G. Prescott, but by means of Mr. L. Pullin, of Clevedon, and his car, we finally banded together at a brief stop at Tewkesbury

The first tower was Upton-on-Severn (8), where a meeting was being held in the afternoon to mark the 250th anniversary of the back five bells. A line on the church gatepost showed the flood level of a couple of years ago. Next came the eight at St. John-in-Bedwardine, Worcester, where we were met by Worcester friends who accompanied us to the next two towers.

After half an hour's break for refreshments we left for Dodderhill, a fine eight, tenor 18½ cwt., and claimed to be perfect in 'go.' The cruciform church was badly damaged in the Civil War, being only partly rebuilt; this included the tower, from the top of which some took advantage of the first real break in the fog, which had persisted, to have a good view of the surrounding countryside.

As the tower of All Saints', Worcester, was still receiving attention, we visited the light ten of North Claines, which had been booked as a stand-by.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

A page will be reserved in our issue of December 23rd for Christmas greetings to ringing friends. The last date for receiving same is Friday, December 16th. Price 3/6 for 42 words; above 42 words 1d. per word.

Back in the city an excellent meal was enjoyed at the Deansway Restaurant, and thus fortified we headed for the last tower, at Evesham. The huge 'Bell Tower,' unique in that it stands in two parishes and churchyards, loomed forebodingly out of the fog, but soon the lights were shining out and the grand 12 were heard. Here we met Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas.

With a different Ringing Master in each tower various methods were attempted, finishing with rounds, Queens, Grandsire and Stedman Cinques at Evesham.

A tired but somewhat hilarious party then started south for the long journey home, thankful that despite the fog we had kept only about five minutes behind schedule, thus helping those who had opened their towers to us, and to whom we are indebted. R. D. S.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

Test Ringing in Mid-Cornwall

The autumn meeting of the Mid-Cornwall Branch was held at St. Stephen-in-Brannel on Nov. 26th, when 60 members gathered for the usual test ringing for certificates.

The church has a fine tower, which can be seen for many miles, amid the great pyramids of the white clay hills. The bells are a fine octave augmented by John Taylor about 1910, and are a treat to ring and to listen to from outside the tower.

This tower has strong connections with change-ringing in Cornwall. Several peals have been rung on the bells, including a peal of London Surprise Major in 1934, which was the last peal conducted by the late William Pye.

The Rector, Canon F. F. Gilbert, is a ringer, and he has worked for many years to bring the ringers of this part of Cornwall into a brotherhood of workers for the Church, and finally into the Truro Diocesan Guild.

Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock with four sets ringing rounds on six bells and one band ringing eight bells.

The band, which rang for the service, were joined by Mr. Alan Carveth, president of the Guild, and Mr. Brian Parkyn, of Truro Cathedral. Canon Gilbert conducted the service, assisted by Rev. W. H. R. Trewhella, secretary of the Guild, and an impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. J. R. Jose, who for four years was the branch secretary before going to Perran-ar-Worthal.

After the service an excellent tea awaited in the Church Room, prepared by the local ringers' wives and helpers. The Rector acted as chairman for the short business meeting which followed, and soon the test ringing was again in full swing.

This time a touch of 34 changes on six bells was heard, with some very good striking. Four bands rang in this test and one band raised the six, rang the changes and lowered the bells.

For test No. 4, two bands took part. The first raised the eight, rang 54 changes and falled the bells. The second set in this test gave the best ringing of the day, an excellent rise in peal, 54 changes with only three faults and a glorious fall. It was a grand finale to the Festival, and a wonderful feast of bell music must have been heard in the village, where this band rings Sunday by Sunday and on feast days.

After more refreshments in the Church Hall, the results of the tests were given by Mr. A. Carveth, as follows:—

Test No. 1: St. Erme A, St. Erme B. 1st Class; St. Ewe, St. Erme C, 2nd Class; St. Gorran, 3rd Class.

Test No. 2: St. Mewan, 1st Class; St. Ewe, 2nd Class; St. Gorran, St. Erme, 3rd Class.

Test No. 3: St. Mewan, 1st Class.

Test No. 4: St. Stephen A, 1st Class; St. Stephen B, 2nd Class.

The thanks of the ringers were expressed to the judges, Messrs. A. Carveth and B. Parkyn, and to Messrs. H. Lander and J. T. Creela for organising the test ringing.

This concluded a Festival which was marked by a spirit of good fellowship and team work in the land of the Cornish saints. D. B.

QUARTER PEALS

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Graney (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. Graney 2, R. W. R. Picton (cond.) 3, R. J. Picton 4, B. Barker 5, R. Scapleborn 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

SOUTHWARK, S.E.—On Nov. 13th, at the Cathedral, 1,277 Grandsire Caters: H. Belcher 1, H. Miles 2, D. Burnett 3, G. G. Salmon 4, S. H. Dearden 5, T. W. Look 6, J. Chilcott 7, James Phillips 8, John Phillips (cond.) 9, T. Setter 10.

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DEATH

WALKER.—On Nov. 30th, 1955, William John Walker, of Rainham, Kent, aged 87 years, dearly loved father of Maud, Kate, Emily and Dora. 'Life's work well done, now comes rest.' 7405

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MISCELLANEOUS

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KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.—As from Jan. 4th, 1956, practice night at All Saints', Kingston-on-Thames, will be on Wednesdays. 7398

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MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Branch.—Annual meeting, Ilminster, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Meeting to follow. Please notify for tea.—J. T. Locke, School Street, Drayton, Langport. 7374

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT RINGING SOCIETY.—Meeting, Sutton-on-Hull, on Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) available 2.30 to 8 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. C. R. Robinson, 22, Lime Tree Avenue, Sutton-on-Hull. 7402

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Dec. 10th, Heavitree. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. 7363

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Edenbridge (8), Dec. 10th. Bells 3. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Annual dinner, Jan. 14th. Tickets 10s. 6d., now available from myself or Mr. Wellington. Details later.—C. A. Bassett. 7354

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Meeting at Old Chesterton, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7367

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Stroud Branch.—Annual meeting at Stroud (10), Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.—S. T. Price, 12, Regent Street, Stonehouse, Glos. 7381

HERTS (Eastern District) and ESSEX (N.W. District). — Joint meeting, Sawbridgeworth, Saturday, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. E. Rochester, 7, Small Gains, West Road, Sawbridgeworth, Herts.—T. J. S. and G. B., Dis. Secs. 7340

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—King's Langley (8), Dec. 10th, 3 p.m.—R. Shutter, Dis. Sec. 7380

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, N.15, on Saturday, Dec. 10th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business to follow. Alight at Seven Sisters Road Station, for St. Ann's Road, from buses 623, 627, 659, 679.—T. J. Lock. 7359

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Cross', Hollywell, Oxford, Saturday, Dec. 10th. Service, 3.45 p.m. Ringing at St. Cross' (6) from 2.30 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 2.15 to 3.15 p.m.—T. S. Bowles, Hon. Sec. 7407

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—Quarterly meeting at Bletchingley, Dec. 10th. Bells (8) 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5, in King Charles Tea Rooms, followed by business meeting in Church Hall. Business includes nominations for District Officers for 1956. 7366

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Practice meeting, All Saints', West Ham (10), Wednesday, Dec. 14th, 6.30 to 8 p.m. Everyone welcome.—L. W. Bullock, Dis. Sec. 7395

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ship, Saturday, Dec. 17th, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 4 p.m. 7375

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Branch.—Meeting, Nuneaton, Dec. 17th. Bells (8), 3.30 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Own arrangements for tea.—J. L. Garner Hayward. 7403

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston Districts.—Annual meeting, Derby, St. Peter (8), on Saturday, December 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m., followed by tea and meeting, 5 p.m. Agenda includes election of officers: nominations are requested. Ensure the success of the meeting by attending and exercising **your** vote.—Maurice Bailey. 7413

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at St. Ives (8), Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 7412

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary Magdalen, Wiggenhall, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7404

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—Annual meeting, Leckhampton, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) 2.15 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4.15 p.m Meeting following tea in Parish Hall.—Mary Bliss, Beech Pike, Cheltenham. 7408

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking, Dec. 17th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room, 5, followed by business meeting. Please send numbers for tea to Miss Clear, Murree, Lonsdale Road, Dorking, by Dec. 14th.—A. H. Smith. 7372

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Dec. 17th. from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Major J. Bragg, 20, Church Hill. Aldershot, by previous Thursday.—G. S. Joyce. Hon. Dis. Sec. 7388

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD.—Meeting, Sedlescombe, Saturday, Dec. 17th, 2.30 p.m. Names for tea by Dec. 14th to G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 7397

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—Branch annual meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Dec. 17th. Business 4 p.m. Ringing to follow evensong. All welcome. Nearby cafés.—R. Benson. 7411

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hinckley District.—Sapcote, Dec. 17th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Village Hall 5. Please notify by Dec. 14th, Mr. M. Brown, 2, Leicester Road, Sapcote, Leicester. Reports available at this meeting. 7410

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Leyton (8), Church Road, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea, Vicarage, 5 p.m. Business and further ringing. Central London and buses pass the church. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Sec. 7396

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. and in evening. Tea at nearby restaurant.—J. D. Rock. 7406

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — Monthly meeting, Goole, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (8) 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Christmas tea 5 p.m. (moderate charge). Names to Mrs. J. J. Taylor, 165, Dunhill Road, Goole, on or before Dec. 16th.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 7392

SUFFOLK GUILD. — General meeting, Woodbridge (8, 25 cwt.), Dec. 17th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Election of new general secretary and treasurer. Unpaid subscriptions, please. For tea notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 7368

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Southover, Lewes (10), Dec. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m., only for those who notify, by Dec. 14th, K. C. Knight, Spinney Farm, High Hatch Lane, Hassocks. 7399

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Alresford (8), Dec. 17th. Bells from 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at the Bell Hotel. Names for tea by Tuesday, Dec. 13th, to Mr. P. Nash, 10, Portal Road, Winchester. 7387

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17th, at St. Paul's, Drighlington. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow tea. Names for tea to Mr. S. H. Barron, 40, West Street, Drighlington, not later than first post on Friday, Dec. 16th.—A. E. Marsh Hon. Dis. Sec. 7377

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—Rededication of the six bells, Sunday, Dec. 18th, 3.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Dunwich. Tea afterwards at the W.I. Hall. Numbers for tea to Mrs. Braybrooke, Polstead, near Colchester, Essex. 7373

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AN ORDINARY PEAL

THAT'S what it looks like in the peal columns; an ordinary peal of Plain Bob Major: Pritchard's, at that. And by Tuesday the organiser was satisfied with the arrangements; permission had been obtained, and a band got together and told when to be where. But at the practice on Wednesday evening one man said he had discovered a subsequent engagement—so some scraping and scrounging and a bit of bullying was done to procure a substitute. Then on Friday the substitute fell by the wayside, and some frantic long shots were made, resulting in the final making up of the band as it appears in the peal report.

Everyone arrived at the village church safely and in good time. 'Right, let's get them up!' The organiser starts raising the treble; no sound. Higher and higher, another man assists in checking it; 'No, it must be lashed. Where's the tower key kept?' (This was a ground-floor belfry.) 'Oh, yes'—from one who has often been there before—'it's in the safe in the vestry, and the Vicar has the key of the safe.' The Vicar is routed out, and soon the safe is open, and the keys in it are scrutinised. 'Old chest in the vestry—chest in the tower—west door—I'm sorry, it isn't here. Try Mr. So-and-so; he lives somewhere in West Road. Turn left at cemetery and keep straight on.'

One of the band's car-owners is pressed into service, and off goes the organiser in search of the key. West Road is found, and Mr. So-and-so's house is pointed out. The organiser knocks. 'Mr. So-and-so?' 'Oh'—from, presumably, Mrs. So-and-so—'he's out ploughing just now.' 'Have you the key of the tower?'—explaining the circumstances. 'Oh no, he doesn't have the key now; it's at Mr. Such-and-such's in Tower Close; turn right here and right again at the water-tower; third house up the drive.'

Mr. Such-and-such's house is located, and the door opened by Mrs. Such-and-such. The organiser's request is met with: 'Oh no, he doesn't keep the key here; it's in the church, under the first pew on the right!' The organiser refrains from saying what he thinks, and is driven back to the church, stopping only to let a herd of cows pass. He looks under the first pew on the right; no sign of the key. Soon all the band are looking under all the pews. The organiser looks without hope once more under the first pew on the right, and suddenly there is the key (it was certainly not there before, but has appeared by magic). So he climbs up to the bells. Indeed, the treble is lashed; and to 'make assurance doubly sure' the lashing rope is wound three times round the waist of the bell and six times round the canons. After ten minutes or so it is untied, and the treble is again raised, this time making the noise expected of it.

Now the second bell; a grinding noise, which gets worse as it goes higher, until it stops about half-way, and is hastily lowered. 'Ah, yes,' from those who know the idiosyncrasies of this bell, 'the clock-hammer must be in the way.' An experiment with the hammer wires shows that this is not so; and one of the more mechanically-minded members goes up and watches while the bell is again raised half-way and lowered. For those waiting below there is a long pause; then the rope begins to ascend; it is nearly through the guide—'Stop!'—a full-throated roar from seven anxious watchers. After a time it is reported that one of the strands of the rope has broken and become unwound, thus causing the stoppage.

At long last it is spliced; and some two hours after the peal was due to begin, the bells are raised, ropes adjusted, and the long-awaited call of 'Go, Bob Major,' is made.

There was more trouble to come; the conductor did his best to sabotage the peal half-way through by waking up too late and calling a bob instead of a single; but fortunately others of the band were wider awake than he, and this hazard was overcome without much trouble. During the second half more disturbance arrived, in the shape of a man who wanted to stoke the boiler. To do this it was apparently necessary for him to switch on all the lights in the church, so that the ringers were confused by a multitude of shadows; and to reach the switches, he had to squeeze past the treble ringer, nearly knocking him over in the process. Not content with this, he carefully shut the tower door, which had been left open to improve the audibility of the bells. 'Leave the door open!', from the tenor ringer. 'All right,' said he, walking away. 'Yes, but it's closed!', from the conductor. Fortunately he came back and re-opened it, and the peal proceeded calmly. After this, the only occurrence was the re-extinguishing of the lights some time later on, once again imperilling the balance of the treble ringer.

And so at last the ordinary peal came round, a peal of which one can at the very least say: 'I've heard plenty worse;' and silence once more descended on the village, where it appears that it is the caretaker's avowed intention to keep the Vicar ignorant of the whereabouts of the keys.

W. T. C.

TWELVE BELL PEALS

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tues., Nov. 29, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,
A PEAL OF 5059 GRANDSIRE CINQUES
Tenor 37 cwt. 99 lb. in C.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	WILLIAM LOVE	7
*DORIS E. LIDBETTER	2	ARTHUR G. BASON	8
*G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	3	GEORGE SAYER	9
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	GEORGE P. ADAMS	10
JOHN R. SMITH	5	BERT GOGLE	11
CLIFFORD BIRD	6	NOLAN GOLDEN	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal on 12 bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST PETER,
A PEAL OF 5019 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 33 cwt.

HOWARD HOWELL	*Treble*	ALAN G. FOSTER	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	W. GEORGE PAGE	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	FRANCIS BROTHERTON	9
ERIC E. SPEAKE	4	GEORGE W. HUGHES	10
ERNEST STITCH	5	HARRY GRIFFITHS	11
DOROTHY T. GARDINER	6	BARNABAS G. KEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by HOWARD HOWELL.
Specially arranged and rung as an 83rd birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Knight, captain of St. Peter's tower.

TEN BELL PEALS

STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5057 GRANDSIRE CATERS
Tenor 20 cwt. 38 lb. in E flat.

H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	6
ARTHUR G. BASON	2	DAVID VINCENT	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	3	BERT GOGLE	8
JAMES BENNETT	4	CECIL W. PIPE	9
ERNEST WHITING	5	L. EDWARD ETHERIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
A birthday compliment to David Vincent.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 15 cwt. 23 lb. in D.

JACK L. MILLHOUSE	*Treble*	†ERIC N. HARRISON	6
*NORAH M. BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	7
GWEN I. RUSBY	3	*†J. ALAN AINSWORTH	8
STANLEY E. BENNETT	4	JOHN WALDEN	9
*DENIS A. FRITH	5	JOHN FREEMAN	*Tenor*

Arranged and Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.
* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal. † Fiftieth peal together.
Rung for the Patronal Festival.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

ALAN G. FOSTER	*Treble*	GEORGE W. HUGHES	5
*STELLA HUGHES	2	DOROTHY T. GARDINER	6
†GEORGE L. ROOBOTTOM	3	BARNABAS G. KEY	7
WILLIAM J. LEACH	4	EDWARD J. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BARNABAS G. KEY.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 17 *Minutes,*
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS OF CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	ARTHUR G. BASON	5
*HENRY TOOKE	2	GEORGE SAYER	6
†EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	3	NOLAN GOLDEN	7
STANLEY W. COPLING	4	H. WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.
* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal of Triples. The first peal of Stedman on the bells since Jan. 23rd, 1926.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND
THE ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Tenor 14 cwt.

Bro. JACK N. BROWN, Excelsior Engineers Lodge, No. 4248	*Treble*
Bro. ARTHUR TOMLINSON, Progress Lodge, No. 4120	2
Bro. JAMES W. GROUNDS, Standish Lodge, No. 4955	3
Bro. HARRY ANDERTON, Verity Lodge, No. 3949	4
W. Bro. EDWARD ASHCROFT, Latham Abbey Lodge, No. 6286	5
W. Bro. ED. C. BIRKETT, P.Pr.A.G.D.C., Thermopylae Lodge, No. 4386	6
Bro. PETER CROOK, Lodge of Antiquity, No. 146	7
Bro. THOMAS ROGERS, Evening Star Lodge, No. 3644	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by BRO. PETER CROOK.
Rung to celebrate the Installation of W. Bro. E. Ashcroft as Master of his Lodge.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5056 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

C. RONALD SMITH	*Treble*	HARRY TURNER	5
*JOE E. G. ROAST	2	CHAS. E. WILLMINGTON	6
TERRY EARLE	3	HILDA G. SNOWDEN	7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal in the method.
Rung on the eve of Advent.

HOOK NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE UNIVERSITIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5184 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*JO ROPER	*Treble*	DAVID EDWARDS	5
†WILFRED L. ROBINSON	2	WILFRID F. MORETON	6
MARIE R. CROSS	3	MALCOLM S. CLOKE	7
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. ROBERTS. Conducted by WILFRID F. MORETON.
* First attempt for a peal. † 100th peal.
A birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5024 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. in F.

HORACE O. OVER	*Treble*	JOHN A. UNDERWOOD	5
BRIAN G. WARWICK	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	6
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
JOSEPH W. COTTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. GOLDEN. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
100th tower bell peal as conductor.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. 26 lb.

ROYSTON WILMORE	*Treble*	PERCY D. BALDOCK	5
*JEAN A. BROOKS	2	RONALD RUSSELL	6
ERNEST F. PAYNE	3	ERNEST MORRIS	7
MARY C. PAYNE	4	B. STEDMAN PAYNE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* First peal 'inside' to Major.

BOWDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Nov. 29, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb. in F sharp.

*RODNEY S. SMITH	*Treble*	RUTH M. JACKSON	5
ANNE P. BROWN	2	STELLA P. WAIN	6
†DAVID T. PARKER	3	JEAN C. BROWN..	7
ARTHUR T. PARKER ..	4	ALAN J. BROWN..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. J. BROWN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' All are members of the Sunday service band.
To commemorate 50 years' service as verger by the late Leonard Goulden, and the birthdays of the ringer of the third and his mother.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Nov. 30, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 59 *Minutes,*
AT THE ROYAL FOUNDATION CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CASTRO,
A PEAL OF 5056 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD GRANT	*Treble*	*FRANK LEWIS	5
*DOREEN D. DUTTON ..	2	S. ANTHONY JESSON ..	6
MRS. PHYLLIS POOLE ..	3	PETER J. STANIFORTH ..	7
†DONALD THEEDOM	4	HERRICK B. BOWLEY ..	*Tenor*

Composed by H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by PETER J. STANIFORTH.
* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell.
Rung for the Feast of St. Andrew.

GATESHEAD, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES
Hubbard's Five-part. Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEOFFREY P. CAIRNS ..	*Treble*	†CHARLES N. LEA	5
†MARGARET GIBSON	2	ROBIN G. LEALE	6
‡GEORGE S. DEAS	3	FRANK G. BROOMFIELD ..	7
†KENNETH ARTHUR	4	†ROBERT F. TELFORD ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
* First peal on eight. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal on a working bell.
Specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. R. Pattinson, who recently retired as captain at this tower and has completed 54 years as a member of this Association.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON ..	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS ..	5
SUSAN JACKSON	2	*J. DESMOND PAINTER ..	6
GEORGE E. CRISP	3	JOHN G. GIPSON	7
*GILES C. GALLEY	4	WILLIAM T. COOK	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.
* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*MICHAEL L. CARTER ..	*Treble*	CHARLES HONE	5
†ROBERT L. PIRON	2	ROY K. MOWFORTH.. ..	6
FRANK H. ELEY	3	RICHARD J. WARRILOW ..	7
ROGER L. HAWKESWORTH	4	ROBERT G. W. BROUGHTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD J. WARRILOW.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Arthur Garbett, of Stafford, and a wedding compliment to John Moore and Eileen Bracey, married this day at Hethersett, Norfolk.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 22 cwt.

*JOHN KINGSNORTH	*Treble*	EDWARD F. CONNOCK ..	5
GWILYM SALMON	2	VICTOR G. ROBERTS	6
MARJORIE LEGG	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	7
FRANCIS C. MOGFORD ..	4	WILLIAM A. PRESCOTT ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Triples.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 11¼ cwt. in G.

DAVID W. BEARD.. ..	*Treble*	IVOR GOULTER	5
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS ..	2	CYRIL A. WRATTEN	6
GERALD BOWEN	3	DAVID BEACHAM	7
*†MARTYN HAWKES	4	DAVID J. MARSHALL	*Tenor*

Composed by D. W. BEARD. Conducted by CYRIL A. WRATTEN.
* First peal of Major. † First peal 'inside.' Composition now rung for the first time.
A 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

CRESSWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF 5120 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

A. BENJAMIN COOPER ..	*Treble*	DENNIS COOPER	5
GEORGE CHALLANS	2	HAROLD WAGSTAFFE ..	6
*DENNIS A. SMEDLEY ..	3	HERBERT T. ROOKE.. ..	7
GEORGE CHAMBERS	4	†DOUGLAS H. ROOKE ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ROOKE.
* First peal of Kent Major. † 100th peal. First peal of Kent Major as conductor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BUTTON ..	*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
*JACK PILGRIM	2	*PETER S. BEDFORD	6
ERNEST S. BAILEY	3	WALTER RUFFLES	7
FRANK RUFFLES	4	LESLIE G. BRETT	*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by LESLIE G. BRETT.
* First peal in the method.

HARLOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5088 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT H. YOUNG ..	*Treble*	*STANLEY F. CLARK	5
FRANK B. LUFKIN	2	*BENJAMIN G. BURTON ..	6
*AUDREY M. BAILEY ..	3	RONALD SUCKLING	7
WILLIAM H. WHEELER ..	4	*EDWARD J. ROCHESTER ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.
Rung as a farewell to Audrey M. Bailey and her parents, who are leaving the district.

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LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 23 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Johnson's Variation. Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

Patrick W. Saltmarsh	*Treble*	Brian J. Howard	5
*Mary Dowsett	2	†Dennis A. S. Symonds	6
Fred Mortlock	3	Joe E. G. Roast	7
Peter J. Came	4	†Peter J. Eves	*Tenor*

Conducted by Joe E. G. Roast.
* First peal of Surprise Major 'inside.' † 25th peal together.
Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor, and a first birthday compliment to Jane Symonds, daughter of the ringer of the sixth.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

William R. Manser	*Treble*	Albert Relfe	5
*Frederick J. Lambert	2	Luther J. Honess	6
Bernard V. Collison	3	Ernest J. Ladd	7
*Stanley G. Ponting	4	Frank H. Hicks	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest J. Ladd.
* 25th peal together.
Rung as a wedding compliment to Mavis I. Kitchenside, daughter of the captain of the local band, and David F. Archer, of Tunbridge Wells, whose marriage took place at St. Dunstan's on the same day.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas of Canterbury,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 25¼ cwt. in E flat.

C. Ernest Smith	*Treble*	Tower R. Taylor	5
*S. Kathleen M. Knight	2	Roger Baldwin	6
Frederick W. Burnett	3	Frederick W. Rogers	7
Alfred T. Greenwood	4	William T. Beeson	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Frederick. W. Rogers.
* First peal of London.
A birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

SHIPLAKE, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 15 lb.

Helen M. Brant	*Treble*	Alfred K. Street	5
*Ronald K. Russ	2	John N. Diserens	6
Bryan C. Stirland	3	Noel J. Diserens	7
*Eric L. Baughan	4	Jesse Smith	*Tenor*

Conducted by Noel J. Diserens.
* First peal of Triples.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Margaret of Antioch.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*Sidney Bull	*Treble*	Lionel S. Woods	5
Connie Chinnery	2	Harry Turner	6
Joan Hill	3	Charles E. Willmington	7
Frank V. Gant	4	†Frederick W. Blatch	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Turner.
* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.
Rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. Arthur Hull, for many years the Master and towerkeeper of the local company.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Cathedral Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF 5120 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
On the 'Stelfox' eight.

Samuel A. Martin	*Treble*	John A. Acres	5
Ernest Morris	2	Philip A. Corby	6
*Donald A. Theedom	3	William J. Root	7
*John E. Cooke	4	Herrick B. Bowley	*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. Dexter. Conducted by Herrick B. Bowley.
* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS

MARSTON BIGOTT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

Patrick C. Bridges	*Treble*	Edward F. Cannock	4
W. John Phippen	2	Ernest E. Bray	5
Francis C. Mogford	3	Percy Bray	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest E. Bray.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Milburgh,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Seven different extents. Tenor 12 cwt.

Fred C. Lyne	*Treble*	Robert Edden	4
William H. Male	2	Fred Kinchin	5
Harold Huxley	3	C. Arthur Manning	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. Arthur Manning.

LYMPSTONE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Mon., Nov. 21, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 240 each of Stedman, All Saints, Newborough, Grandsire, New Grandsire, Chase, Rev. St. Bartholomew, Northrepps, Fortune, St. Blaize, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Little Aston, Clifford Pleasure, Southrepps, and one extent each of St. Columb, St. Nicholas, April Day, Bob Doubles, Dedworth, Seighford, Old Doubles, Norfolk, Kennington, St. Simon's, Elford, St. Martin's, Austrey and Stedman Slow Course. Tenor 12 cwt.

L. Kenneth Dawe	*Treble*	Cyril Deem	4
Robert Perry	2	*John Quick	5
*Sidney Skinner	3	†Jim Briggs	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.
* 50th peal together. † First peal. First peal in 28 methods for all and the Guild. 25th peal as conductor.

HEADINGTON, OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Comprising two extents each of Stedman, St. Simon's, All Saints, and four extents each of Grandsire, Reverse St. Bartholomew, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, Southrepps, Clifford Pleasure, Plain Bob, Old, Norfolk and April Day. Tenor 9 cwt., approx.

David Woodward	*Treble*	Robin Trebilcock	4
Vernon Green	2	Tom Smith	5
John Hadfield	3	*Richard Gallop	*Tenor*

Conducted by Tom Smith.
* First peal. First in 12 methods for all and on the bells.
Rung to congratulate the Rev. and Mrs. Symes on the birth of a son; also as a farewell compliment to Mr. Judge, for many years organist and choirmaster at St. Andrew's; and as a welcome home to Gordon Collett from the R.A.F.

PLYMTREE, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being 720 each of (1) Kent and Oxford, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Single Oxford, (4) Double Oxford, (5) Double Court, (6) St. Clement's, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

L. Kenneth Dawe	*Treble*	Fred Wreford	4
Sidney Skinner	2	John L. S. Glanvill	5
Brian Pidgeon	3	John Quick	*Tenor*

Conducted by Sidney Skinner.
First peal in eight Minor methods for all and the Guild. First peal of Minor on the bells.

CLODOCK, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Clydog.
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being seven extents of Plain Bob (four callings), three extents of April Day (one) and 32 of Grandsire (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt. 2 lb.

Allen Colcombe	*Treble*	Charles Phillips	4
Leslie H. Colcombe	2	Thomas J. Gundy	5
Reginald G. Powell	3	Richard A. Colcombe	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald G. Powell.
First peal in three methods by all.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 53 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, one extent of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

JOHN R. SMITH	*Treble*	RAYMOND W. BALLS	4
*WILLIAM H. HOLDOM	2	WALTER C. MEDLER	5
†PERCY E. CROWE	3	WILLIAM R. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. SMITH.
* First peal in three methods. † First peal 'inside.'

HARPFORD, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven extents each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

*NORMAN SKINNER	*Treble*	*ERNEST ROWE	4
†RONALD PITMAN	2	SIDNEY SKINNER	5
L. KENNETH DAWE	3	JOHN QUICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN QUICK.
* First peal of Plain Bob Minor. † First peal of Plain Bob Minor 'inside.'

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb. in F.

*E. SYBIL M. TONKIN	*Treble*	GEORGE BEENEY	4
†LAURA M. BEENEY	2	CLIFFORD BOOTH	5
†KATHLEEN M. YEO	3	ALBERT ELLIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BEENEY.
* First peal at first attempt. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung on the fifth anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720. of Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY	*Treble*	RONALD KENRICK	4
MARGARET E. RIDYARD	2	ERNEST GOWER	5
JAMES S. WEBB	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.
Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. P. T. Robbins, as Vicar of St. Hilda's, Prestwich.

SHAPWICK, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 52 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being two extents of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¼ cwt.

WALTER H. POOLE	*Treble*	*SIDNEY W. WHITE	4
ARTHUR H. REED	2	*HENRY E. G. JEANES	5
WILLIAM E. TURNER	3	WILLIAM G. GIGG	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM G. GIGG.
* First peal in three methods. First peal in three Minor methods on the bells.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb. in B.

*ROSEMARY G. SEATON	*Treble*	†R. ANTHONY TRICKETT	4
M. G. MORGAN-WYNNE	2	J. DEREK SMITH	5
*FRANK R. MORTON	3	JOHN E. BROUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN E. BROUGH.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'
Rung as a compliment to Miss Ellen Retallack, of Wistaston, on her 100th birthday.



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FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Eastern Branch.)
On Mon., Nov. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being an extent each of Durham, Wells, London, York, Beverley, Surfleet and Cambridge. Tenor 13 cwt.

*Eric Flintham	*Treble*	Albert E. Flatters	4
*Fred Bishop	2	John R. Kemp	5
Arthur Young	3	John R. Young	*Tenor*

Conducted by John R. Young.

* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

Rung for the wedding of Miss Rhoda Brown. Ringing Master for Eastern Branch, and Mr. Philip Reynolds.

HARSTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

J. D. Painter (Caius)	*Treble*	†P. F. Windley (Jesus)	4
G. C. Galley (Queens')	2	F. B. Cookson (S. John's)	5
*Susan Jackson (Girton)	3	W. T. Cook (Jesus)	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. T. Cook.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

OCKBROOK, DERBYSHIRE.
THE DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 OLD OXFORD DELIGHT

Seven different extents (C.C.C. Nos. 102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 112 and 112 reversed). Tenor 7 cwt.

Patricia A. M. Forster	*Treble*	David K. Walklate	4
Vivienne M. Horton	2	Denis R. Carlisle	5
Gordon A. Halls	3	Derek P. Jones	*Tenor*

Conducted by Derek P. Jones.

Believed to be the first complete peal in this method (C.C.C. 4D. 17).

ASHBRITTLE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 41 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

David T. North	*Treble*	Geoffrey J. Gammon	4
Audrey North	2	Stanley N. Bristow	5
Gordon Walford	3	William F. Slocombe	*Tenor*

Conducted by William F. Slocombe.

Rung as a compliment to Raymond and Evelyne Yarde on the birth of a son.

STISTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 32 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In 24 methods: (1) College Exercise, Morning Star, Norbury, Duke of Norfolk and Ockley Treble Bob; (2) London Scholars Pleasure, Oxford, Kingston, Sandal and Capel Treble Bob; (3) College Bob IV, Willesden, Old Oxford and Newdigate Delight; (4) St. Albans, Wragby, Neasden and Charlwood Delight; (5) St. Clement's and Double Oxford Bob; (6) Childwall and Thelwall Bob; (7) Double and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in A flat.

Albert Saunders	*Treble*	John Warner	4
*Alan R. Syder	2	Frank B. Lufkin	5
Walter Arnold	3	Terry Earle	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank B. Lufkin.

* 50th peal. First peal in 24 methods by all the band.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

Cedric F. W. Phillippo	*Tenor*	Ronald E. Burt	4
Betty Syrett	2	John R. Smith	5
Frank C. J. Arnold	3	Wilfred G. Saunders	*Tenor*

Conducted by Cedric F. W. Phillippo.

First peal on the bells for 25 years.

COUNTESTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 38 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt. 17 lb. in G.

*Margaret A. Elsey	*Treble*	†Richard J. Carter	4
†T. Maureen Lloyd	2	†Thos. Edward Harrold	5
Harold Kilby	3	Richard T. E. Hubbard	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard T. E. Hubbard.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor, who has now 'circled the tower.'

Rung for the Patronal Festival, and as a welcome to Canon G. Calcraft, M.A., who was inducted on Dec. 2nd, 1955.

CRANFORD, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
(South and West District Officers' Peal.)
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Dunstan,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 7 cwt.

John D. Rock, District Hon. Secretary	*Treble*
Frank C. Price, Deputy District Master	2—3
Frank T. Blagrove, District Ringing Master	4—5
Frederick A. Finch, District Asst. Secretary	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank T. Blagrove.

First peal for the Association by officers of one district. First tower-bell peal by officers of one district of any Association, Guild or Society.

Rung for the christening of Beverley Bronwen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Price, and as a 96th birthday compliment to F. A. Finch's mother.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

An extent each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in G.

*Susan H. Porter	*Treble*	Leonard A. Tidy	4
Cyril S. Jarrett	2	Ralph Bird	5
William G. Cook	3	Peter F. Borer	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ralph Bird.

* First peal of Minor. The conductor has 'completed the circle' at this tower.

HANDBELL PEALS

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Nov. 20, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Brian G. Warwick	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Ernest Morris	3—4	Mrs. B. G. Warwick	7—8

Composed by E. J. Lindley. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Nov. 28, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At No. 29.
A PEAL OF 5021 GRANDSIRE CATERS

Tenor size 15 in C.

Valerie Willard	1—2	Joseph D. Johnson	5—6
*David Marshall	3—4	John Thomas	7—8
†Vivien Barnes	9—10		

Composed by A. Knights. Conducted by Joseph D. Johnson.

* First peal of Caters 'in hand.' † First peal of Caters.

Rung alternate three courses in tittums and handstroke home positions.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 4, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours.*
At 12, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Hills,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Tenor size 15 in C.

Brian G. Warwick	1—2	John A. Acres	5—6
Ernest Morris	3—4	Mrs. B. G. Warwick	7—8

Composed by E. J. Lindley. Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.

A birthday compliment to John A. Acres.

BELFRY GOSSIP

On November 29th, at a gathering of past and present ringers of St. Mary's Church, Richmond, Yorks, Mr. George Holmes was presented with a model bell, suitably inscribed, on completing 50 years as a ringer at St. Mary's Church. Earlier in the evening, Mr. Holmes conducted a quarter peal of Grandsire Doubles, in which the most recent learner, Judith Rodber, scored her first quarter. On November 19th, a quarter peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung as a compliment to Mr. Holmes.

Christ Church, Swindon, bells will be heard on the air in the Home Service on New Year's evening at 7.45. They will probably be ringing Stedman Caters.

Commenting on recent peals, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes: The peal at Fenny Stratford was actually the first since 1919 (there have been five in all). The peal at Great Mongeham was the first of Surprise on the bells and that at Chalfont St. Giles the first since 1934.

In honour of the 90th birthday of Jean Sibelius a carillon concert was given by Mr. James R. Lawson on the Rockefeller Memorial Carillon, Chicago University, on December 4th. The programme included 'Valse Triste,' 'The Swan of Tuonela,' 'Romance in D Flat' and 'The Bells of Berghall Church, Finlandia.'

Three generations of the Warrilow family ring at St. Mary's, Stafford. Grandfather Warrilow saw his grandson ring for his majority, prior to accepting an appointment at Glasgow, where he hopes to ring at St. Mary's Cathedral, when able. Mr. R. J. Warrilow, his father, is head ringer.

The peal at Stradbroke for 'the Bor Dairvud's' birthday was rung to Grandsire by special request. The company was equally divided between the Norwich and Suffolk Guilds, and pleasure was expressed at seeing Jim Bennett back to peal-ringing after his recent accident. Needless to say, the birthday was adequately celebrated, thanks to Dairvud's hospitality, and the participants clung to 'Ivy Lodge' for an unusually long time.

The young band at Marple, Cheshire, have achieved their first quarter. The bells are not easy to handle on account of the long draught. Keenness and perseverance have won through, and they are now practising Bob Minor.

Mr. H. Hatto, now 83, who rang in a quarter peal at Henley-on-Thames on November 26th, is the only survivor of the band that rang the peal of Caversham Surprise at Caversham. He is still a very active ringer.

An eminent official of the Hertfordshire County Association, who has just acquired a new car, had cause to regret its conspicuous colouring when he and two ringing companions were stopped by the police late at night. The car fitted the description of one in which the authorities were interested, and it was some time before the trio (perhaps identified, as one of the front-seat passengers later surmised, as 'the strong-arm men in the front and the brain in the back') were allowed to go on. It is not known how much of the wireless conversation which passed between the police car and headquarters turned on the suspicious fact that the boot of the car, unlocked upon request, was full of bellropes!

GUILD of DEVONSHIRE RINGERS

The annual meeting of the Aylesbeare Deanery Branch was held at Honiton Clyst on Dec. 3rd. About 40 members, and ringers from other branches, were present. The Branch was very pleased to welcome the president, Preb. E. V. Cox, and the general secretary, Mr. E. J. Taylor.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. V. Christie, the chairman of the Branch. Tea was provided by the local ringers' wives and was much appreciated by all.

At the meeting which followed, all Branch officers were re-elected and the president presented four certificates.

It was decided to start an instruction fund, and a sub-committee was appointed to look into this.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Terry Collins, who is nearly 15, had the pleasure of calling his father's first peal at South Marston, Wilts. Terry's keenness suggests a bright ringing future.

For the time being practices are being discontinued at St. Peter's Church, Stoke-on-Trent.

Mr. Cyril A. Burgess, who has been for 20 years a member of the Burnham, Bucks, tower, is leaving for Strood, Kent.

Middlesex Association have provided something of a novelty by the first tower bell peal with two ringers mastering four bells between them. It was the first peal by officers of the South and West District.

The 'British Railways Magazine' for December has an attractive cover picture of a team of railwaymen-ringers in action at St. Peter's Church, Boughton Monchelsea, near Maidstone, Kent. This is a ground-floor ring of six with a tenor of 15 cwt.

The performance of the eligible bachelors at Cold Higham, Northants, has prompted planning of a peal of Stedman Cinques to be attempted early in the new year. A letter from Bath asks for any interested and eligible to forward their names and addresses and also previous experience.

On December 25th, at 9.20 a.m. in the Home Service, Christmas greetings will be broadcast from the belfries of Liverpool Cathedral; St. Mary-the-Virgin, Painswick, Gloucestershire; SS. Philip and James, Holywood, Co. Down; Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge; St. Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow; Llandaff Cathedral, and the Priory and Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Leominster, Herefordshire, with the recorded bells of the Church of The Nativity at Bethlehem.

The band that rang the wedding peal at Mayfield, Sussex, on December 3rd, would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kitchenside for so kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal.

Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon, celebrated his 90th birthday on December 5th.

Mr. Jim Bennett, of Grundisburgh, sailed on the S.S. 'Orontes' on Tuesday for Australia. This is the first stage of his trip completely round the world. He hopes to be back in England early next March.

It was a 'special occasion' for Miss Jo Roper on November 26th. She not only rang her first peal but also celebrated the first anniversary of her first lesson in handling a bell and, a day in advance, her birthday.

The Oxford University Society's mixed Doubles attempt on the 'unconquered' heavy five at Charlton-on-Otmoor was brought to an untimely, though possibly unique, conclusion when, after two hours, the tenor man, P. R. S., diverted the attention of the band by turning somersaults over his rope at handstroke and disappearing upwards into the darkness upside-down. Charlton bells still remain 'unconquered.'

His many friends in the London area and the Essex Association will wish 'Dick' Stannard a very speedy recovery from an accident sustained while returning from ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Dick damaged his ankle, but after treatment at hospital he was taken home suffering from shock. One of the veterans of the Exercise, he has a rota as follows: Barking and Leytonstone for Matins, and Westminster and Hornchurch for Evensong. He is doing well, but he will be out of ringing till after Christmas.

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PEAL RINGING IN WARWICKSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

WE come now to another very interesting county as far as ringing is concerned, with Warwickshire. This county, of course, includes the famous ringing centre of Birmingham. Having made a list of peals rung at the different towers in the county, the most obvious thing was the way in which the peal ringing had been concentrated on the Birmingham towers, and also the relatively few peals on the 6- and 5-bell rings. The only place where we find a large number of peals outside the Birmingham vicinity is at Nuneaton, as will be mentioned below. There is, of course, extremely great activity in Birmingham at the moment—perhaps the greatest in its history, which is saying something. Thus, at the four Birmingham churches of the Cathedral (St. Philip's), St. Martin's, Bishop Ryder's and the Roman Catholic Cathedral, no less than 454 peals have been rung since the war and the grand total of peals in the county since 1881 is only 2,421. Well over half the total number have been rung in Birmingham and we also find that 12 towers have recorded more than two-thirds of all the peals rung, thus showing, once again, the concentration of peal activity on a few places. This will no doubt continue whilst the bells are available for peals so easily, apparently (e.g., already 26 peals this year at the Cathedral, up to the end of October!). Now to turn to the towers individually.

The most famous tower in the county is the one with the largest number of peals—St. Martin's, Birmingham. Here we find 321 peals rung and published in 'Bell News' and 'The Ringing World' from 1881, including 246 peals of Stedman Cinques. Over the past 50 years, the name of Mr. Albert Walker will be especially associated with this great achievement, together with his amazing record of more 12-bell peals than anyone else has ever accomplished—a feat which, I think, is never likely to be surpassed. Of course, peals were rung at St. Martin's before this, and I have located a further 33 unpublished ones before 1881. The peal of Stedman Cinques rung during the '12-bell week' on September 23rd, 1924, said it was the 200th on the bells. Counting the 33 just mentioned, I agree exactly with that, so that it would seem we can say that 354 peals have been rung in all in this tower. To return to the popularity of Stedman Cinques here, we find that between 1910 and 1920, every peal was of Stedman Cinques—41 in all (and at least one every year of the first war, so here is yet another tower with that record). Long lengths have been rung here too, and the 11,111 of Stedman Cinques rung in 1901 remained the record until 1946 (the 12,675 at Southwark Cathedral having been found false) when it was beaten by the 12,663 at Oxford Cathedral.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL

Another 12-bell tower is second on the list—Birmingham Cathedral. More peals have been rung on these bells since the war than on any other church bells in the country (there have been more at Loughborough Bell Foundry)—no less than 207 since 1944! The tower only became a 12-bell tower in 1949, but there have been 184 peals rung there since—an average of about 26 a year!

There were 34 in 1952, but it is possible that will be beaten this year since at time of writing there are still two months to go! Only 23 peals were rung from 1883 to 1903, and then there was a silence until 1937 when one peal was rung, repeated the following year. Thus there had only been 25 peals before 1944. Although Nuneaton will beat the next tower for peals rung since 1881, it is convenient to take it now since it is the last of the three 12-bell towers—Aston. This was also a 10-bell tower until recent times, but its heyday was more in the past than now. Of the 151 peals 115 were rung before 1914, followed by another nine up to 1923. There was a silence then until augmentation in 1936, and then five peals were rung before the second world war commenced. There have been 22 since 1944. If we counted peals rung before 1881, we should find this tower had almost as many as St. Martin's, for I have located 80 peals prior to that year (more, I think, than in any other tower). Thus its total will really be in the mid-300's. But that is a subject for later times when this series of articles is finished. It is one of the most famous towers of olden days.

The third in order of peals is actually Nuneaton (8) with 208 in the period from 1881. These have been spread out fairly evenly over the years with 80 between 1886 and 1914, 82 from 1918 to 1939 and 46 since 1944. Two more Birmingham churches follow — Bishop Ryder's Church (8), where 145 peals have been rung, and the Roman Catholic Cathedral (8), which can claim 126 peals. At the former, it is the post-war period which is the best, for 101 peals have been rung since 1944. Before this, only an occasional peal was recorded, for from 1884 to 1912, only 19 were rung, and there were 25 between the wars. At the latter, the 'lean' period was between 1919 and 1939, for only 12 peals were rung then. There had been 60 before 1914 and there have been 54 since 1943.

There are still two more centenarians — Erdington, St. Barnabas' (8), and Chilvers-Coton (10). Erdington has had 123 peals, principally in the 1918-1939 period (83). I did not record the first until 1904, after which 30 peals came before 1915. There have only been nine since 1945—a marked diminution. Chilvers-Coton is a recent 10-bell tower, having become so in 1947. The first here in the period was in 1908, so it has been quite consistent since then with 14 peals to 1913, 35 from 1919 to 1939 and 16 on the eight from 1945 to 1947. There have been 46 more since then, so it is proving the most popular 10-bell tower in the county. There are four other 10-bell towers to mention, three with very few peals. The most is Solihull (61), having had 26, 25 and 10 peals respectively in the usual three periods. Stratford-on-Avon is another recent ten. On the eight, only seven peals had been rung, in 1889, 1904-7 (3), 1946-7 (3). There have been 14 since augmentation in 1949, so it is doing better also now—total 21. Warwick, St. Mary's, has 11—seven from 1888 to 1910 and the others in 1920, 1922, 1944 and this year. Finally, the only peal I came across on the now 'defunct' bells of St. Michael's Coventry, was in 1883, and was later found to be false!

'UNCONQUERED' TOWERS

We return now to the remaining 8-bell towers which have had more than 50 peals. The Roman Catholic Church at Erdington has had 92 peals, the majority (53) before 1914. There were 20 from 1917 to 1929 and then a silence of 20 years. There have been 19 in the last six years, so things are better again. Allesley has 81. As a 6-bell tower, 40 were rung from 1909 to 1939 with another five from 1943 to 1946. There have been 36 since 1947 on the eight. Knowle and Shirley have both 80. The former has not been heard since 1937. There had been 53 peals prior to 1914 and the remainder after the war. Shirley has changed in steps from a 5 to 8 in our period. One peal was rung on the five in 1923. Three peals were rung on the six from 1931 to 1939, followed by 18 from 1943 to 1947. It is very popular as an eight, for there have been 58 peals since 1947. Then we come to St. Michael's, Stoke (Coventry), with 57. There were 18 from 1904 to 1914, 25 from 1918 to 1934 and 14 from 1947. I gather these bells are almost unringable now. Edgbaston is doing well of late, 26 of the 51 peals have come since 1944; there were 21 from 1932 to 1939. Before that it was a 6-bell tower with four peals from 1900 to 1902. Finally, Sutton Coldfield has 50—26 from 1884 to 1915, six from 1919 to 1929 and 18 since 1947. There are three 'unconquered' 8-bell towers (rather surprising for such an ancient centre of ringing)—Alcester, Leamington R.C. Church and Ullenhall. Of the others, Warwick, All Saints', Emscote, has been silent the longest—the last of its two peals being rung in 1905.

There is not a great deal to be said about the 6-bell towers, as indicated above. Only five have reached double figures! They are Exhall (25—22 from 1920 to 1939), Packwood and Shilton (18—the former 17 since 1951 and the latter 12 from 1925 to 1938), Grendon (15—every few years since 1910) and Wolvey (13—11 from 1922 to 1937 and one since then in 1950). Ten of the 40 where peals have been rung have had only one peal, and there are six 'virgin' towers—Arley, Brailes, Chadshunt, Coughton, Butlers Marston and Snitterfield. Claverdon has the longest silence—its only peal having been rung in 1909. Only 15 of the 34 5-bell towers have had peals, seven of them a single one. The only one with more than three is Keresley which has the good total of 13, ten from 1945 to 1948 (none since). Corley, Kingsbury and Rugby (the 5-bell ring) each have three, all rung since the war. The 2's are Astley, Burton Hastings, Bishop's Itchington and Meriden. Actually, out of the 2,421 peals in the county, only 182 have been rung on the 6-bell towers and 37 on the 5-bell ones. Thus there is clear indication of the popularity of the churches with the larger numbers of bells in this case. Peal totals include those published up to November 4th, 1955.

TRIBUTE TO BELL-RINGERS

I often wonder whether we all appreciate as fully as we ought the services rendered to the Church by the bell-ringers. They tend to be taken rather for granted. They are always on duty. Though they do not, in one sense, work silently it is true in general to say that the noise of their bells is the only way by which they draw attention to their labours.

I was prompted to think about the country's bell-ringers when I read of a Broxbourne (Herts) bell-ringer who, having begun as a campanologist at the age of fourteen, has now retired at the age of eighty-four. His father and grandfather were bell-ringers and his only son will carry on the tradition—four generations of bell-ringers.

This case is probably not unique. The ringing of the bells is a craft and an interest which does commonly seem to pass from father to son. It is a grand thing that it should be so, for the sound of church bells, apart from being an age-long and vital feature of our national life, is a constant reminder of man's duty to God and is also, in itself, an act of worship. What more perfect way can there be of making a joyful noise unto the Lord?

From 'The Church Times.'

The Third Gopher Dinner — An Unknown Newark Worthy

The third annual Gopher Dinner of the Newark Parish Church Ringers' Society was held at the Rutland Arms Hotel, Newark, on November 18th. After a very fine meal, enjoyed by a company of 54, the loyal toast was proposed by the president, the Rev. J. H. D. Grinter, Vicar of Newark.

The toast of 'The Society of Newark Parish Church Ringers,' coupled with the legendary name of Gopher, was then proposed by Mr. W. A. Muddell, J.P., who said that since being invited to propose the main toast he had searched through the 'History of Newark,' but was very sorry to say that, for all his endeavours, Gopher still remained a legend.

He had discovered many interesting things, including a South African rodent called a gopher which could run as fast backward as forward, and suggested that this would be a very useful asset for hunting up and down.

One could, however, still imagine Gopher with his perspiring horse lost in a November fog, listening for the ringing of Newark Parish Church bells which guided him back to his home, his thankfulness for his safe return and his leaving of a legacy for the bells to be rung in his memory. Mr. Muddell also thanked the Newark ringers for keeping up such a legend, which would be lost for ever were it not for their yearly ringing for Gopher.

He found in the 'History of the Newark Parish Church' that many years ago the ringers sank low and associated with the lowest form of parish life. Although he would not say where they sank to, he suggested that the money reputed to be left for the ringers would be a very useful asset in that place, and that would account for the missing legacy.

Following his speech, Mr. Muddell asked the company to rise with him and drink the toast of 'The Society of Newark Parish Church Ringers,' coupled with the name of the Master, Mr. J. W. Raithby.

Mr. Raithby in reply said that since the last Gopher Dinner the ringers had blended together much better, and the ringing had improved in both method and striking. Sunday service ringing had been kept up and Stedman and Grandsire Caters were becoming commonplace.

Mr. F. W. Vernon, in proposing the health of the president, said the Rev. J. H. D. Grinter had only been Vicar of Newark since April and was the third president in three years. He welcomed him on behalf of the ringers.

In reply, the president thanked all who had made him welcome since his induction as Vicar of Newark, and especially those who had invited him to such a fine meal. He thanked the ringers for their Sunday service ringing and also for ringing for special occasions when requested, and said he was pleased to see so many young faces, which was a sure sign of a healthy company.

The secretary, Mr. F. W. Midwinter, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' He said that he hoped the Gopher Dinner would not be reported in 'The Ringing World' as 'Midwinter's Circus Entertains.' First of all he welcomed Mr. J. F. Milner and his handbell team, from Southwell, who were to entertain the company later in the evening. Following this, he welcomed the visitors who came from Bulwell, Daybrook, Nottingham, North Muskham, Southwell, Sutton-on-Trent, Whatton and Wollaton.

Mr. J. D. Clarke, from Whatton, replied to the toast, saying that quite a few of the visitors had not heard of Gopher before the invitation to the dinner had arrived, but he was sure that the name of Gopher would not easily be forgotten. He thanked the Society on behalf of all the visitors for the kind invitation to attend.

The toasts completed, the company were entertained by Mr. J. F. Milner and his handbell team to some fine tune and change ringing. Mr. Milner also brought with him his tape recorder, on which he had recorded their practising of carols for Christmas services. Also recorded was a touch of Grandsire Triples and what might be called Stedman Doubles. The evening finished with a walking course of Grandsire Triples, followed by a walking course of Grandsire Doubles by an all-ladies' band.

The company included the president, the Rev J. H. D. Grinter, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Raithby, Mr. and Mrs. C. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Exton, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Midwinter, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Muddell, Mr. and Mrs. A. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Messrs. R. V. Appleby, P. Ball, S. Barley, B. Buswell, W. Chandler, C. H. Chapman, A. E. Chilton, C. J. Copp, E. Elson, F. Daykin, G. E. Foster, M. Gartside, P. Giles, T. Goodwin, T. Greasley, A. Hoodless, F. G. Hooper, J. F. Milner, W. Nicholls, F. Pickard, D. Sellars, D. Sibley, D. Simpson, J. B. Smith, E. C. Thrale and A. Wilson, the Misses G. Burchnall, K. Burchnall, B. Buxton, B. Castle and S. Sellars. W. L. E.

LATE NEWS

Mr. Eric Critchley's band rang Mr. A. J. Pitman's peal of eight Spliced Surprise Major methods, containing all the work of each method for every bell, at Birstall, Yorks, on December 10th. The Middlesex Association were unsuccessful in the attempt.

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OBITUARY

MR. FREDERICK J. TILLETT

The passing of Mr. Frederick J. Tillett on December 7th, in his 89th year, is a great loss, not only to St. Mary-le-Tower's, Ipswich, Suffolk, but also to Norfolk and Essex.

Fred was a tower of strength, both physical and practical. On Whit Tuesday, 1892, he rang the tenor at Debenham to the then record length, 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 10 hours and 32 minutes, 10,304 Bob Major at Leiston on January 10th, 1887, and 10,000 at Woodbridge. He was usually on the tenor. On October 19th, 1889, he rang the tenor at St. Martin-in-the-Fields to Kent Treble Bob Maximus, this being the first peal with the belfry lit by electric light.

He rang in the first peals of Maximus of the following methods: Superlative, New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Pudsey and York. His peals for the Norwich Diocesan Association number 115, and 99 for the Suffolk Guild.

In ringing handbells his rhythm was a pleasure to hear; a well-known London ringer on a visit to Ipswich remarked that he had never heard the two tenors rung with such precision. His son, J. F. Tillett (Ben), has taken his place as steeplekeeper at the Tower Church; there are also three daughters, 22 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Fred was gifted with ready wit; on an outing he was heard to remark: 'Boy, if you wake up to-morrow morning and find your pocket full of money you won't know you have had an outing.' On being asked to do a small job to one of the bells, he replied: 'I shall have to consult the secretary of the Amalgamated Society of Steeplekeepers.'

John Frederick Tillett, to give him his correct name, served with one engineering firm in Ipswich for 62¼ years. G. E. S.

[Other obituaries on page 798.]

NORWICH ASSOCIATION

Western Branch

Thirty-eight ringers representing 14 towers attended the last quarterly meeting of the year, which was held at Caston on November 26th. The bells, which were available from 2.30, were soon ringing in methods suited to the varying capabilities of those present. The service was conducted by the Rector of Caston, assisted by the Association's president (the Rev. H. G. Lillingston).

Mr. Chas. Banham and his band of ringers then escorted the party to the church farm where a gorgeous tea had been prepared. During the business meeting the Branch chairman, supported by the general secretary and the president, thanked Canon King for the use of the bells and for conducting the service; also the Caston ringers, for providing the tea all free and for the warm welcome.

The annual meeting will be held (pending permission) at Swaffham (8) on February 25th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL

The annual meeting of the Cirencester Branch was held at Cirencester on December 3rd, 22 members attending. Watermoor bells were available from 2.30 p.m., with the Parish Church bells after the meeting. The Rev. Mr. Hewett conducted the service, with Mr. H. Falkner at the organ.

At the business meeting which followed tea the members stood in silence to the memory of the Rev. D. Williams, Mr. C. T. Bayliss and Mr. H. Lewis. Branch officers elected were: Mr. W. A. Godwin, chairman; Mr. R. E. W. Wenban, secretary; and Mr. E. H. Jefferies, Branch representative. A rota of meetings for 1956 was adopted, with Fairford for the next annual. The chairman passed a vote of thanks to all those who had made the meeting a success. R. E. W. W.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE WRITING ON THE WALL

Dear Sir,—The writing is on the wall, but it is to be feared that the majority of ringers cannot or will not see it. The recent questions in the 'House' re the noise effect on the nerves of the populace of our towns is, I think, the beginning of the end unless we all do something now. Make no mistake, ringing in town towers could be curtailed overnight and we would only have ourselves to blame.

In how many towers has any effort been made to introduce sound control? Fulham, Upper Clapton and most recently Christ Church, Ealing, have demonstrated that the sound can be muted almost to inaudibility for practice, etc., and yet the full beauty can be heard on Sundays.

Alas! the noise thunders out in the vicinity of the majority of our towers. I can name at least one tower in North London where the tower has been closed due to excessive complaints—WHICH WERE JUSTIFIED.

A few years ago a tower in London was rebuilt and a new ring installed, and yet despite the fact that there are flats alongside higher than the tower, huge open louvres were built. The noise outside is beyond description. How long is the public going to put up with this?

One further example is Southwark Cathedral. It is well known that there have been protests from Guy's Hospital, and yet regularly peals are rung, many of which do not end before 10 p.m., and I have heard these bells ringing at 10.20 p.m.

In many of our towers the practice develops into a frightful cacophony of noise, yet in one tower this frightful noise goes on to 9.20 on occasions; striking is unknown.

At the recent dinner of the Ancient Society, mention was made of ringing in 100 years' time. If there is to be any future at all for the Exercise, some effort to consider the public will have to be made; the days of privilege are past and we must not think that as servants of the Church we are safe from attack.—Yours, etc.,

E. J. R.

VETERANS RINGING AT IPSWICH

Dear Sir,—Congratulations to Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins on ringing a peal in his 86th year. Belfry Gossip of Dec. 2nd asks if he can claim to be the oldest tower bell peal ringer, but does not mention the word living.

Mr. R. H. Brundle rang a peal of Kent T.B. Maximus on December 27th, 1937, in his 87th year, also the fifth to Cambridge Surprise Maximus on October 15th, 1938, in his 88th year. At the other end of the scale, Mrs. Marriott, née Phyllis E. Tillett, rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Cinques and Oxford T.B. Maximus at the age of 14 years.

All the above peals took place in St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich.—Yours, etc.

G. E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

THE PEAL AT RICHMOND

Dear Sir,—A few weeks ago I met Mr. T. Beadle, jun., at Twickenham, and he recalled memories of a peal rung there some years previously. To what appeared in 'The Ringing World' he has since written: 'If Freddie Goddard hold got hold of him (the verger) that night, there would have been murder.'

It is interesting to recall the names of the men mentioned. I have some happy memories of the hours spent with some of the band—poor old George Ransom, as safe a man that ever rang a bell: the conductor, Jack Basden; his old friend Jo. Tabor and little Jimmy Walsom.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. HEAD.

Hanworth.

THE LATE MR. W. J. NUDD

Dear Sir,—With reference to the obituary notice of the late W. J. Nudd, we have in our ringing room a large photograph of the team who rang in the record peal of 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough on Easter Monday, April 12th, 1909. The late Mr. Nudd rang the eighth, and the late Mr. Gabriel Lindoff rang the ninth.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. Wilson, Hon. Secretary,
Dublin. St. Patrick's Cathedral Society.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR IN WALES

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Roberts, of Llandudno, a peal of Little Bob Major was rung at St. Illtyd's Church, Bridgend, on August 22nd, 1928. It was composed and conducted by Mr. A. J. Pitman and was the first peal of Little Bob Major rung in Wales.—Yours faithfully,

W. T. PETTY.

Bridgend.

[NOTE. — The Editor thanks other correspondents who have replied to this query.]

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY NEWS LETTER

Dear Sir,—I must first apologise to the members at last year's annual dinner for the delay in acting on instructions received after discussion with respect to the news letter.

The intention is to produce periodically a circular giving news of the 'resident' and 'no-longer resident' members.

I would like to draw attention to my notice in this issue and would be grateful if **any reader** who knows of a member who, for any reason, is unlikely to see the notice, would either draw his or her attention to it, or send me a postcard with the member's name and address.—Yours faithfully,

Bristol 8. I. H. TRUEMAN.

ST. MARY'S, PENZANCE

Dear Sir,—I have recently been lent a copy of 'Clavis Campanalogia,' which was first published in 1788, and I note that Penzance is shown as having ten bells. Was this an error or did St. Mary's at that time have ten bells? If the latter, what happened to the other two bells? Perhaps some of your readers can inform me.—Yours sincerely,

E. T. P. FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM

Dear Sir,—I wonder if any readers of the 'R.W.' can tell me what is the maximum number of calls in a true 720 of Bob Minor; also what is the minimum number with 5-6 the right way, in both cases.—Yours faithfully,

Sleaford. C. T. H. BRADLEY.

RINGING IN HIS 91st YEAR

Dear Sir,—In Belfry Gossip recently someone asked if Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins, of Oxford, can claim to be the oldest tower bell peal ringer. Not quite, for Mr. Frank W. Sinkins rang the third through a peal of Grandsire Triples at Burnham, Bucks, in 3 hours 13 minutes on August 21st, 1951, when he was 86 years 7 months. It was stated then that he was the second oldest man to ring a peal. Mr. Sinkins, who now lives at Streatham, S.W, will be 91 on January 30th. He still climbs the steps to St. Leonard's ringing chamber and takes part in the ringing. He hopes to ring on Christmas Day and to ring a quarter peal when he reaches 91.

We at St. Leonard's sincerely hope this ambition may be achieved.—Yours faithfully,

S. HOWARD.

Colliers Wood, S.W.19.

TIBENHAM BELLS

Dear Sir,—It is 25 years since a peal was rung on Tibenham bells, and it has been considered almost impossible to ring a peal on them owing to the tenor 'going' badly. After trying for two or three years, we at last obtained permission to attempt a peal.

An afternoon was spent among the bells by three of the band, cleaning out bearings and carrying out minor repairs, and then with two borrowed ropes everything was ready. The result was a good peal of Plain Bob Minor, with much credit and many thanks due to the tenor man These bells are well known for their fine tone and are considered by many to be the best six in the county. We hope in future they may be heard more often.—Yours faithfully,

CEDRIC F. W. PHILLIPPO.

Bunwell, Norwich.

FOOTNOTES

Dear Sir,—Those who decry lengthy and unnecessary footnotes will, I am sure, have spotted the most outstanding space-wasting 'afterthought' for many months. I refer to the recent peal, allegedly rung to mark the opening of the Vienna State Opera! That the band as a whole could have agreed to such an occasion being associated with this peal is, I think, very unlikely; but I feel certain this sort of thing could be avoided if, in future, an acknowledged responsible member of the band is elected to send the peal for publication.

To couple God's house and its rejoicings with a programme of operas is, to put it very mildly, in extreme bad taste, and I sincerely feel that this classic example of space-wasting points quite clearly to the necessity for a drastic reduction of footnotes.—Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL G. MORTON.

Erdington, Birmingham.

ST. SIMON'S & ST. JUDE'S IN LONDON

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Ernest Morris might be interested to know that we have, in the Diocese of London, churches dedicated individually to both St. Simon and St. Jude. Including those that are now redundant and those that were bombed, there were four churches in the Diocese dedicated to St. Simon and six to St. Jude.—Yours faithfully,

B. K. LUNN.

London, S.W.5.

KINGWESTON BELLS

Dear Sir,—Further to my letter re the above, published in 'The Ringing World' of December 9th, I enclose herewith what the 'Daily Sketch' printed of my protest:—

'BELLS AT NIGHT

I see that a reader in Kingweston, Somerset, protests about the ringing of church bells at night. In this age of noise some people apparently find it necessary to complain about the one loud sound which is made to the glory of God.—E. T. Paul Field, Long Sutton, Somerset.'

My letter, as submitted, contained a protest at the letter from 'A. F. S.' and also at the editor's flippant footnote. It also denied that bells were rung at 'night' or that ringers played popular tunes on bells. What the editor felt disposed to publish appears somewhat weak, I fear, when removed from the main context. I am glad, however, to report, that what of my letter was published was sufficient to bring appreciative thanks from a lady at Kingweston. —Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

TOWER HUNTING IN DEVON

And Some Reflections on Bell Founders

DEVON is a big county, having two 12-bell towers, four tens (two blitzed), 88 eights (three blitzed) and over 250 sixes, besides 30 or so 5-bell towers, and most of these have been visited by our party of change-ringers in the past years. The extent of the travelling must be imagined rather than realised. Messrs. A. W. Searle and G. H. Myers have done the lot, while Messrs. T. G. Myers and F. C. Smale are down to single figures. The same may be said of Rev. Preb. E. V. Cox. All this has meant long journeys and a wealth of experience. We have travelled the moorland stretches of Exmoor and Dartmoor, with all the varied scenes of valleys and woodland slopes, stretches of heath and gorse and frowning tors. We have visited villages in sheltered vales, villages on hills where tall towers outstand like sentinels.

During the past wonderful summer we have done the outskirts of the county to the south, north and east. On May 4th we visited Wolborough (8) (16 cwt.), Staverton (22), Harberton (15), Diptford (13), Ermington (15), Holbeton (15) and Cornwood (10), all in the South Hams.

On May 25th we journeyed to Romansleigh (12), Mariansleigh (7), E. Buckland (7½), Filleigh (7), Charles (7) and Marwood (16).

July 12th took us to Lynton (10), through the Doone country to Brendon (4) (9 cwt.), Withypool (12), Winsford (16), Dulverton (8) (15), Washford Pyne (7) and Calverleigh (7). Of these, Withypool, Winsford and Dulverton are in Somerset.

On Aug. 10th we visited Rockwell Green (11) —in Somerset: Clayhidon (11, 2, 27), Churchstanton (11½), Yarcombe (5) (16 cwt), Hawkchurch (12), Uplyme (12) and Lyme Regis (8) (3 cwt.)—in Dorset.

The trip on Aug. 31st took us to Whitstone (12), Upton Pyne (11), Brampford Speke (5½), Silverton (8) (17 cwt.), Rewe (9), Stoke Canon (12), Clyst St. George (10½) and Colaton Raleigh (12).

THE BEST SIX IN DEVON

We finished on Sept. 28th with Tavy St. Peter (10), Meavy (9), Sheepstor (9), Shaugh Prior (15, 1, 2), W. Bickleigh (9, 3, 27), Egg Buckland (9), Stoke Damerel (16) and Brixton (13). Much may be written about each of these trips and the series of most interesting rings of bells, all sixes except where noted. The rings at Shaugh Prior, Clyst St. George and Churchstanton attracted attention for tonal qualities. The question of the best six in Devon has often arisen, and opinions of our party are divided between Colyton, Shaugh Prior and North Molton on the heavy side, and Bishops Nympton and Clyst St. George on the light side. The heavy five at Molland, in F minor, attracted much interest. What is the translation of the inscription on the second bell, 'gif to Sancta maradrono'? The inscription on the treble, 'Hi jacet Magister Johannes Cooke,' printed backwards on the bell with date 1562, is unique. A church with tower of interest to us all was Whitstone, where Mr. Charles Pearson probably rang Grandsire Doubles. A 'peal' board in the tower records 120 Grandsire Doubles as a first peal. Mr. Pearson lived with his brother, who was the Rector of Whetstone. Mr. Pearson's book on 'The Church Bells of Devon' reveals considerable research into bell history, and his chapter on bell-founders is of particular interest to ringers and all who are curious on bell history.

Mr. G. H. Myers once remarked, at Holcombe Rogus during a previous series of trips: 'This is the best ring of bells we have rung today.' On looking up the record we found that the treble was modern, the second mediæval, the third Kingston, 1825; fourth Pennington, 1636; fifth Bilbie, 1703; tenor Wroth, 1691. This seemed remarkable, having regard to the quality of the six. The question arises, 'Who were these founders?' Many of our party have ascended a tower to see an ancient bell, and quite a number of mediæval bells still do service. Some bells in N. Devon have the stamps r.g., others have r.n. The latter appears to be the initials of Robert Norton, of Exeter, while r.g. is an enigma. Read the following, which occurs on Luppitt tenor, 'Nosmesregoremib,' backwards: then we get 'Bi me Roger Semson.' This sort of puzzle inscription was common at that time. Roger Semson is considered to be the founder of Talaton tenor, circa 1492. He flourished in Queen Mary's reign.

The successor of Roger Norton at Exeter was John Byrdan. It may be that the Exeter firm used the cryptic stamps r.n. and i.t. with black lettering until John and Thomas Byrdan assumed control in the early 17th century. John Byrdan cast the present Cathedral fourth in 1616. The Byrdans' foundry probably passed to the Penningtons and the Cathedral fifth was cast by I. Pennington in 1658. Their foundry mark was T.P. and used from 1618 to 1763. Another firm of Pennington, which may have been of the same family, worked from Lezant and then Stoke Clymsland in Cornwall. In Ellacombe's list of Devon bells 480 bells came from the Cornish firm, and in the number were many rings of five and six. The Exeter firm cast 174 bells mainly as single bells. The Cornish firm seems to have carried the foundry to the towers, and tradition has it that the Parkham six were cast in the churchyard in 1778. The maiden ring still does service. The Exeter Penningtons cast many good bells, but in the Cathedral records there is a note that the 'Doom bell' (or Cathedral eighth) 'recently cast by Mr. Pennington be new cast by Mr. Thomas Perdue.' The Perdue bell is dated 1693. The name of T. Perdue also occurs on the sixth (1676), ninth (Cobthorne) (1676) and the eleventh (Stafford) (1676). The Doom bell is the eighth.

The name of T. Pennington occurs on the extra sixth (1630). Most of the bells cast by both firms of Pennington appear to have been on the lighter side, and as we know many are good. With heavy bells like those in the Cathedral the Exeter firm did not give satisfaction. The Perdue firm worked from Salisbury, Bristol and Taunton, and cast 25 bells in the county. The Perdues eventually removed to Winchester.

Another famed firm who cast bells for the Cathedral was that of Evans, of Chepstow. The firm cast the present seventh (Fox) (1729) and the tenth (Oldham) (1729). The Grandison was also cast by them in 1729. She has been recast by Taylors (1902).

It is interesting to note several other founders, more or less local, worked in Devon during the 17th and 18th centuries. These are Stadler, of Chulmleigh (1693-1770), Cockley, of Totnes (1681-1701), Gooding, of Plymouth (1717-1750), T. Wroth (1691-1774). Wroth cast 64 bells in the county, among them being the old six at Okehampton (1750) in the churchyard. Kingston worked from Bridgwater.

After the Penningtons, the most popular firm was that of Bilbie, of Cullompton (1715-1818). They cast more than 300 bells, and the name of Bilbie occurs on bells time after time nearly all over the county. Mainly their work is to be found in East Devon. It is said that William Pannells took over the firm of Bilbie and that his son removed to Exeter and set up a foundry which came to an end in 1855.

During the years 1825-1835, John and William Taylor, of Oxford, worked their foundry at Buckland Brewer, N. Devon, and cast many rings in the area. In 1840 the great Taylor foundry was established at Loughborough. In the parish church at Buckland Brewer there is a brass to the memory of John Taylor.

Rudhalls, of Gloucester, cast fine sixes for Pilton (1712) and Totnes (1722). Many of these remain and the Pilton tenor is one of the finest bells in the county. An interesting item is that William Hambling, a Blackawton blacksmith, took over the Pennington firm of Lezant and worked in the South Hams (1823-1845). We have met with Hambling's bells on our trips.

When it is remembered that in 1888 there were only two rings of ten bells, 39 of eight and 165 of six, the work by the modern firms Taylors, Mears and Stainbank, Gillett and Johnston, as well as John Warners, can be appreciated. Warners cast good eights for Emmanuel, Plymouth, and Withycombe Raleigh, and some sixes. The other firms need no comment because their work, past and present, is so well known.

MR. ELLACOMBE'S WORK

It is clear that there is much more in bell hunting than striking good touches. Mr. Ellacombe, the historic bell hunter, climbed every tower in the county except one, and he left behind him a monument in his record of the bells of Devon. We have hunted for the simple joy of ringing good touches and the joy of the countryside and churches: the pleasure of attempting to analyse the tonal qualities of the best old bells and comparing them with the more resonant modern and scientifically tuned bells. There is joy in listening to a touch of Stedman on the Cathedral ten, the Heavitree or Tiverton or Holsworthy eights, or be it said the fine St. Andrew's ten, the Totnes or South Molton eights. Which is the best? Maybe the experts can tell us.

But there is more than this: during our trips we have received kindly welcome from the clergy. Some have rung with us: some have arranged tea for us: some have entertained us. Local ringers were always interested and appreciative. We simply had to strike well. A remarkable fact is that in ninety-nine per cent. of cases the belfry was treated as part of the church and with care, kept like parlours in some cases, often with certificates of merit in striking hanging on the walls. Many call-change ringers read 'The Ringing World.' Seldom was a tower refused—one due to a tower falling (Dunkeswell): another a weak tower: one with bells considered to be dangerous, where we ventured and found the ring went quite well.

Yes, it has been worth while and we value the appreciation expressed by local people of our striking. One thing is certain: each member of our parties has happy memories of days amongst the splendid bells of Devon. And I think Preb. E. V. Cox, Revs. J. H. B. Andrews and W. H. Smale, Messrs. A. W. Searle, Myers (G. H., T. G., Fred and Bill), M. Atkins, W. Burrows, W. H. R. Smale, Ryall, Truman (A. and R.), with Mrs. Hood, Mrs. Johnston and Miss Boyle will readily subscribe to this sentiment.

FREDK. C. SMALE.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

Devizes Branch

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Seend on December 3rd, when some 26 members and friends attended, including visitors from Chippenham and Frome. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Yetbury, in the absence of the Vicar. Tea was served in the Bell Hotel. Votes of thanks were passed for the use of the bells, to the lady organist, and to the ladies for providing the tea. Methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from rounds to Cambridge Minor.

S. C.

AMPTHILL, BEDS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): Miss M. Stephens 1, C. A. Gilbert (first quarter) 2, J. M. Stephens (cond.) 3, R. A. Ward 4, E. J. Sharp 5, A. E. Holder 6.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Hayns (first of Triples away from tenor) 1, Miss K. Beasley 2, Miss B. Payne 3, J. T. Symonds 4, E. G. L. Coward 5, D. G. Astridge (first of Triples as cond.) 6, A. H. Smith 7, H. H. Hayns 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam Albert Chitty, a lifelong resident in the village, senior chorister and for more than 53 years a member of the choir.

BARKING, SUFFOLK.—On Oct. 13th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: P. W. Mills 1, A. E. J. Lester 2, Marion Mills 3, M. Mills 4, R. E. Lester 5, U. W. Wildney (cond.) 6. First in method by 1, 2, 3 and 4.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Nov. 12th, by the A.S.C.Y.. 2,667 Stedman Caters: T. Edwards 1, S. H. Dearden 2, G. Briggs 3, A. M. Tyler (cond.) 4, J. Phillips 5, W. Myers 6, M. V. Chilcott 7, T. G. Myers 8, F. C. Price 9, E. J. Taylor 10. Longest length of Stedman Caters by 1, 3 and 6.

BEDFORD.—On Nov. 14th, at the Church of St. Peter, 1,380 Plain Bob Doubles: B. Harris (13, first quarter) 1, H. J. Harlowe 2, P. J. Shipton 3, G. Amor 4, J. R. Taylor (cond.) 5, D. J. Thompson 6. Rung by a local band as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. the Duke of Cornwall. Also on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Anne Amor (first quarter) 1, J. Taylor 2, G. Amor 3, P. Shipton 4, C. E. Jeffries (cond.) 5, D. Thompson 6.

BRAMPTON, HUNTS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: Lucy Allen (first as cond., aged 17) 1, R. F. Baker 2, Maureen Allen 3, E. J. Whiting 4, J. W. Allen 5. Rung for Confirmation service.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 20th, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: C. Bower 1, Mrs. L. Mills 2, E. R. Cansdale 3, A. W. Cansdale 4, J. M. Spurgin 5, S. T. Hume (first in method) 6, D. L. Mills (cond.) 7, L. D. Mills 8. Rung for Evensong and a wedding anniversary compliment to H.M. Queen Elizabeth II. and the Duke of Edinburgh.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob, 780 Grandsire): S. Allen 1, Mrs. D. Burgess 2, A. Atkins 3, W. Johnson 4, J. Morley (cond.) 5, A. Jolliffe (first quarter) 6. Rung half-muffled in memoriam the Rev. H. W. A. Thursby.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. H. Butler (13, first quarter) 1, A. E. Barker 2, P. J. Barker (cond.) 3, H. Butler 4, W. Benton 5, A. Armstrong 6.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 21st, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Carveth 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, A. Locke (first 'inside' on eight) 3, G. W. Taysom 4, C. W. Jose 5, A. Burley 6, E. V. Williams (cond.) 7, H. Taysom 8. A welcome home, after two years' National Service overseas, to H. Taysom.

CHECKENDON, OXON.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Mrs. M. Baughan 1, Miss L. E. Slade 2, M. L. Baughan 3, W. A. Grey 4, G. J. Hearns (cond.) 5, R. K. Russ 6. For harvest fesival. Also on Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Doubles: Miss L. E. Slade 1, M. L. Baughan 2, G. J. Hearns 3, R. K. Russ 4, E. L. Baughan (cond.) 5, C. M. Baughan 6. First of Stedman Doubles for all the band. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Dorchester.

COMBE MARTIN, DEVON.—On July 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: K. Walters 1, B. M. Boyle 2, M. Parkin (first of Triples) 3, R. D. H. Gubb 4, Mr. Wood 5, D. Gay 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, F. Yeo 8. Compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Yeo on their 56th wedding anniversary. Also on July 22nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Farthing (first quarter) 1, R. D. H. Gubb 2, B. M. Boyle 3, D. Gay 4, S. W. Ball 5, F. Yeo 6, D. Beacham (cond.) 7, M. Parkin 8. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. M. Boyle 1, R. D. H. Gubb 2, M. Parkin 3, D. Gay 4, F. Yeo 5, L. Walters 6, K. Walters (first as cond, aged 16) 7, A. Smallridge 8. Arranged to wish Margaret Parkin farewell on her departure for Birmingham, and as a birthday compliment to the mother of the conductor, and a wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Sangwin.

DAMERHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss N. Jupe (first quarter) 1, Miss S. Morey (first 'inside') 2, M. Northway (cond.) 3, Miss A. Knight 4, G. Northway 5, P. Waterman 6.

QUARTER PEALS

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: F. Dakin (first quarter) 1, Mrs. A. Simpson 2, P. M. Giles 3, B. M. Buswell (cond.) 4, J. Troughton 5, P. E. Ball 6, A. Simpson 7, H. Cawthorne 8. Rung for Daybrook Church Winter Fair.

DURLEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: D. Selley (14, first quarter) 1, D. Miller (18) 2, Miss P. Bird (18, first 'inside') 3, G. Marchant (15, cond.) 4, R. Short 5, C. Dyment 6. Rung for the combined children's festival and Evensong.

EDMONTON, MIDDLX.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Enid Cave 1, J. Hough 2, Trudy Newcombe (cond.) 3, J. Weeks 4, R. Sumner 5, J. Seabrook 6. First quarter 1, 4 and 6. For Evensong.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Benedict, on Nov. 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: V. Voisey 1, H. Scull 2, J. Blackmore 3, R. Funnell (cond.) 4, G. Stitch 5, C. Scull 6.

GRANTHAM, LINCS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: F. W. Pinchbeck 1, B. Hunt 2, W. R. Read 3, R. C. Blakey 4, J. Watson (first of Bob Major) 5, P. E. Parry 6, K. Ketteringham 7, D. A. Frith (cond.) 8.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Ainger 1, G. Green 2, P. J. Spencer-Phillips 3, P. Green (cond.) 4, P. T. Spencer-Phillips 5, H. Carter 6, B. Bover 7, F. Payne 8. Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Langley, parishioners; also a birthday compliment to Mr. B. Bover.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—On Oct. 2nd, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: G. Cherry 1, S. Ashton (first of Minor 'inside') 2, R. Head 3, P. Croft 4, L. Runnacles 5, F. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong. Also on Oct. 23rd, 1,440 Surprise Minor (720 each of Norwich and Cambridge): For Evensong. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,272 Norwich Surprise Minor: Rung half-muffled for Remembrance Day. Also the same day for Evensong, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor. Also on Nov. 20th, 1,272 Surprise Minor (720 Annable's London and 552 Norwich): For Evensong.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Bowden 1, R. Overy 2, E. T. Lee 3, Mrs. K. E. E. Bowden 4, J. Euston (cond.) 5, E. Talbot 6, H. Gauntlet 7, F. Wicks 8. For Confirmation service.

HELLINGLY, SUSSEX.—On Nov. 20th, 1,260 Southrepps Doubles: E. Sybil M. Tonkin 1, Laura M. Beeney 2, Kathleen M. Yeo 3, F. H. Beeney 4, G. Beeney (cond.) 5, A. Ellis 6. First in the method by all the band.

HENDON, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Maltby (first quarter) 1, Joyce Baggott (first 'inside') 2, Ruth Foreman (cond.) 3, G. Pratchett 4, M. King 5, G. Ellis 6.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Jemmett 1, R. K. Russ 2, C. Tigwell 3, H. Hatto 4, E. Baughan 5, F. G. Henbest 6, A. K. Street (cond.) 7, J. Smith 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Margaret Aldridge, of Henley, and Mr. Hassan Shaida, of Teheran, married this day at Shiplake-on-Thames.

HESTON, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Eileen M. Ricketts 1, W. W. Webb 2, C. Rew 3, C. J. Newnes 4, P. A. Ruch 5, P. Bettridge 6, B. A. Rose (cond.) 7, J. E. Ricketts 8. Rung to celebrate John and Eileen Moore's wedding.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. Blake 1, S. Barker 2, B. Elvin 3, E. Bracey 4, R. Lofty 5, H. Tooke 6, G. Elvin 7, C. Moore (cond.) 8. Rung half-muffled in memoriam John S. Alborough, for many years a regular Sunday service ringer at this church, who was interred this day.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.—On Nov. 26th, 1,302 Grandsire Triples (first and last from Holt's Original): Miss E. Lomas 1, J. Salway 2, A. Tapley 3, Mrs. M. Pearce 4, E. E. Retter 5, G. E. Retter (cond.) 6, A. Holway 7, E. Morgan 8. In memoriam Edward Trapnill, who died November 26th, 1710, local annual knell; also to James Dunster, member of Sowton band, who died the previous day.

IXWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Nov. 19th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: L. Melton (first of Minor) 1, L. Pierce 2, R. Rose 3, H. King 4, A. Ballam 5, E. Bishop (cond.) 6.

MARPLE, CHESHIRE.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: W. H. Dowse (aged 12) 1, B. Grove (12) 2, J. McFall 3, A. McFall (17) 4, M. J. Pryor (cond., first in method) 5, R. Smith (17) 6. First quarter by all except the conductor.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Chantler (first of Minor) 1, T. Warner 2, J. Medhurst 3, J. Saunders 4, H. H. Usborne (cond.) 5, G. Fry 6.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Evans 1, L. Cordell 2, N. King 3, J. McPhail (first 'inside') 4, S. King 5, W. Wedlock (cond.) 6. Arranged for J. McPhail.

PORTHKERRY, GLAM.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Reverse Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 540 Grandsire): H. Smart 1, Mrs. D. Morgan 2, L. J. Malings 3, H. Green 4, M. Williams (first as cond.) 5.

SOUTHAMPTON.—On Nov. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Heath 1, D. Cecil Williams 2, Miss B. Smith 3, O. N. Curtis (first of Triples as cond.) 4, Miss E. Arthur 5, J. W. Faithfull 6, M. Butler 7, J. Bray 8. Rung for morning service and as a birthday compliment to J. W. Faithfull (captain).

SOWTON, DEVON.—1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Tapley 1, W. Seldon 2, G. Retter 3, G. Betts 4, E. Retter 5, H. Willmington 6, W. Reeks (cond.) 7, G. Pidsley 8. Rung half-muffled after the funeral of Mrs. V. A. Garratt, widow of the late Col. L. C. Garratt, whose ancestor, John Garratt, gave the church and bells (hung by Mears and Stainbank in 1845).

STRATTON, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): A. E. Bissat 1, H. Stacey 2, C. Sangwin (cond.) 3, S. Littlejohns 4, H. Heard 5, T. Finnemore (first quarter) 6, S. T. Stacey 7, J. Hockridge (first quarter) 8. To commemorate St. Andrew's festival (patron saint), also a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 4th, at Christ Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: C. J. Gardner 1, H. Craig 2, Mrs. F. Wilton 3, G. W. Townsend 4, R. G. Townsend 5, E. J. Berry 6, A. Wells 7, W. W. T. Daniell 8, E. Sutton (first as cond. in Caters) 9, E. Vincent 10. To mark the appointment of the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Thomas) as a Canon of Bristol Cathedral.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.—On Nov. 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. L. Langdon 1, Mrs. Watts 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, Mr. Small 4, H. Belcher 5, John Phillips (con.) 6, B. Lunn 7, James Phillips 8. Rung for Evensong and the 28th anniversary of the bells.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, CO. DURHAM.—At the Church of All Saints, Stranton, on Nov. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Webster 1, Mrs. W. Maughan 2, Miss P. James 3, Miss M. James 4, Mrs. K. Lawson 5, W. Maughan 6, K. Lawson 7, H. Short (first in method as cond.) 8. A welcome to H. Short, who has recently taken up residence here.

WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss H. Hancock 1, Miss P. Drury 2, W. Shepherd (cond.) 3, W. Goldstone 4, J. Martin 5, J. King 6, D. Wright 7, D. Pollard 8. First of Grandsire Triples for 1, 2, 5, 7 and 8. Rung for Evensong.

WHITBY, YORKS.—On Nov. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss T. Duck 1, J. R. Waller 2, A. Sykes 3, E. R. Elwick 4, G. W. White 5, H. Short (cond.) 6, D. Elwick 7, F. H. Lamerton 8. A farewell to H. Short (for 26 years a service ringer at this church), who is leaving this district.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Jacobs (first in method) 1, J. Tomsett 2, Susan Jacobs 3, M. Sinden 4, F. Corfield (cond.) 5, I. Brickell 6.

WOOD GREEN, N.—On Nov. 27th, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss W. Bettridge 1, Miss E. Bettridge 2, Miss G. E. Newcombe 3, R. O. Stroud 4, W. Vince 5, J. G. Nash (cond.) 6. First quarter in the method for all except conductor. For Evensong.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,440 Treble Bob Minor (720 Oxford, 720 Kent): A. Denson 1, N. Robinson 2, G. E. Crisp 3, D. Mortlock 4, G. A. Lucas 5, M. Ginn (cond.) 6. For morning service.

OBITUARY

MR. OSWALD JAMES HUNT

When Mr. Oswald James Hunt passed away on November 21st, 1955, at Allesley, Coventry, at the age of 69, the Exercise lost an old friend and a very faithful member.

Jim had suffered from prolonged illness over the last 20 years but despite frequent spells in hospital his spirit remained unbroken. He would turn up, when able, with that regularity and punctuality all too frequently missing nowadays. His attendance at Sunday service ringing appears the more remarkable when it is remembered that for many years Jim attended All Saints', Allesley, Coventry, to ring for Matins and then took a two miles bus ride to join in the worship at St. John's, Coventry, where he was a chorister and server.

His peal ringing days began on July 8th, 1911, with a peal of Grandsire Triples at Wootton Bassett, Wilts. He was never a tenor man: he rang the fourth in this peal and never rang so near the back end again! But his peal ringing flourished, and 1912 found him amongst the band at St. Michael's, Stoke, Coventry, at which tower he scored his greatest number of peals—26. Amongst this band Jim was a willing helper in scoring peals in many methods new to the area, and in his peal records, too, appear the names of many now famous men. His last peal in the neighbourhood of Coventry was on May 4th, 1931, and shortly afterwards his work took him to the Stockport-Manchester area.

It was about this time, on August 20th, 1932, that Jim took part in what was then (and probably still is) a unique peal. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, Epsom, rung by a band of altar servers for the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary.

This peal was followed by seven rung for the Lancashire Association between May, 1933, and June, 1937, when he rang his last peal, one of Double Norwich, at Miles Platting. This brought his peal total to 74, all on tower bells and rung on sixth, seventh and eighth bells.

Soon afterwards Jim was compelled by ill-health to retire and he returned to Coventry where he joined the Allesley band again. Though he rang no more peals he occasionally stood in a quarter, but preferred to stand aside if others could be found. His presence as an accomplished eight-bell ringer strengthened the band when the bells were augmented from six to eight in 1946. He lent every encouragement he could to the band, and to the Exercise, and remained cheerful and enthusiastic despite great physical discomfort. We, his ringing companions, remain grateful for his memory.

The funeral took place at Comley Cemetery on November 24th, and many local ringers were present to pay their last tribute. Handbells were rung in salute.

To his memory 1,280 Yorkshire Surprise Major was rung at Allesley, Coventry, by C. Aylett 1, H. G. Summers 2, R. Winter 3, P. Stone 4, F. W. Perrens (conductor) 5, G. Gardner 6, J. L. Hayward 7, W. A. Stote 8.

HIS PEAL RECORD

His peals were rung in 23 different towers for seven Guilds or Associations and consisted of the following:—

Stedman Triples 19, Grandsire Triples 8, Bob Major 6, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 5, London Surprise Major 5, Superlative Surprise Major 4, Bristol Surprise Major 4, Cambridge Surprise Major 4, Duffield Major 1, Erin Triples 1.

Bob Minor 5, Cambridge Surprise Minor 4, London Surprise Minor 3, seven methods Minor 2, seven Surprise Minor 1, five methods Minor 1, three methods Minor 1.

Total: 74.

MR. HARRY CLARKE

The Northampton Branch of the Peterborough Guild has suffered a great loss in the death on December 4th of Mr. H. Clarke, one of its oldest members He was 88 years of age and had made a remarkable recovery from an operation for appendicitis in February, enjoying the summer months walking near his home, but his health failed quite suddenly a week or two ago.

He rang at Kingsthorpe Church for upwards of 50 years, and although not being able to ring of late, was always keenly interested in ringing affairs, and often appeared among his friends in the belfry. Several peals were to his credit, but he was better known for his faithful attendance for Sunday service ringing and at Branch meetings.

His death breaks the last link with the well-known Kingsthorpe ringers, the late Messrs. Parker and Dunkley, as the three were staunch ringing friends for upwards of half a century. Four ringers acted as bearers for his funeral, and a quarter peal was rung half-muffled in the evening. S. E.

MR. JAMES DUNSTER

It is with deep regret we record the sudden death of Mr. James Dunster, of Sowton, at the age of 74. He was a gardener on the Bishops' Court Estate, Sowton, Devon, for the last 42 years. His employer had passed away the previous evening, and after paying his condolences he collapsed and died.

Mr. Dunster was a regular Sunday service ringer and for many years captain of the local band, and a member of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers for over 30 years.

The funeral service on November 29th was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. V. Christie (chairman, Aylesbeare Deanery Branch) and was attended by ringers from Sowton and Honiton Clyst. Immediately after the funeral a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by the following: G. E. Retter (conductor) 1, W. Seldon 2, W. Panter 3, E. E. Retter 4, A. G. Betts 5, H. G. Willmington 6, A. Gooding 7, W. Reeks 8. G. E. R.

MR. W. J. WALKER

Many ringers of the Kent County Association and old ringing friends in different parts of the country will learn with regret of the passing of Mr. William John Walker after a short illness, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, on November 30th.

Mr. William J. Walker, better known to the ringing fraternity as 'Old Bill,' was born at Lynsted, Kent, on December 22nd, 1867. Here he chimed the bells for Sunday services before starting to learn to ring in 1890. A year later he was married at Lynsted, then he moved to Sittingbourne, where he rang his first quarter peal, followed by his first peal of Grandsire Triples, rung on March 4th, 1893, on the tenor. By this time he was already a member of the Kent County Association and the Borden and Upchurch band of ringers.

On account of his lifelong work in the brickfields he moved to the Rainham district some 61 years ago. Besides remaining very active he worked hard right up to two years ago, when he began to fail; he gave up ringing three years ago.

All his life he was a very active ringer, being a member of the Rainham, Upchurch, Newington, Hartlip, Borden and Sittingbourne bands, also from about 1904 to 1938 he was a member of the Rochester Cathedral band. Every Sunday morning, wet or fine, for 34 years he rode on his bicycle from Upchurch to Rochester Cathedral.

Wherever there was a District meeting, peal attempt or a weekday practice in the surrounding countryside, William Walker, after finishing his day's work, would be there ready to ring on the back end.

During his long ringing career he had rung 317 peals—all for the Kent County Association. Many were first peals upon the bells. He loved to speak of the peal of Plain Bob Major, rung in 1905 at Rochester Cathedral, the first ever rung on the bells, conducted by the late W. Haigh, and rung for the 100th anniversary of Nelson's victory at Trafalgar. Of the famous ringers he rang with only a few remain to-day—Mr. W. Wilkins, Mr. Ted Rack, Mr. Alfred Pulling and Mr. George Gilbert, the last-named one of the hundreds he had helped to learn. Besides being a ringer he was a very devoted churchman, attending service after ringing.

For years he had been a member of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; it was one of his life's regrets that he never rang a peal for the Cumberlands, or with his daughter, Miss Emily B. P. Walker, although they had rung several quarter peals together. The last peal he rang was at Gillingham on Saturday, October 27th, 1945, being Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by Mr. William Knight.

THE FUNERAL

The funeral service took place at St. Mary's Church, Upchurch, on December 5th and was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Clark, Vicar of Upchurch, and the Rev. J. Clifford, Vicar of Rainham, who paid a tribute to the fine example of service Mr. Walker had rendered as a churchman and bellringer for over 60 years. And now he rests, along with his wife and only son, beneath the tower in which he had rung.

The chief family mourners were his four daughters, Mrs. G. Ellis, Miss K. C. Walker, Miss E. B. P. Walker and Mrs. D. Calaway. Among the ringers who paid their last respects were Mr. Charles E. J. Norris (Chatham and Rochester Cathedral), Mrs. F. M. Mitchell (Milton-next-Gravesend, who also represented Mr. F. M. Mitchell), Mr. C. S. Jarrett (secretary of the Rochester District), Mrs. J. Barton (Borden), Mr. E. C. Bishop and Mr. C. Grandsen (Upchurch), and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Naylor, Mr. Tom Dennis, Mr. William Hollands, Mr. John Hale and Mr. F. J. Cheal (St. Margaret's, Rainham).

There were many floral tributes, including those from the Kent County Association; Rainham Parish Church Council; Ringers of St. Mary's, Upchurch; St. Mary's, Newington; and a floral bell from St. Margaret's Ringers, Rainham.

The bells of St. Margaret's, Rainham, were rung half-muffled all day on Sunday, and it is with regret a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples, rung in 3 hours and 15 minutes, could not be counted on Saturday. The bells of St. Mary's, Upchurch, were rung after the funeral and a peal of Minor was rung in the evening.

Many are the miles he rode,
Many are the years he rang,
Many are the tales he told,
Many are the friends he had.

F. J. C.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

The first dinner of ringers in the Ilchester Deanery on December 2nd at the White Hart Hotel, Martock, proved to be most successful. The Rev. L. E. Walsh, Vicar of Martock, presided, and in commending the innovation to the company of 49 members and friends present, hoped it would continue each year.

After dinner, two entertainers, games and community singing added to the enjoyment of the gathering, and proceedings finished at 11.30 p.m. with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

MIDDLEZOY, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 14th, 1,440 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Short 1, J. Walton 2, W. Stevens 3, D. Miller 4, C. Clarke (first of Minor as cond.) 5, M. Stone 6. First in method for 4 and 6. First quarter of Treble Bob on the bells.

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BEDFORDSHIRE. — SILSOE. — Change of practice night.—As from Wednesday, December 14th, the practice night will be changed from Tuesdays to Wednesdays. Prospective visitors please note. You are always welcome. 7420

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—No practice at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Dec. 21st. Practices as usual on first and third Wednesdays of each month from Jan. 4th onwards. 7431

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WITNEY. — All correspondence concerning ringing to be sent in future to the Hon. Secretary, Witney Ringing Society:—D. J. Smith, Merryfield House, Witney, Oxon. 7419

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL SOCIETY. — Will all non-resident members please contact I. H. Trueman, Roxburgh, Clifton Down, Bristol 8, giving their present address. News of themselves suitable for inclusion in a newsletter would be appreciated. Please note date of annual dinner—January 28th. 7423

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Meeting, Ship, Saturday, Dec. 17th, 6 p.m. Ringing, St. Giles', Cripplegate, 4 p.m. 7375

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Ormesby (8) at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17th.—P. W. B. Semmens, Hon. Sec. 7433

NEXT WEEK'S PUBLICATION

Because of the postal delays that arise over Christmas, next week's issue of 'The Ringing World' will be advanced one day. Any Notices received after first post Monday, December 19th, will be too late for insertion.

DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Ilkeston Districts.—Annual meeting, Derby, St. Peter (8), on Saturday, December 17th. Ringing from 3 p.m., followed by tea and meeting, 5 p.m. Agenda includes election of officers: nominations are requested. Ensure the success of the meeting by attending and exercising **your** vote.—Maurice Bailey. 7413

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. — Meeting at St. Ives (8), Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. S. Peacock, Dis. Sec. 7412

ELY ASSOCIATION.—Wisbech Branch.—Meeting, St. Mary Magdalen, Wiggenhall, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—J. Fox, Dis. Sec. 7404

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD—Leatherhead District.—Meeting at Dorking, Dec. 17th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.30. Tea in Church Room, 5, followed by business meeting.—A. H. Smith. 7372

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual nomination meeting at Aldershot (8) on Saturday, Dec. 17th, from 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30.—G. S. Joyce, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7388

HAWKHURST AND DISTRICT GUILD—Meeting, Sedlescombe, Saturday, Dec. 17th, 2.30 p.m.—G. Billenness, 3, Grasmere Terrace, Hawkhurst. 7397

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — Quarterly meeting, St. Mary's, Leyton (8), Church Road, Saturday, Dec. 17th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea, Vicarage, 5 p.m. Business and further ringing. Central London and buses pass the church. Everyone welcome.—Bullock, Sec. 7396

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Acton, on Saturday, Dec. 17th. Bells 3.30 p.m. and in evening. Tea at nearby restaurant.—J. D. Rock. 7406

SUFFOLK GUILD.—General meeting, Woodbridge (8, 25 cwt.), Dec. 17th. Bells, 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Election of new general secretary and treasurer. Unpaid subscriptions, please. For tea notify C. W. Pipe, Grundisburgh. 7368

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern Division.—Quarterly meeting, Southover, Lewes (10), Dec. 17th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. 7399

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Practice meeting, Alresford (8), Dec. 17th. Bells from 3.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5, at the Bell Hotel. 7387

POLSTEAD, SUFFOLK.—Rededication of the six bells, Sunday, Dec. 18th, 3.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Dunwich. Tea afterwards at the W.I. Hall. Numbers for tea to Mrs. Braybrooke, Polstead, near Colchester, Essex. 7373

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dedication of three new bells after a restoration by Taylors, making a ring of eight, at St. Mary's, Burwell, on December 21st, by the Bishop of Ely. Service 7 p.m. Ringing after service.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7418

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual district meeting at Hertford St. Andrew, Saturday, Jan. 7th, 3 p.m. All Saints' after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 7439

QUARTER PEALS

NEWARK, NOTTS.—On Nov. 20th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: D. Sellers 1, D. Simpson 2, D. Sibley (first quarter) 3, S. L. Barley (first of Triples 'inside') 4, F. G. Hooper 5, H. Stevenson 6, W. L. Exton (cond.) 7, F. W. Midwinter 8. Rung for Confirmation service.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Nov. 20th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Dyment 1, H. T. E. Curtis 2, Miss P. A. Gaunt 3, C. J. Castell 4, R. W. Rex 5, G. Wiggins 6, R. Crook 7, F. E. Turner 8, H. P. Reed (cond.) 9, B. Curtis 10. For evening service.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Nov. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss I. Inman 1, D. C. Jackson 2, P. Jones (first 'inside') 3, M. White (first 'inside') 4, R. E. Finch (first as cond.) 5, J. Knight 6. Rung by the University of Southampton Ringers.

OXFORD.—On Nov. 17th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. J. B. Taylor (first of Minor) 1, Miss E. M. T. Powell (first of Surprise) 2, D. H. Niblett (cond.) 3, R. A. Hodgson (first of Surprise) 4, D. Hodgson 5, W. H. Jackson 6. Rung for the Festival of St. Hugh.

POPLAR, E.—On Nov. 13th, 1,258 Stedman Caters: T. H. Taffender 1, J. A. Hales 2, D. Wright (first of Caters) 3, F. W. L. Blewer 4, W. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, J. Hales 6, C. W. Ottley 7, E. D. Smith 8, L. W. Bullock 9, J. McPhail 10. For Confirmation service.

POYNTON, CHESHIRE.—On Nov. 19th, 1,296 Plain Bob Minor: A. Snape 1, N. D. Lomas 2, D. Mottershead 3, B. Schofield 4, I. Jenkins 5, S. Hough, jun. (cond.) 6. Rung as a 67th birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

REDRUTH, CORNWALL.—On Nov. 14th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. W. Jose 1, Rev. A. S. Roberts 2, F. J. Roberts 3, G. Taysom 4, A. Burley 5, G. Uglow 6, E. V. Williams 7, A. Carveth (cond.) 8. First quarter in method by 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Rung to mark the seventh birthday of the Duke of Cornwall.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On Nov. 19th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. A. Bayles 1, W. N. Park 2, C. McGuinness 3, Miss D. M. Killingley 4, M. P. Hammond 5, T. Cooke 6, R. Park (cond.) 7, B. Harris 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Holmes, who has completed 50 years as a service ringer at this church.

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CHRISTMAS

WE'LL be at home for Christmas rings more truly than any of the other popular ideas associated with this day. Most of the other popular Christmas ideas are not specifically Christian, and you can share them without being a Christian, even as you could share the yule log, feasting, light and fun in England, centuries before Christ. The association of home with a midwinter festival is obvious: the worse the weather the greater the attraction of the home lights beckoning the traveller through the snowy forest. But the association of home with the Christian Christmas is something deeper and more subtle.

'Home' is a strange paradox. Something to be got away from, as the lust of travel grips the adventurer and entices him away to strange lands and new experiences. And yet, something without which travel and adventure seem pointless, for as Odysseus saw centuries ago, a journey however long, as soon as it begins, becomes a journey towards home, gathering on the way experiences with which to enrich the return, tales to tell the family, riches to share around. Does this give us some idea of the true meaning of Christmas?

What is the real Christmas? The central event of world history. All before it is B.C., all after it is A.D. The event which altered all things. An interference, utter and complete, with history's course. An explosion so great that the pieces from it will never cease to scatter. An event which set up in mankind a tension compared with which the tension of home versus adventure is as nothing. An event which so affects all things, that the ringing of bells in east and west, in changes, carillons, unmusical clashes, or in any other way, to the strangely mingled elation and irritation of hundreds of millions, seems an obvious by-product of it.

Christmas: the event to which all history looked forward. For all history is concerned with the perfecting of mankind. The crown of creation, evolving by long, slow stages from something primitive, yet evolving to what? The grander man, the crown of creation, became, the greater were his possibilities for evil. History is one long record of man's powers for evil growing greater. History, as the Old Testament views it, is a record of man driving himself out of Eden, murdering his brother, drowning deservedly in a flood, continuing in evil, lust, hatred, reducing his religion to a cult of evil sacrifice. Then at last a new breath of fresh air sweeps in. The Prophets expect a change. Others long for it also. Then at last, into history, the record of evil man longing for something better and unable to produce it on his own, there breaks the vision of perfection. Man as he should and can be. Man, perfect in desire, in power, in achievement, in humility; the Light in the darkness.

The moment this happens, there comes into all life a tension far greater than ever before. The goodness in man feels overwhelmingly attracted to it. In the presence of the Christ Child man feels at home; his arduous journey towards satisfaction accomplished, his best desires satisfied, his ambitions given a worthwhile exercise. Yet the badness in man feels repelled by it; he cannot stand this perfection; he must escape from it, destroy it, do anything to counteract this banishment of his freedom. This tension begins the first Christmas night and it must go on so long as the world lasts. Shepherds and wise men come, attracted to ennoble their gifts and their wisdom here in man's true home. Ambitious Herods will stop at nothing to try and banish the idea. So from Christ's birth the rest of His earthly life-story becomes inevitable. Disciples long to give Him their whole lives. Others, for every varied reason that man's evil nature can devise, must expel Him from life. Where Herod the Great failed, Caiaphas got Him in the end—so men thought.

But it was not so. Man's conquest paled before Christ's conquest of death with life, of evil by goodness. So the tension of Christmas has not vanished into history, like that between King and Parliament three hundred years ago. It continues and must for ever continue on earth. It is intimate within us all today. Christ repels many, all the more strongly because His deepest nature attracts them. Why do our fellow workers in factories, etc., rag us off when they find we go to church and ring, whilst if we took up some other unusual activity, like collecting spiders, they would not bother to do so? Because the tension of perfection, attracting all men home, yet challenging them to break away and be free, is as real today as ever. 'What have we to do with Thee, Jesus . . . art Thou come to torment us before the time?' cried the evil spirits. Christ's Spirit spreads in every land, conquering evil, leading men to do great things, yet stirring enmity everywhere. We, every one, feel His power in both directions. We feel forced to admire, to come to Him in worship and reflect Him in service, yet we often feel a strange resentment expressing itself in irrelevant ways which are interesting to analyse. The Rev. X. produces a different dislike from

that which Mr. X. produces. We find it harder to say the Confession than to sing 'Fight the good fight.' Church bells irritate in a quite different way from any other public sound. The only way to resolve the Christmas tension in ourselves is so to learn to share the life of the Christ Child, His love, His humility, His powerless power, that our adventurous love of the world and of freedom is swallowed up in the joy of being at home with the Power which is love and which longs for us all even as we truly long for Him.

GILBERT THURLOW.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

SOUTHWARK, S.E.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR.
A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CINQUES
Tenor 48 cwt.

FRANK E. DARBY	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. RAWLINGS	7
JOHN CHILCOTT	2	WILLIAM HIBBERT	8
JOHN PHILLIPS	3	JOHN S. MASON	9
JAMES PHILLIPS	4	PHILIP A. F. CHALK	10
JOHN B. SANSOM	5	FREDERICK E. COLLINS	11
SELWYN H. DEARDEN	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. W. T. CLEAVER. Conducted by JOHN CHILCOTT.

TEN BELL PEALS

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

ALAN A. POTTS	*Treble*	JOHN WORTH	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	7
BASIL JONES	3	JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	8
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	PETER LAFLIN	9
C. KENNETH LEWIS	5	EDWARD JENKINS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE
THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 53 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5053 STEDMAN CATERS
Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

JUNE KNIGHT	*Treble*	DOROTHY E. BEAMISH	6
LEONARD TREVOR	2	ARTHUR H. BEAMISH	7
JOHN E. S. MORETON	3	JOHN A. L. THOMPSON	8
JAMES DRAYCOTT	4	JAMES F. CLARKE	9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	5	JOHN E. LLOYD	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.
Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of Dr. Neville Vincent Gorton, Bishop of Coventry, and Patron of the Guild, who was interred in the ruined Cathedral earlier in the day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Nov. 19, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Carter's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	EDWIN G. MOORE	5
*VERNON GREEN	2	*MALCOLM JOURNEAUX	6
ALEX GAMMON	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE	7
*CLIVE HOLLOWAY	4	FREDERICK C. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal on eight bells.

BUCKLAND, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD SOCIETY.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER F. JUDGE	*Treble*	EDWIN G. MOORE	5
*DAPHNE CASTELL	2	WILLIAM C. PORTER	6
FREDK. A. H. WILKINS	3	FRANCIS A. WHITE	7
PHILIP WALKER	4	J. RICHARD CHAUNDY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.
* First peal in the method.

ENVILLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5152 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

CLIVE M. SMITH	*Treble*	*PETER BERESFORD	5
ANN BARR	2	JEFFREY B. WEBB	6
*JOAN BERESFORD	3	†EDMUND MALIN	7
J. EDWARD CAWSER	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by C. K. LEWIS. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSER.
* 100th peal together. † First peal in the method.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 10 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt. in E.

*ORRELL DAVIES	*Treble*	SYDNEY LEATHERBARROW	5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	*JOSEPH THORNLEY	6
PETER CROOK, SEN.	3	CECIL RADDON	7
HENRY PARKER	4	HARRY W. HOWARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY W. HOWARD.
* First of Little Bob Major.
Rung to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis Xavier.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5184 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	*SELWYN H. DEARDEN	5
DONALD G. CLIFT	2	RICHARD E. PRICE	6
WILFRED WILLIAMS	3	FRANK E. DARBY	7
GEORGE W. MASSEY	4	JOHN H. CRAMPION	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

J. EDWARD CAWSER	*Treble*	*RICHARD C. INGRAM	5
JEFFREY B. WEBB	2	PETER BERESFORD	6
JOAN BERESFORD	3	EDMUND MALIN	7
JOHN S. WYBREW	4	GEORGE E. OLIVER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. M. LAKIN. Conducted by GEORGE E. OLIVER.
* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD
On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5152 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb.

*C. EDWARD LANKESTER	*Treble*	JOHN D. ROCK	5
†JOHN R. MAYNE	2	§THOMAS J. LOCK	6
‡MARY LAWRENCE	3	ALFRED J. HOUSE	7
†ALICK CUTLER	4	RICHARD F. B. SPEED	*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by RICHARD F. B. SPEED.
* 100th peal on this bell. † 50th peal together. ‡ First peal in the method. § 400th peal.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 6 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES

Davies's Transposition. Tenor 21¼ cwt.

*Shelagh Whitehouse ..	*Treble*	Norman Hobden	5
Gillian R. Parsons ..	2	Albert E. Cheesman ..	6
Harold N. Pitstow ..	3	Albert J. Adams	7
†Raymond I. F. Parsons	4	Michael F. Layton ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert J. Adams.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5120 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Herbert E. Audsley ..	*Treble*	John W. V. Sinfield ..	5
Arthur G. Mason	2	Brian Bladon	6
John L. Morris..	3	Alan F. Thirst	7
Dennis Beresford	4	Philip Mehew	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John L. Morris.
First peal of Surprise as conductor.

BIRSTALL, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 26 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 Pudsey, 448 Superlative and 412 Lincoln, with 121 changes of method. Contains all the work of each method for every bell. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

Milton C. Fowler ..	*Treble*	J. Frederick Milner ..	5
W. Eric Critchley.. ..	2	Gibson Jackson	6
*Leslie W. G. Morris ..	3	J. Martin Thorley	7
Howard Scott	4	Wilfrid F. Moreton ..	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by W. Eric Critchley.
* 100th consecutive peal of Surprise for the Yorkshire Association.

BOURNEMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 16 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 20¼ cwt. in E.

*John A. Blachford ..	*Treble*	Philip N. Tubbs	5
Mrs. F. J. Marshallsay	2	Michael J. Bazeley ..	6
Joan M. Gray	3	Ronald N. Marlow ..	7
Daniel T. Matkin	4	Edward J. Doel	*Tenor*

Conducted by Daniel T. Matkin.
* First peal.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 8 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Peter.
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 21¼ cwt.

Harry J. Millatt	*Treble*	Edward P. Duffield ..	5
Frank Claydon	2	Chas. E. Willmington ..	6
Lewis W. Wiffen	3	Hilda G. Snowden ..	7
*Terry Earle	4	John H. Crampion	*Tenor*

Composed by C. W. Roberts. Conducted by John H. Crampion.
* First peal of Bristol.

CREDITON, DEVON.
THE GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Cross,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*Judith Williams	*Treble*	George Luxton	5
Cyril C. Deem	2	John L. S. Glanvill ..	6
Edward G. Cork	3	George E. Retter	7
George Skinner	4	Stanley J. Sharland ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Retter.
* First peal.
Rung in memory of James Perkins, churchwarden, chorister and ringer at this church, captain of the local band for 50 years, who died on December 2nd, 1955.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
At the Memorial Tower of the Church of SS. Andrew and Patrick,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

Kenneth R. Dunstan ..	*Treble*	D. Kay Adkins..	5
Christopher W. Woolley	2	Geoffrey W. Seaman ..	6
Walter G. Paul	3	Thomas W. Sheppard ..	7
William Wenban	4	John R. Mayne..	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. Critchley. Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The first peal in the method on the bells.

PONTEFRACT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 2 *Minutes,*
At the Church of All Saints.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 12 cwt.

Edward M. Bradley ..	*Treble*	†Leslie Blackburn	5
D. Margaret Hawley ..	2	Harry Newton	6
G. Fred Terry	3	Leslie M. Woodhead ..	7
*Arthur Atkinson	4	†Joseph Holdsworth ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Leslie M. Woodhead.
* First peal. † First attempt for a peal. 50th peal as conductor.
A compliment to the Rev. N. Haigh, Vicar of this church, who will complete 25 years in the Ministry on December 18th.

SHEDFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 54 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12¾ cwt. in G.

Pauline M. Saxton ..	*Treble*	†Roger Baldwin	5
*Marion J. Parker	2	William T. Beeson ..	6
S. Kathleen M. Knight	3	Fredk. W. Rogers.. ..	7
Russell H. R. Parker..	4	†Fredk. W. Burnett ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Frederick W. Burnett.
* First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell. † 25th peal together.
The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF 5120 SPLICED MAJOR
Consisting of 4,800 changes of Bristol Surprise and 320 changes of Double Norwich Court Bob in 40 changes of method.
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

Jessie M. Kippin	*Treble*	R. Roger Savory	5
Adrian Tumber	2	J. Michael Lakin	6
Margaret E. L. Beamish	5	Maurice J. Butler	7
Robert C. Kippin	4	Charles H. Kippin	*Tenor*

Composed by Rev. K. W. H. Felstead.
Conducted by Charles H. Kippin.
The first time these methods have been rung 'spliced' to a peal.
A 12th birthday compliment to Christopher Kippin.

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WARFIELD, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours,*
At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*Leslie W. Paice	*Treble*	George Gilbert	5
William J. Paice	2	*Alfred K. Street	6
Mrs. B. C. Castle	3	Stanley C. Day	7
Mrs. A. J. N. Rance ..	4	Arthur J. N. Rance ..	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Charge. Conducted by William J. Paice.
* First peal of Major.
Rung to welcome the Rev. C. R. Brown to the benefice. Also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 57 *Minutes,*
At the Church of The Holy Trinity.
A PEAL OF 5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

Frank E. Walker	*Treble*	Cyril S. Jarrett	5
Brian Bladon	2	Herbert E. Audsley ..	6
Arthur S. Richards ..	3	Frederick J. Cullum ..	7
John L. Morris	4	Ralph Bird	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley. Conducted by Frederick J. Cullum.
Rung for the 25th anniversary of the induction of Canon Elliott Mitchell as Vicar.

SIX BELL PEALS

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Nov. 26, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Childwall, St. Clement's, Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*Roland E. Lewis	*Treble*	Philip G. Morgan	4
*C. William Nutt	2	†James Ward	5
John Clements	3	Reginald T. Jones ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald T. Jones.
* 25th peal together. † First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor. The 50th peal on the bells.

ULCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 2, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford, St. Clement's and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*Michael Crowder	*Treble*	Martin Walker	4
†John Hall	2	C. Aubrey Harrison ..	5
Jack Bray	3	Frank Lord	*Tenor*

Conducted by Jack Bray.
* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'
Rung as a farewell to Rev. L. W. Goulding, who is shortly leaving this parish.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 7¼ cwt.

Allen Colcombe	*Treble*	Leslie H. Colcombe ..	4
Thomas J. Gundy	2	Charles Phillips	5
Reginald G. Powell ..	3	Aubrey J. Probert ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Reginald G. Powell.

HIGHWORTH, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Michael.
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 18 cwt.

*Cyril Coombes (14½) ..	*Treble*	Harold Pope	4
*John T. Sawyer	2	Thomas F. Stone	5
*John A. Hill	3	*Ivor Hawkins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Thomas F. Stone.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by local band.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Cynfachs,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 10 cwt.

*Dennis H. B. Millward	*Treble*	George F. Sperring ..	4
Lewis S. Griffiths ..	2	L. John Evans	5
*Daphne Lester	3	John W. Roberts	*Tenor*

Conducted by Lewis S. Griffiths.
* First peal of Grandsire Doubles

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 53 *Minutes,*
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In five methods: (1) Double Bob and Plain Bob, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, (4) Kent Treble Bob (5) Oxford Treble Bob, (6) and (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in G.

Mrs. B. G. Warwick ..	*Treble*	Joseph W. Cotton	4
John M. Jelley	2	Ernest J. Jelley	5
John A. Underwood ..	3	Brian G. Warwick	*Tenor*

Conducted by Brian G. Warwick.
Rung on the front six. John M. Jelley has now 'circled the tower.'

MAGDALEN, NORFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob and St. Clement's and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

*Arthur H. Bridges ..	*Treble*	*Peter Gaskin	4
Stanley G. Elsey.. ..	2	Ernest H. Mastin.. ..	5
Wallace W. Cousins ..	3	Claude Cousins	*Tenor*

Conducted by Ernest H. Mastin.
* First peal.

NETHER ALDERLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR
In 25 methods: (1) and (2) Crowland, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh and Abbeyville Delight; (3) Willesden, Newdigate, College Bob IV, Old Oxford and Marple Delight; (4) College Exercise, Norbury, Ockley, Duke of Norfolk and Morning Star Treble Bob; (5) Charlwood, Neasden, St. Albans, Wragby and Braintree Delight; (6) Capel, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and (7) Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

Sydney Sage	*Treble*	Sidney Hough, jun... ..	4
Eric Simpson	2	Neil D. Lomas	5
Ivor Jenkins	3	Denis Mottershead.. ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by Denis Mottershead.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.
THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 39 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES
Being 42 extents (15 different callings).
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A flat.

F. William Midwinter..	*Treble*	Frank W. Vernon	4
Frederick G. Hooper ..	2	William L. Exton	5
George E. Foster	3	Albert Foster	*Tenor*

Conducted by George E. Foster.
Mr. F. W. Midwinter has now 'circled the tower.'
A birthday compliment to Mr. Albert Foster.

SOUTH MARSTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 44 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 20 extents of Grandsire (ten callings) and 22 of Plain Bob (four callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

William A. T. Carter..	*Treble*	T. Arthur Palmer	4
*Tom Collins	2	Frederick J. Read	5
Terry Collins	3	Joseph Durham	*Tenor*

Conducted by Terry Collins.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.
A wedding peal for Micheal Looker and Evelyn Warren.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.
THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 27 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 40 six-scores and one 240 (six callings). Tenor 7 cwt.

*CYNTHIA B. HALL	*Treble*	ROBERT NICHOLLS	4
JOHN COLLEY	2	RICHARD F. DAVIES	5
ALFRED E. G. OWEN	3	*THOMAS H. ONIONS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD F. DAVIES.
* First peal.

WILLESBOROUGH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 4 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being the following extents from C.C.C.: 35, 38, 37, 39, 36, 34 and 50.
Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN R. COOPER	*Treble*	*ROSEMARY E. GOWER	4
*RITA A. GOWER	2	RAYMOND J. CARLTON	5
CRAWFORD T. HILLIS	3	ALBERT J. LANCEFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by RAYMOND J. CARLTON.
* First peal.

APSLEY END, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
In seven methods, being one extent each of Cunecastre, Bourne, Wells, York, Cambridge, London and Norwich. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

EDWIN J. UPTON	*Treble*	WALTER AYRE	4
*WILLIAM J. PUDDIFOOT	2	†KENNETH R. DUNSTAN	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	WILLIAM C. HUGHES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* 50th peal. † First peal in seven Surprise methods.
A birthday compliment to the conductor.

BLAYDON, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 37 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Consisting of an extent each of Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Cambridge S., Kent T.B. and Plain Bob.
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB	*Treble*	CHARLES N. LEA	4
STEPHEN THOMPSON	2	PHILIP G. DRAFFAN	5
KENNETH ARTHUR	3	FRANK G. BROOMFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by KENNETH ARTHUR.
Specially arranged and rung to celebrate the ordination to the priesthood of the Rev. T. H. Hood, assistant curate at this church and an initiate of the Exercise.

QUADRING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 48 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being one extent each of Single Court, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT H. BENNETT	*Treble*	RONALD C. NOON	4
STANLEY E. BENNETT	2	HORACE BENNETT	5
JOHN G. AMES	3	FRANK TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK TAYLOR.
50th peal as conductor.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR
Being four different extents of Single Oxford, and three different extents of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

EMILY B. P. WALKER	*Treble*	EDWARD C. BARTON	4
CECIL C. BISHOP	2	GEORGE KENWARD	5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL	3	GEORGE A. NAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE A. NAYLOR.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. William John Walker, of Upchurch, for many years a respected ringer of the above Association, and father of Emily B. P. Walker, ringer of the treble. Mr. Walker was laid to rest this day within the sound of the bells he loved.



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WINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 7, 1955, in 3 Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 TREBLE BOB MINOR

Being three extents of Kent Treble Bob and four extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES BROWN	*Treble*	WILLIAM CRACKNELL	4
GEORGE J. FILBY	2	ROBERT PLUMMER	5
*ALBERT LAWES	3	GEORGE FILBY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE FILBY.

* First peal 'inside.'

Arranged for Mr. James Barber, on his 80th birthday; he was unable to take part owing to the illness of his wife. Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fifth.

WHICKHAM, COUNTY DURHAM.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 47 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 7 cwt.

*MARION S. CAPEY	*Treble*	‡STEPHEN THOMPSON	4
*E. ALAN RAWLINSON ..	2	FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD ..	5
†ROBIN G. LEALE	3	PHILLIP G. DRAFFEN ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK G. BLOOMFIELD.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. ‡ 100th peal.

Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to Mrs. Heron, mother of the verger of this church.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 9, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 48 lb. in G.

THOMAS R. SIMMONS ..	*Treble*	HERBERT HOWLETT	4
ALBERT E. PEGG	2	ARTHUR DICKERSON	5
*BRIDGET MUTIMER	3	JOHN S. BARNES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN S. BARNES.

* First peal 'inside.'

BEENHAM, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 49 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF 5040 SURPRISE MINOR

Being four 720's of London and three 720's of Cambridge. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

GILLIAN E. BROWN	*Treble*	JOHN N. DISERENS	4
REGINALD W. REX	2	RONALD F. DISERENS ..	5
BRYAN C. STIRLAND	3	NOEL J. DISERENS	*Tenor*

Conducted by NOEL J. DISERENS.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

STANLEY G. HONEYBALL ..	*Treble*	ROY DUESBURY	4
SAMUEL J. TWITCHETT ..	2	ARTHUR G. BUTTON	5
ROSEMARY SEABROOK ..	3	ALAN R. ANDREWS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALAN R. ANDREWS.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 48 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

In seven methods, being an extent each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in G.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD ..	*Treble*	ALAN G. FOSTER	4
DEREK P. JONES	2	JOSEPH WM. COTTON ..	5
JOHN A. UNDERWOOD ..	3	FRANCIS R. LOWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DEREK P. JONES.

First peal in seven Minor methods as conductor and 50th peal this year.

SEALE, SURREY.
THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 43 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Single Oxford, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in A flat.

SYLVIA C. SHERWOOD ..	*Treble*	*PETER G. SHERWOOD ..	4
ALAN E. HARTLEY	2	*HARRY POYNER	5
JOHN R. COOPER	3	J. ALAN AINSWORTH ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. ALAN AINSWORTH.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

WETHERDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 40 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 11 cwt.

RONALD W. STEWARD ..	*Treble*	GEORGE E. CATTON	4
LEONARD SHARPE	2	DAVID BRAND	5
ROBERT E. LESTER	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

First peal on the bells since being rehung on new ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, Ltd.

WILBURTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 42 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 1,440 changes each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent, and 720 changes of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK YARROW	*Treble*	*GEORGE A. WALKER ..	4
HENRY W. SHARP	2	*ARTHUR YARROW	5
DONALD E. R. KNIGHTS ..	3	STANLEY SHIPP	*Tenor*

Conducted by STANLEY SHIPP.

* First peal in four methods.

A golden wedding compliment to the ringer of the second.

WYMESWOLD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 46 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb.

*FREDERICK WATSON ..	*Treble*	WILLIAM JOHNSON ..	4
GERALD JOHNSON	2	MICHAEL VERNON	5
ERNEST MORRIS	3	*†JOHN VERNON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 25th peal together. † 50th peal.

Rung to mark the birth of a daughter (Charlotte Faith) to the Rev. Lawrence Jackson, A.K.C., and Mrs. Jackson, of the Vicarage, Wymeswold.

HANDBELL PEALS

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 14 Minutes,
AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation).

*NANCY E. MARKLEW ..	1—2	ALFRED BALLARD	5—6
EDGAR VALLANCE	3—4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ..	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.

* First peal away from 7—8.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Vallance.

CLEATHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 7, 1955, in 2 Hours and 23 Minutes,
AT CLEATHAM HOUSE FARM.
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Heywood's Transposition. Tenor size 15 in C.

JOHN FREEMAN	1—2	*JACK BRAY	5—6
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3—4	*PHILIP BARNES	7—8

Conducted by JOHN FREEMAN.

*First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.'

SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT SOCIETY

The last monthly meeting of the year was held at Rawmarsh on December 3rd when, unfortunately, the attendance was below average for the district. The bells were rung up soon after 3 p.m. and good use was made of the ringing time until 5 p.m., when tea was served in the church hall.

A short business meeting was held, at which the chair was taken by Mr. N. Chaddock. Apologies for absence were received from the president (Mr. H. O. Chaddock) and the Ringing Master (Mr. J. J. L. Gilbert).

The ringers then returned to the tower, where ringing continued in a variety of methods from Plain Bob to Surprise Major, until 9 p.m.

The next meeting is due to be held at Ecclesfield on January 7th. D. J. S.

GOOD WISHES DESPITE PEAL FAILURES

The wedding took place at All Saints' Church, Walsoken, on December 3rd between Mr. M. R. Reed and Miss J. E. Colson, both of Wisbech.

To commemorate this event, six friends of the bridegroom, who is also a bellringer, attempted a peal at St. Leonard's Church, Leverington, but this came to an untimely end owing to the clapper parting company with the tenor bell! The same ringers met again on Dec. 10th at St. Wendreda's Church, March, and again attempted a peal, which after 2 hrs. 50 mins. was stopped, this time owing to bells being in the wrong order at the final part of the last extent.

Despite the fact that no congratulatory peal was forthcoming, the participating bellringers heartily send their best wishes for the future to Mr. and Mrs. Reed.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

Mayoral Visit to Rochdale Branch

St. Luke's, Heywood, was the venue for the Rochdale Branch annual meeting and party on December 3rd. The bells were available from 2 o'clock but ringing did not really commence until half-past. Although the weather was bright the attendance in the afternoon was disappointing. A short service was conducted by the Rector, and the curate gave a very good address.

A very good tea followed, and not mentioning any names, some members really shine at this part of the proceedings!

The business meeting was presided over by the Branch Ringing Master, Mr. Ivan Kay. Two new members were elected, both of Rochdale Parish Church, and the Branch secretary (Mr. F. Pritchard) was re-elected for the next two years.

A whist drive was held in one room, and the large schoolroom now gradually filled and dancing was enjoyed until 11 p.m. The Mayor and Mayoress of Heywood visited the gathering and stayed to listen to the Moorside (Oldham) handbell ringers' two performances of tune-ringing.

The party was a great success and the Heywood ringers are to be congratulated for the arrangements, especially Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Mills and Mr. Alan Crabtree.

F. P.

MR. D. H. ROOKE'S 100 PEALS

With a peal at Cresswell, Derbyshire, on Dec. 3rd, Mr. Douglas H. Rooke, of Warsop, Notts, completed his first 100 peals. Details are appended:—

Royal: Kent Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 2, Spliced Plain and Little Bob 1.

Caters: Grandsire Caters 1.

Major: Double Norwich Court Bob 3, Kent Treble Bob 4 (cond. 1), Plain Bob 3 (1), St. Clement's College Bob 1.

Triples: Grandsire Triples 1.

Surprise Minor: 5 Surprise 1 (1), Cambridge 7 (2), Norwich 5, Westminster 2, Primrose 1, Norfolk 1 (1).

Delight Minor: 7 4ths Place Delight 1.

Treble Bob Minor: 23 T.B. methods 1, 20 T.B. methods 1, 10 Spliced 1, 9 Spliced 1, 7 Treble Bob 8 (1), Trinity Sunday 1, London Scholars' Pleasure 1, Oxford 2 (2), Kent 6 (1).

Plain Minor: 7 Plain 1, 4 Plain 2, St. Clement's College Bob 1, Plain Bob 9 (7).

Minor: 7 methods 6, 6 methods 1, 5 methods 8 (2), 4 methods 7 (2), 3 methods 5 (3), 2 methods 1.

Doubles: Stedman 1, Grandsire 1.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 13th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Stretton (12, first quarter) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, R. Jelley 4, B. S. Chapman 5, J. M. Jelley 6. For Evensong.

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The LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

Analysis of Peals rung on Tower Bells during the

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell

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Ditto (7)	Ditto (8)	Other Spliced Surprise	Other Major	Grandsire	Oxford Bob	Stedman	Plain Bob	Spliced 2, 6, 10, 11	Other Triples	Minor and Doubles	TOTAL, Tower Bells	TOTAL, Handbells	GRAND TOTAL
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...h, Colchester, Lyme, South-...thwell. *Hert-* Watford. *Kent* ...well (2), Whit- *Association:* ...ey, Eastbury. *...ter Diocesan* ...ater (4), Hel- ...lington (4), Lyme (2), Southgate, Southwell (2), Staffordshire, Stoughton, Whitwick (2), Wigston, York. *Lincoln Diocesan Guild:* Evington, Norfolk, Whitwick. *London County Association:* Southwell. *Middlesex County Association:* Byfleet, Enfield, Felstead, Harlesden, Premier, Olney, Twickenham, Staffordshire, Ufford, Ventnor, Zennor. *Norwich Diocesan Association:* Braunstone. *Oxford Diocesan*

FOOTNOTES—continued

Guild: Lyme, Rugby, Southwell (2). *St. Martin's Guild:* Barnet, Bordesley, Bushey, Cassiobury, Colmore, Darlington, Erdington, Frankley, Hockley, Kendal, Lindum, Lutterworth, Moseley, Oxfordshire, Norfolk, Olney, Quinton (2), Ribblesdale, Ramsey, Shirley, Truro, Tyburn, Tyseley, Withyham, Wombourn, Ullenhall, Bromford. *Salisbury Diocesan Guild:* Lyme. *Shropshire Association:* Braunstone. *Southwell Diocesan Guild:* Southwell. *Suffolk Guild:* Ipswich, Southwell. *Sussex County Association:* Horsham, Warnham, Ramsey. *Winchester Diocesan Guild:* Southwell, Winchester. *Yorkshire Association:* Elford, Campsall.

Other Major:— *Chester Diocesan Guild:* Farndon Imperial, Handbridge Imperial, Shrewsbury Imperial, Queen Imperial, Spliced Plain—two methods. *Ely Diocesan Association:* Spliced Plain—four methods. *Essex Association:* Hereward B., Gainsborough L.B. *Hertford County Association:* Loughborough B., Beretun B. *Irish Association:* Holywood Delight. *Kent County Association:* Ashbourn College. *Leicester Diocesan Guild:* St. Wolstan's Delight. *Lincoln Diocesan Guild:* S. Oxford, St. Clement's. *Midland Counties Association:* New Cambridge and Plain Bob Spliced. *Norwich Diocesan Association:* Cawston L.B. *Oxford Diocesan Guild:* Regina B, Fulbeck B. *Shropshire Association:* Ellesmere L. Court, Hodnet Imperial, St. Clement's. *Sussex County Association:* St. Clement's. *Yorkshire Association:* Winchester B.

Other Triples:— *Chester Diocesan Guild:* Carshalton B. *Llandaff and Monmouth Association:* two methods spliced. *Oxford Diocesan Guild:* St. Edmundsbury. *Southwell Diocesan Guild:* St. Clement's. *Winchester Diocesan Guild:* Original. *Worcester Association:* one each 11, 10, 6 methods spliced.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch, which was well attended, was held at Wrington on December 3rd. Ringing was enjoyed on the ten bells until the service, conducted by the Rector, Rev. Bernard Lee. After the usual magnificent 'Wrington tea' (perhaps this had something to do with the attendance!) the business meeting was held, and as the Rector was unable to stay to the meeting, due to a service, Mr. Roger Fry proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and for conducting the service. Mr. Knight then asked all to stand in silence for a moment as Mr. George Fisher, of Congresbury, had passed away since the last meeting.

Arising out of the minutes was the subject of badges, and Mr. Fry was able to inform the meeting that a new die had been made and badges would shortly be available at the price of three shillings. The Branch officers were re-elected en bloc—Mr. H. W. Knight, chairman and Ringing Master; Mr. P. G. Yeo, secretary and representative on the general committee: Messrs. L. Derrick and L. Pullin, deputy Ringing Masters. Mr. Michael Horseman was elected to the additional office of reporter to 'The Ringing World.'

There being no new members, the next item was places of meetings, and it was decided that if permission was forthcoming the quarterly meeting should be held at Portishead in April, with practice meetings at Barrow Gurney (Jan.), Nailsea (Feb.) and Dundry (March). The Corporate Communion will be held at Wraxall on the fourth Sunday in April.

Votes of thanks to Mrs. Knight and her helpers, for providing tea, to the organist, for his services, and Mr. Knight and Mr. Yeo, for their untiring efforts on behalf of the Branch, concluded the meeting, and ringing then continued in a variety of methods up to Cambridge Royal.

M. J. H.

DIAMOND WEDDING OF VETERAN READING RINGER

Many of the older generation of ringers in Berkshire will recall the name of Ambrose Osborne, of Reading, who is now 83 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborne will, D.V., celebrate their diamond wedding on Boxing Day, when we are sure all ringing friends will join in hearty congratulations to them.

Mr. Osborne commenced ringing at the latter part of the last century at St. Mary's, Reading, and it was here he rang his first peal (Grandsire), and called his first peal on the same bells. He joined the Oxford Guild in 1902.

He afterwards turned his attention to St. Laurence's with its ring of ten. Here he rang his first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Bob Royal; in the latter the late Rev. F. E. Robinson rang his first peal of Royal. He later returned to St. Mary's and taught a new band to ring Grandsire and Stedman.

Finally, he attached himself to St. Giles', with its fine ring of eight, where for 44 years he served as ringing foreman, when he had to give up ringing a few years ago. It was here he called the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob to be rung in Reading.

In all, he rang over 200 peals, mostly of his favourite method—Stedman, many of which were rung with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

Mr. Osborne is now confined to the house with rheumatoid arthritis, and misses his ringing very much.

If any of the older, or new, generation would care to send a word of cheer, the address is 17, Dorothy Street, Reading.

E. M. M.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

West Dorset Branch

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch was held at Lyme Regis on December 3rd. Nine towers were represented; method ringing did not exceed Stedman Triples and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Master of the Guild (Canon C. Carew Cox). Tea was served in the Church Hall, generously given by the Lyme ringers, their wives acting as helpers.

At the business meeting the hon. secretary's report was adopted and the accounts passed, which showed a credit balance of £51 8s. 9d. Canon Cox was re-elected chairman for the 26th year in succession and the Rev. O. L. Willmott re-elected vice-chairman. Miss E. Russell, of Netherbury, was elected hon secretary and treasurer, in place of Mr. J. T. Barrett, who was not standing for re-election. Mr. H. D. W. Bishop was re-elected Ringing Master, with Messrs. J. T. Barrett, G. Stedman Morris and A. J. Scott Deputy Ringing Masters.

The following were elected members: Rev. P. Smith, E. Churchill, M. Froom, Miss C. White, A. Larcombe, C. Walters, P. Bowditch (all of Hawkchurch); M. A. Stenhouse K. J. Eastment, F. Diment, R. G. House, H. J. House, D. J. Leech, L. Neal, A. Neal, D. B. Portch, S. J. Stenhouse, M. Wood and the Rev. J. C. Townsend, an hon. member (all of Melbury Osmond); the Rev. W. R. Rodda, A. E. Case, E. J. Crabb, K. G. Hoare, A. D. Crabb, P. Bulgin, B. Bayliss (of Broadwindsor); the Rev. Geoffrey Tiarks (hon. member, of Lyme Regis).

Canon Cox spoke of Broadwindsor's restoration scheme, and the Branch voted £5 5s. from its funds to help in the effort to find £600. Mr. F. Spiller expressed appreciation on behalf of Broadwindsor.

The chairman proposed the usual vote of thanks.

J. T. B.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

For 31 years captain and steeplekeeper of St. Mary's Church, Mr. W. B. Aldridge has left Woolwich and is now living at 24, Ruxley Close, North Clay, Kent. His departure is keenly felt by Woolwich ringers. His successor as captain and steeplekeeeper is Mr. A. Grove, sen., a nephew of the late Mr. W. G. Grove, who conducted peals at Woolwich 65 years ago, and son of the late Mr. F. Grove, who was also a ringer at St. Mary's until he died in 1922.

Congratulations to Miss June Knight, of Bulkington, for the splendid way she rang at Chilvers Coton in the memorial peal for the late Bishop of Coventry, Dr. N. V. Gorton. It was her first attempt for a 10-bell peal.

As a welcome to the Rev. C. R. Brown, on accepting the benefice of Warfield, Berks, a peal was rung on the bells on December 10th. At the conclusion the new Vicar visited the tower and congratulated the band. He afterwards entertained them to tea.

Harbury, near Leamington Spa, bells were rung half-muffled on the day of the burial of the Bishop of Coventry. It is hoped to rehang these bells and add a treble in the near future, for which £1,400 is needed. 'Plain Bob' writes if any ringers or friends like to help the Rector would be pleased to receive any gift, large or small.

Lt.-Comdr. Instructor R. G. Cross called his son, Paul's, first quarter at Radley on December 4th. There were two other firsts in this quarter of Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles—Sonia Allen, aged 12, and Daphne Pollard (12). The girls, with the rest of the band, are in the church choir, and on Sunday afternoons play recorders for Sunday School as there is no organist for this service.

Meeting one short for a quarter peal of Major on December 9th, at Horbury, Yorks, Mr. H. Rowley, the 87-year-old captain, stood down but conducted from a chair.

Mr. James R. Lawson, of Chicago, has published three compositions for carillons by Clifford Ball (Bournville), one by John Gordon (Sydney, Australia) and two by Selwyn Baker (Wellington, New Zealand).

The Rev. K. W. H. Felstead writes that there have been three previous peals at North Curry, Somerset—in 1898, 1913 and 1922. All were Grandsire Triples. 'I find two previous peals of Little Bob Major in Wales—at Bridgend on August 22nd, 1928, and at Caerphilly on July 28th, 1951. There was also a peal of Tiverton Little Bob Major at Buckley on October 18th, 1947.'

Before the Cheshire band was successful in Mr. Pitman's peal in eight spliced methods with each bell doing all the work of each method, an attempt was made at Willesden by the Middlesex ringers the night before. The band had settled down well, but after a little more than an hour a miscall by the conductor put paid to the attempt. It will probably be in January that the next attempt will be made.

Miss Lucy Allen, who conducted the 19th quarter by the present band at Brampton, Hunts, on November 23rd (1,320 Plain Bob), has been warmly congratulated on her first peal as conductor. R. F. B. writes: 'The calls were made very confidently at the right moment, and it was evident that she was quite at ease. The time is rapidly approaching when, in the case of Lucy, the pupil will out-teach the teacher. Given the opportunity, I see a great future for her in the ringing world.'

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

UMPIRES FOR SPLICED PEALS ADVOCATED

Dear Sir,—Anything on ringing matters from the pen of Mr. J. T. Dyke is always worthy of consideration, and he has done a service to the Exercise in drawing attention to the risk of inadvertent errors on the part of conductors of peals of Grandsire Doubles.

I am prompted by his article to attempt again to draw the attention of the Exercise to a similar and possibly even greater risk in another department of ringing activity, namely, Spliced Surprise Major in many methods, or for that matter, multi-method Minor peals.

It is the easiest thing in the world to call the bobs correctly, but to call the method or combination of methods wrongly without ever realising that one has done so. I submit, therefore, that such peals should only be rung in the presence of an umpire in the belfry who will check the methods as called.

Compositions in up to eight methods with all the work for every bell have now been rung. The conductors concerned in these peals are men of the highest integrity and ability. I know and have rung with all of them and am quite certain they could be depended upon to the last degree, but there is the grave risk of a genuine and undetected mistake, and in my view serious consideration to the matter by the Exercise is overdue.

There is a story told—I know it well in outline but am not certain of the exact details—of the late William Pye, when calling the peal, I think in 12 methods, at Willesden. He realised he had called London instead of Rutland, or vice-versa, but decided to continue to the end of the peal in the hope that the alteration would not affect the truth of the composition. Fortunately, the alteration made no difference, but one hesitates to think what might have happened had the conductor been a less able or a less honest man, if the error had affected the truth of the composition.

I am not without experience of calling compositions of the kind mentioned, but I would greatly appreciate expressions of opinion from other conductors of this type of peal. To make the point that anyone of sufficient ability could 'cook' any peal is no answer. 'Cooks' of that type are worthy only of contempt. I am writing not of their activities but of errors made in genuine innocence.—Yours faithfully,

P. A. CORBY.

Melton Mowbray.

ST. SIMON'S TRIPLES

Dear Sir.—On looking through the peals recorded at St. Helen's, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, we find that a peal of St. Simon's Triples was rung here on Wednesday, August 6th, 1913. The Midland Counties' report of that year shows that the performance was by an all-local band, viz.: John Siddall (jun.) 1, William Taylor 2, Henry Gregory 3, Thomas White 4, James L. Wright 5, Edwin Blackwell 6, Alfred C. Wright 7, John W. Derbyshire 8.

The peal was composed by Arthur Knights and conducted by A. C. Wright, and was the first in the method for the M.C.A., as also were two other peals rung the same year by an identical band—St. Clement's Triples and Little Bob Major.

Incidentally, St. Helen's was the leading tower for the M.C.A. that year, with ten peals. SS. Peter and Paul's, Aston, Birmingham, and St. Mary and All Saints', Chesterfield, coming joint seconds with seven peals.—Yours, etc.,

H. F. TAYLOR.

Darley Dale.

THE COLLECTION OF DOUBLES METHODS

Dear Sir,—The collection of Doubles methods contains all the regular single-hunt three or four lead methods, and for the sake of completeness, the following are all the worthwhile irregular single-hunt three or four lead methods which conform to the individual plain-course requirement, 'no method shall be the bob lead of another single-hunt method.'

Reverse Union		Reverse St. Faith		Reverse St. Julian		Bedfont S.C.	
12345		12345		12345		12345	
21435		21435		21435		21435	
24153		24153		24153		24153	
42513		42513		24513		42513	
24531		42531		42531		24531	
42351		24351		24351		24351	
14523		14523		14523		12543	
14532	A	14532	A	14532	A	12534	B

Boveney S.C.		Eton S.C.		Poyle S.C.		Yeovency S.C.	
12345		12345		12345		12345	
21435		21435		21354		21354	
24153		24153		23145		23145	
42513		24513		32415		32415	
42531		42531		34251		23451	
42351		42351		43251		24351	
12543		12543		12435		12435	
12534	B	12534	B	12453	B	12453	B

Runcmede S.C.		Harmondsworth S.C.		Colne S.C.		Crane S.C.	
12345		12345		12345		12345	
21345		21345		21354		21354	
23154		23154		23154		23154	
32514		32514		32514		32514	
35241		23541		35241		23541	
53241		25341		53241		25341	
12543		12543		12543		12543	
12534	B	12534	B	12534	B	12534	B

Augustine St. Bob		St. George Place		Reverse St. Sebastian		Chase Bob	
12345		12345		12345		12345	
21354		21345		21354		21354	
23145		23154		23154		23145	
32415		32514		32514		32415	
34251		35241		35241		34251	
43521		53421		53421		43521	
15432		14523		14523		15432	
15423	C	14532	C	14532	C	14532	C

Methods marked A have a Grandsire single above the treble for a bob.

Methods marked B have a fourths place bob at the lead end.

Methods marked C have a Grandsire extreme above the treble for a bob.

There are only six worthwhile single-hunt two-lead methods, as follows: Reading Bob, Wexham Place, Ascot Bob, London V Bob, Lampton Place and Osterley Bob which are R. Union, R. St. Faith, R. St. Julian, St. Augustine, St. George and R. St Sebastian respectively, with no places at the lead end. The first three have 3rds for a bob above the treble, when treble is coming down in 21, and 345 for a single. The last three have 3rds for a bob below the treble, when treble is coming down in 54, and 123 for a single. There are 12 extents as in Cranbourne Imperial.

As this gives Doubles ringers a complete list of all the 100 different individual plain course single-hunt methods, might I suggest that in future, variations on these methods (i.e., the use of a different bob) retain their distinguishing names, but add to their title the classification 'Pleasure,' i.e., April Day Pleasure, Cassington Pleasure, Rushall Pleasure, etc.; and that peals of Doubles be analysed according to the number of different individual plain courses they contain? The Methods Committee suggest that the different bobs could be used, but that the variations should use the name of the plain course, i.e., publish a peal as 'a peal of Plain Bob, 12 different callings.' I suggest that it would be better to publish it as 'a peal of Plain Bob, Norfolk Pleasure and Old Pleasure,' and claim it as a peal in one method.—Yours sincerely,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Stanwell.

LITTLE BOB METHODS

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Blagrove refers to 'The Ringing World' journals of March 6th, 1925, and March 17th, 1933, he will find the figures of Dartford and Northfleet Little Bob respectively.

I do not think the figures of Erith Little Bob were published when the first peal was rung, but the method is the same as Dartford except that in Erith the 3-4 places are reversed.—Yours truly,

E. BARNETT.

10, Kings Close, Crayford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION

Visitors from Aldbourne, Bristol, Cheltenham, Devizes and Gloucester attended the annual meeting of the Swindon Branch on December 10th, and a hearty welcome was extended to Mr. Frank Skidmore, General Secretary of the Association.

The Vicar (Rev. Canon F. W. Thomas) welcomed the ringers to Christ Church and conducted the service. He also paid tribute to Mr. Charlie Gardner, who had completed 60 years' service as a member of the local band.

The company was entertained to tea by the Christ Church ringers, and at the business meeting all the retiring officers were re-elected. The branch secretary reported that membership was being maintained and there had been an increase in the number of peals rung in the Branch compared with the previous year.

It was proposed that meetings be held at St. Mark's, Swindon, Stratton St. Margaret and Wroughton during the next three months. Ringing was resumed after the meeting and ranged from rounds to Cambridge Royal.

W. B. K.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

Mrs. E. M. Mitchell, of Gravesend, was taught to ring in 1909 by Mr. Osborne, of Reading, whose diamond wedding on Boxing Day is mentioned in this issue.

The Librarian of the Central Council acknowledges with grateful thanks the gift of a MS. by James R. Lawson, Carillonneur of the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel at the University of Chicago, entitled, 'Carillon Bibliographies.' It contains a complete bibliography of published music for carillons by contemporary carillonneurs. Thirty-three compositions are listed: 29 of these are written for four-octave carillons, three for three-octave carillons and one for a two-octave carillon.

To honour the 90th birthday of Mr. J. W. Jones on December 5th, six members of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association met at Llanfrechfa on December 10th for an attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor. Unfortunately, the rope of the fifth slipped wheel in the first 720 and it was not possible to go for a peal. However, a 720 of Cambridge Minor was rung on six of the remaining bells by the Rev. I. J. Richards 1, D. G. Clarke 2, Miss J. S. Evans 3, D. King 4, G. Lewis 5, T. M. Roderick (conductor) 6.

PEAL RINGING IN WILTSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

AFTER some six counties with either large numbers of bells or large number of peals to talk about, we come to one which is 'average' in both—Wiltshire. Only one tower has reached the century of peals mark, and it did so nearly 45 years ago—Salisbury, St. Martin's (8). Before the first war, this was the chief centre of ringing in the county—in fact only four other towers had reached double figures in peals by 1914—Trowbridge, Christ Church, Swindon, Colerne and Wootton Bassett (only the Swindon tower had passed the 20 mark.) Thus the 105 peals rung at St. Martin's from 1887 to 1912 far surpasses all the others. Since then, however, only 14 peals have been rung there—nine between the wars and five since 1946, so things have changed very considerably here.

Second on the list is the only 12-bell tower in the county—Trowbridge. From 1886 to 1922 18 of the 90 peals were rung. Then, in 1923, came the first peal on ten bells in the county, followed by 37 more by 1936 when the augmentation to 12 took place. There were seven on the 12 before the war and there have been 27 in the past ten years. Christ Church, Swindon, follows with 82 peals. It was the second most popular 8-bell tower before 1914 and had had 41 peals from 1884. Nine more came from the four years after the first war, and then the trebles were added. From 1925 to 1937 18 peals were rung on the ten and there have been 14 since 1945. Except for North Bradley, these last two towers have had as many or more peals since the last war than any other Wiltshire tower. Christ Church is the only 10-bell tower in the county.

Apart from the above three churches, there are no others which have passed the 50 mark. Melksham (8) is nearest with 46—eight from 1896 to 1914, 25 from 1925 to 1935 and 13 since 1945. There are two in the 30's (already mentioned in passing). They are Wootton Bassett (8) with 38 and North Bradley with 37. Exactly half of the former's peals were rung from 1891 to 1914 and 14 more from 1921 to 1932. The remaining five came in 1935, 1939, 1950, 1951 and 1955. Only one peal had been rung at North Bradley prior to 1914—in 1913. It then had to wait until 1930 for the next and then seven more were rung up to 1938. It was still a 6-bell tower when 17 peals came from the years 1945 to 1949, and as an eight, 11 peals were rung from 1950 to 1954 (none this year so far).

In the 20's are, first, Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon (8), with 29. The first peal was in 1924, and there were 20 in all up to 1939 including a 10,032 Bob Major in 1927. There have been nine since the war. Colerne (8) has 28—exactly half from 1888 to 1916, eight from 1924 to 1931 and six from 1950 to 1954. Then follows Devizes, St. John's (8), with 26—six before 1914, six since 1947 and the remainder from 1919 to 1937. Warminster (8) has 24, the first in 1881. There was a big gap then until 1919 when 16 peals came in the next 16 years. There have been seven since 1947. Both Stratton, St. Margaret's (8), and Bradford-on-Avon, Holy Trinity (8) have 23. At the former 14 have been rung since the war, so it is doing well now. The tower had six bells up to about 1930 and only three peals were rung before that, in 1914, 1921 and 1924. The remaining peals were rung in the 30's after augmentation. At the latter, we find a peal every two or three years since 1891. Bishops Cannings has 20 peals—14 from 1920 to 1935 and the remainder in 1890, 1901, 1914, and three from 1944 to 1947. That completes the towers with 20 or more peals in the 8-bell rings. The only 8-bell tower still to be 'conquered' is Malmesbury—recently an eight, I believe.

TWENTY-NINE 6-BELL TOWERS WITHOUT A PEAL

There are still 29 of the 85 6-bell towers which have not had a peal, so there is plenty of scope for tower grabbers here! Of the 56 which have, Hilperton has the most with 20—four from 1909 to 1913 (it was amongst the first 6-bell towers to have a peal), seven between the wars and nine since, so it is enjoying its best period now. Fourteen of Rodbourne-Cheney's 19 have been rung since 1945. The other five came from 1934 to 1938. Thirteen peals have been rung at Blunsdon and Holt. At the former, five were rung from 1920 to 1932 and eight since 1947. At the latter, there were peals in 1909 and 1913, eight from 1926 to 1936 and in 1945, 1946 and 1949. Southbroom has 12—the first in 1913 and another in 1914, with five from 1930 to 1932 and five from 1944 to 1947. The only other towers to reach double figures are Britford and Keevil with ten each. At the former nine have been rung since the war (the other was in 1920), whilst at the latter there were three from 1910 to 1914, five from 1923 to 1930 and odd ones in 1947 and 1948.

Only seven of the 47 5-bell towers have had a peal yet and only one of these has had more than one—Chilton Foliat, with two, in 1933 and 1947. The others, with the dates of their peals, are All Cannings (1931), Chirton (1934), Cricklade (1950), Ogbourne St. George (1953), Shalbourne (1953) and Yatesbury (1949).

So much for Wiltshire. A total of 974 peals has been rung in the county since 1881—the peal at Warminster being the first I came across. Totals include all published up to November 4th, 1955.

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THE LADIES' GUILD

Many members and friends attended the winter meeting of the West Midland District, which was held at St. Mary's, Handsworth, on December 3rd. At times there was hardly standing room in the belfry. The newly-cast bells were ringing continuously in the afternoon and evening, at times by bands of ladies.

Evensong was said in the church by the Rector, the Rev. J. C. H. Tompkins, who, before the service, welcomed the Guild to his church.

A sumptuous tea was provided in the church hall by local lady ringers. The Vicar was unable to attend, but Miss Evelyn Fletcher, while thanking the local ringers, asked that thanks should be conveyed to the Rector. It was pleasing to note that the gentlemen were outnumbered at tea.

With the mellow sound of Double Norwich ringing in our ears, a business meeting was held. Four apologies were received, and four new members were elected. Members hoped that the next meeting would be held jointly with the Hereford District on the first Saturday in March.

OBITUARY

FREDERICK J. TILLETT — 1867–1955

AN APPRECIATION

With the passing of Fred Tillett on December 7th in his 89th year, East Anglia loses a great ringing personality. To the present generation he was but a name, but his contemporaries knew him as an outstanding tenor ringer. He was built for the job, a tall, upright, powerful man: to see him ring a heavy bell was a lesson in good striking coupled with economy of effort.

Perhaps his greatest performance was ringing the 20 cwt. tenor at Debenham to the 16,608 of Oxford T.B. Major, away back in 1892; but he also rang the tenors at Woodbridge, Leiston and Ufford to other long peals. He did not travel far; there were not the facilities in his day that we have, but he had rung the tenors at Cornhill, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Norwich, Chelmsford and Fulham to peals. He rang St. Mary-le-Tower tenor to over 50 peals, including the first ever of New Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and Pudsey S. Maximus, and also to Cambridge and York S., Double Norwich C.B., Oxford and Kent T.B., Plain Bob, Duffield and Forward Maximus.

He was, too, a notable handbell ringer, with a lovely sense of rhythm, and had rung peals of Oxford and Kent T.B. and Plain Bob, Maximus, Royal and Major, Grandsire Cinques, Caters and Triples, Stedman Caters and Double Norwich C.B. Major. The full record of his peals is not available, but I find he rang about 70 peals of Maximus.

He gave up active ringing for a few years in middle life and took up pigeon racing, and in this connection during the first world war, although in a reserved occupation, and well over military age, he 'wangled' himself over to France in charge of a pigeon locker. He was ever a roamer but returned to his first love after the war to take part in many more peals. He was possessed of a lively wit, and a gift of repartee which could be devastating. His sense of humour was keen, as the following shows. We used to fill up an odd five minutes at St. Mary-le-Tower with three leads of Treble 12, which he would call. On one occasion he said: 'Go, Kent,' and we on the front rang Oxford. Of course, he spotted it, but he had an answer to that, for the next time we rang it he said: 'Go, Treble Bob, and ring what you like!'

He came of a long line of ringers: his great grandfather's name appears on a peal board in St. Mary-le-Tower belfry in 1811, and his grandfather and father were ringers, as are also his son and grand-daughter, which gives six generations—a fact of which he was very proud.

He was laid to rest on December 12th in Ipswich cemetery. Amongst those present were several old ringing associates, and handbells were rung at the graveside by E. Evans, C. J. Sedgley, G. E. Symonds and G. W. Pipe. May he sleep well.

C. J. S.

5,056 Superlative Surprise Major

By CHAS. J. SEDGLEY

M	W	H	23456
	—	3	52436
—	—	3	34625
	—		23645
—	—		46532
	—		34562
	—		63542
—			53246
—	—		42635
—			62534
—	—		35426
—			45623
—	—		26354
x			65243
	—		46253
—	—		52364
	—		65324
—	—	3	23456

Has the seven reverses.

APSLEY END, HERTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Minor (720 St. Clement's, 540 Plain Bob): Joyce Philps (first quarter) 1, R. Shutter 2, A. V. Good 3, E. Upton 4, K. Good (first as cond.) 5, W. Puddifoot 6.

BIDFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Kinchin 1, A. C. Morris 2, W. H. Male 3, A. A. Upton 4, H. Huxley 5, F. C. Lyne 6, A. C. Manning (cond.) 7, J. Moore 8.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Bob Minor: Miss H. Ford (first quarter) 1, W. Birmingham 2, E. E. Gosling 3, G. W. Limmer 4, F. Scott 5, G. Gilbert (cond.) 6. Rung as a farewell to Cyril A. Burgess, 20 years a loyal member at Burnham, on his departure for Strood, Kent.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: M. Freeman 1, D. Sims 2, E. Deacon 3, S. W. Bigmore 4, K. Everett (cond.) 5, H. Stebbings 6. For morning service.

CAMBERWELL, S.E.—On Dec. 11th, at St. George's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, Miss V. M. Westray 3, B. P. Danbury 4, E. G. Webb 5, W. D. Grainger 6, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8. Rung half-muffled (tenor open) to the memory of Mr. A. S. Gillott, late ringer, churchwarden and lay reader at the above church.

CLIFFE, KENT.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Phyllis Pryce (first quarter, 13) 1, Miss J. M. Highley 2, G. Pryce (first 'inside' of Triples) 3, H. Springate 4, R. C. Burns (first 'inside' of Triples) 5, C. S. Jarrett 6, P. F. Borer (cond.) 7, J. C. S. Benson 8. Rung for the Restoration Fund service.

COMPTON BISHOP, SOMERSET.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Hooper 1, J. Brinson 2, A. Peters 3, H. Hooper (cond.) 4, J. Hardwidge 5, F. S. Paramore 6. For the patronal festival.

FARNWORTH, LANCS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Patricia Lees 1, Mavis Speakman 2, J. Thornley 3, O. Davies 4, P. Crook, sen. (cond.) 5, B. Cooper 6. First quarter 1, 2 and 6. Rung to celebrate the Feast of St. Andrew.

FOLKINGHAM, LINCS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,440 Plain Bob Minor: J. Lindsey 1, Miss I. Lindsey 2, H. Collin 3, W. Weston 4, C. T. H. Bradley (cond.) 5, J. H. Musson 6. Longest length of Minor for 1 and 2. Rung for St. Andrew's Day (the patronal festival) and Sir Winston Churchill's 81st birthday.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Minor (720 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Double Oxford): C. Rigby 1, Betty M. Mansfield 2, A. A. Booth 3, G. G. Mansfield 4, N. Cox 5, A. W. Mansfield (cond.) 6. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. N. Cox, who were married at Abthorpe, Northants, the previous day.

HELMDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Shellard 1, C. Hinton 2, W. J. Chester 3, M. Saunders 4, E. Lines 5, B. Saunders (cond.) 6. Rung by members of the Monday night band as a compliment to Bill Yates and Miss Kay Ballard on their engagement.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Nov 27th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. R. G. Spicer 1, M. J. Dyer 2, D. Knights 3, F. L. Nichols 4, S. Shipp 5, H. S. Peacock (cond.) 6. For Sunday service.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,248 Plain Bob Major: C. V. Hare 1, P. Jackson (aged 14, first on eight bells) 2, L. Runnacles 3, P. Meyhew 4, J. Coppage 5, A. C. Harris 6, K. C. Timbury 7, D. P. Jones (comp. and cond.) 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLX.—On Dec. 4th, 1,296 Little Bob Royal: T. G. Bannister 1, Mrs. E. Turley 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, Miss S. Clayton 4, A. R. Twinn 5, E. Thurton 6, D. Robinson 7, W. H. Coles 8, N. W. Genna 9, F. C. Price (cond.) 10. First quarter in the method by all the band except the treble ringer. Rung for the christening this day of Beverley Bronwen Price, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Price. Also on Nov. 6th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: T. G. Bannister 1, Mrs. E. Turley 2, E. W. Thurton 3, D. Robinson 4, Miss S. Clayton (first in method) 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, A. R. G. Twinn 7, N. W. Genna 8, F. C. Price 9, W. H. Coles (cond.) 10.

HORBURY, YORKS.—On Dec. 9th, 1,320 Plain Bob Minor: Valerie M. Hall 1, Pamela M. Wood 2, E. Atkinson 3, P. D. Atkinson 4, R. F. E. Axford 5, I. Slack 6. Conducted by H. Rowley. Rung before the service of insitution of the Rev. John Godfrey Seebold to the above parish by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Wakefield.

QUARTER PEALS

HOLYWELL, HUNTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: D. Peacock 1, F. Elsome 2, C. Young 3, O. Norman 4, J. Parish (cond.) 5, W. Papworth 6. For morning service.

KINGSDON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. Cheeseman 1, D. Sweet 2, R. J. Vardy (first 'inside') 3, A. Callow 4, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 5, F. C. Davis 6.

LADBROKE, WARWICKS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 different callings): R. J. Edden (first as cond.) 1, A. R. Barrett 2, H. Reeves (first quarter) 3, A. J. Barrett 4, G. Aldhouse (first 'inside') 5. Rung half-muffled after the burial of the Bishop of Coventry.

LACOCK, WILTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: H. J. Blanchard 1, J. E. Billings 2, R. Tigwell 3, H. Heath 4, H. E. Blacker (cond.) 5, R. Lovelock (first quarter) 6. Believed to be the first quarter peal on these bells. For Evensong.

LYME REGIS, DORSET.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. L. Taylor 1, Mrs. C. W. Powell 2, C. W. Powell 3, Canon C. C. Cox 4, H. G. Keeley 5, G. H. Whitemore 6, G. S. Morris (cond.) 7, J. Rattenbury 8. For Evensong.

MANCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 11th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: H. Hollingworth 1, Mrs. Tonge 2, Miss Walshaw 3, H. Reynolds 4, H. Longden 5, B. Walshaw 6, E. Jenkins 7, F. W. Grocott 8, R. Longden (cond.) 9, G. Longden 10. For Evensong.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Dec. 10th, 1,440 Doubles (480 Grandsire, 960 Plain Bob): Miss J. Lane (first quarter) 1, Miss J. H. Wilson 2, Miss E. Taussig 3, G. M. Battersby 4, J. A. Etherington (cond.) 5, R. F. Warren 6. Longest length for 2, 3 and 6. A birthday compliment to R. F. Warren.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—On Dec. 6th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings): Barbara Browning (first quarter) 1, R. Drennan (first quarter) 2, D. Farnham (first 'inside') 3, T. G. Myers (cond.) 4, F. E. Day (first of Doubles) 5, W. J. Harvey 6. Rung on the front six.

RADLEY, BERKS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Doubles (780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob): Sonia Allen (aged 12), 1, Miss M. R. Cross 2, Daphne Pollard (aged 12) 3, Janet Eason 4, R. G. Cross (cond.) 5, P. Cross 6. First quarter by 1, 3 and 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Cross and to Jane Cross.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At All Saints' Church, on Nov. 16th, 1,456 Plain Bob Major: Miss E. Wandill 1, B. Holland 2, H. Woodall 3, F. J. Jackson 4, H. O. Chaddock 5, F. Fisher 6, Rev. G. G. Graham 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. A birthday compliment to Herbert O. Chaddock and Miss E. Wandill.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On Nov. 23rd, at the Abbey, 1,260 Stedman Triples: B. A. Cornell 1, G. Penny 2, H. E. C. Goodenough (cond.) 3, G. Dodds 4, R. F. Ewer 5, W. Little 6, W. J. Arnold 7, W. Nicolls 8. Also at St. Peter's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Darvill 1, H. G. Mason 2, T. J. Southam 3, B. C. Johnson 4, F. J. Spicer 5, H. V. Frost 6, G. W. Debenham (cond.) 7, A. E. Ewer 8. Both rung half-muffled to the memory of Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham.

SHEFFIELD, YORKS.—At the Cathedral, on Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Royal: M. Brook (first quarter) 1, F. Ward 2, Mrs. E. Wright 3, R. S. Long 4, J. Seager 5, D. Armstrong 6, R. Birch 7, B. Holland 8, G. K. Chaddock 9, H. O. Chaddock (cond.) 10. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. W. Kennedy, late Precentor, on his appointment as Vicar of Thurcroft.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (240 Plain Bob, 1,020 Grandsire): I. H. Pett (first quarter) 1, T. P. Harris 2, Stella J. Devereux (first 'inside') 3, P. J. Lawton 4, P. Newing (cond.) 5, E. J. Sharp 6.

STAFFORD.—On Nov. 24th, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: R. Warrilow 1, R. J. Warrilow (cond.) 2, R. Piron 3, F. Eley 4, R. K. Mowforth 5, A. E. Garbett 6, E. Malin 7, C. Evans 8. First for 1 and 8. Rung for Commission of Assize and as a compliment to A. B. Garbett on attaining his majority, and who, before taking an appointment in Glasgow, rang regularly at the above church.

STANMORE, MIDDLX.—On Oct. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lambert (first away from tenor) 1, E. J. Leversuch 2, J. Wilcockson 3, C. Wenban 4, W. Wenban (cond.) 5, A. Wenban 6. Also on Nov. 17th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: D. M. Ward (first in method) 1, J. R. Mayne (cond.) 2, J. Wilcockson 3, E. J. Leversuch 4, W. Wenban 5, C. Wenban 6, A. Wenban 7, R. Lambert 8.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Rosemary Ashley 1, R. D. Hayne 2, H. E. Sibley (cond.) 3, F. Brassington 4, H. Folwell 5, N. Haile 6, H. Ashley 7, F. Rouse 8. First in the method by 1 and 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memoriam Dr. Neville Gorton, Bishop of Coventry, who was interred that day in the ruins of Coventry Cathedral.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At Immanuel Church, on Dec. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. Rea (first of Treble Bob) 1, G. Parsons 2, M. Oakshett 3, D. Woodham 4, G. Peters 5, D. Beresford 6, R. Story (first of Cambridge) 7, J. Euston (cond.) 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 24th, at St. Mark's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Stella A. Miles 1, C. J. Hathaway 2, W. J. Buckland 3, Terry Collins (cond.) 4, C. Cavallot 5, W. A. T. Carter 6, P. Anger 7, T. Collins 8.

WAKEFIELD, YORKS.—On Nov. 22nd, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: H. Naylor 1, M. Stephenson (first quarter) 2, D. Banks 3, D. Cubitt 4, P. Woodward 5, J. Kirby 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: M. Hayes 1, R. Lumsden 2, D. Hewitt 3, C. T. W. Coles 4, E. E. Holman 5, A. J. N. Boyack 6, H. Rumens (cond.) 7, R. J. Chapman 8. Rung for Evensong and as a 14th birthday compliment to M. Hayes.

WANDSWORTH, SURREY.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. S. Langdon 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, Miss A. Garnett 3, K. Small 4, H. Belcher 5, John Phillips (cond.) 6, James Phillips 7, B. K. Lunn 8. For Evensong and in commemoration of Donor's Day.

WARSOP, NOTTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Miss J. Bullivant 1, R. Bullivant 2, Miss D. Marshall 3, Miss J. Smith 4, H. T. Rooke (cond.) 5, F. Flint 6. For Evensong.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,253 Stedman Caters: J. R. Mayne 1, W. G. Paul 2, Miss I. M. Wilcockson 3, W. Wenban 4, D. Laud 5, K. R. Dunstan 6, C. W. Woolley (cond.) 7, S. H. Hoare 8, D. K. Adkins 9, J. Axtell 10. First quarter for 3 and 5.

WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCS.—On Nov 28th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Pyle 1, A. T. Lowman 2, W. Heaton 3, J. A. Freeman 4, W. Tomlinson 5, W. Clark 6, H. L. Pask (cond.) 7, H. E. Walker 8. Rung on the 80th birthday of Mr. T. Pyle.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 1st, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. C. Edwards 1, F. C. Case 2, W. A. Yates 3, H. Daniels (first in method) 4, G. W. Holland 5, T. E. Roberts 6, W. F. Eyden (first in method) 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICS.—On Nov. 18th, 1,280 Wigston Surprise Major: C. H. F. Knight 1, T. E. Harrold 2, Maureen Lloyd 3, A. Chamberlain 4, R. J. Carter 5, A. R. Carter 6, K. A. Roe 7, G. E. Green (cond.) 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mary, daughter of Mr. J. S. Carter, and Colin Walker, who were married on October 29th.

WOODBURY, DEVON.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: B. Glanvill 1, K. Dawe 2, J. Carter 3, C. Deem (cond.) 4, G. Betts 5, J. L. Glanvill 6, J. Briggs 7, J. Gooding 8. Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Crediton for Confirmation service.

WIMBLEDON, SURREY.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Bishop (first in method) 1, H. Cox 2, P. Devenish 3, J. Tomsett 4, M. Sinden 5, F. Corfield (cond.) 6.

WORCESTER.—On Nov. 29th, at the Cathedral, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Slater (first quarter) 1, G. J. Lewis 2, W. H. Compton 3, R. Woodyatt 4, W. Sidwell 5, D. Sayers 6, D. Beacham (first of Caters as cond.) 7, T. W. Lewis 8, G. Ambler 9, J. Stanier and F. C. Pugh 10.

YATTON, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. I. Beechey 1, Miss P. Barnard 2, E. A. Price 3, L. H. Pullin 4, P. H. Marshall 5, R. H. Brice (first quarter as cond.) 6, H. A. Price 7, S. G. Smith 8. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to ringers of 1 and 7.

Christmas Greetings to all Readers

The Editor and staff of 'The Ringing World,' at Guildford, and Mr. J. E. Jeater, send their good wishes to all readers and thank the many correspondents for their cards and greetings.

St. Mary's, Apsley, ringers send hearty Christmas greetings and best wishes for the coming year to all ringing friends. May 1956 be a year of many reunions. Old friends especially welcomed at Apsley on Monday evenings. 7454

To the ringers at home and in faraway places I wish a merry, merry Christmas and a happy New Year.—Jennie Armstrong, Morpeth. 7394

A happy Christmas to all our ringing friends wherever they may be, and to the locals. Better luck with peals next year.—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bassett, Ann and Jean, Wadhurst, Sussex. 7455

Hearty seasonal greetings to my many ringing friends wherever they may be, and a welcome to Shropshire at any time. From the Editor to the Printer's Devil of 'The Ringing World,' best wishes for 1956.—F. Hector Bennett, Brewery Cottage, Chester Street, Shrewsbury. 7453

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bullen, of Station Road, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, send heartiest greetings to all their friends both old and new, and wish them a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, with plenty of success in 1956. 7414

From Cape Town, South Africa, the band of St. Mary's, Woodstock, greet all friends near and far. Especially Bob Stickley in Nigeria, and those who have rung with us—we wish you all a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. A warm welcome awaits every tower-grabber. 7357

The season's greetings to all English ringers.—The members of Christchurch Cathedral Society of Bellringers, New Zealand (G. N. Sloan, secretary). 7464

To all ringers and their families:—
We wish you a happy Christmas—
A time that's bright and gay,
With pleasures that will fill your hearts
Long past Christmas Day.
We wish you peace and plenty,
Work that ensures good store,
We wish you all you long for,
If we could we would wish you more.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Coles and family, Hillingdon.

A very happy Christmas and New Year to all ringing friends, especially Cumberlands, is the sincere wish of Marjorie and George H. Cross. 7471

Danbury (Essex) Church tower again send Christmas greetings to all their friends both far and near, and wish them all good ringing in the new year. 7470

Mr. I. Emery and Mr. P. J. Spice, of Bromley, extend their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringing friends, both far and near. 7421

Sincere good wishes for Christmas and 1956 and gratitude for good companionship in 1955 are conveyed to all their ringing friends everywhere by Paul, Flo and Mischief Field, Marshfield, Knole, Langport, Somerset. 7430

Christmas greetings and every good wish for the coming year to all our ringing friends.—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, 1, Abbots Close, Orpington, Kent. 7457

To all my ringing friends, good wishes, happiness and prosperity.—H. Goodwin, Cotleigh, Main Road, Salcombe, S. Devon, late of Blaxtol, Sevenoaks, Kent. 7435

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs.—To friends old and new: 'More health and happiness betide you than can my tongue deliver.' 7438

Wishing the 'R.W.' and all ringing friends a very happy Christmas and success all the New Year through.—Hubert Hatto. 7465

To wish a very happy Christmas to the ringers of Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Linslade and Woburn, with many thanks for an excellent outing.—From the ringers of St. Lawrence, Hawkhurst, Kent. 7417

Heartiest Christmas greetings and every good wish for a very prosperous and peaceful New Year to all our ringing friends wherever they may be. Good luck, good health, good ringing.—Mr. and Mrs. Alan A. Hilliard (Jack), Bristol. 7429

Seasonal greetings and good wishes to ringing friends everywhere, especially remembering the welcome received when on outstation work.—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kynaston, 37, Vicarage Road, Swindon, Wilts. 7461

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Ladd and Margaret send the old, old wish, 'A very happy Christmas, and a bright and prosperous New Year,' to all friends far and near.—Tunbridge Wells, Kent. 7456

Our best wishes and good health for Christmas and 1956 to all our ringing friends near and far, from Mr. and Mrs. R. Lathbury and Nora, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames. 7462

All good wishes for a merry Christmas, and happiness in the New Year to all our friends, from David, Frances, George and Hilda Massey, Parbury Bungalow, Vallis Road, Frome, Somerset. 7437

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell send Christmas and New Year greetings to all ringing friends, Mrs. Mitchell especially to all members of the Kent Branch of the Ladies' Guild. 7436

Wishing all our ringing friends a very happy Christmas, a prosperous and bright New Year, with plenty of new hunting ground.—N. S. T. G., Nailsea. 7451

Season's greetings and good wishes to Hazel Leatherland in New Zealand, also to John Walker on the high seas, to all his friends in towers overseas where he is made welcome, and to ringers everywhere, especially at Birmingham, Bisley, Knowle, Shirley and Solihull. A merry Christmas from Packwood. 7452

My very best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all my ringing friends, especially those in the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—F. Precey, Bovington Camp. 7445

Greetings to all our friends: we wish you happiness this Christmastide and good health and prosperity throughout 1956.—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Price, St. Michael's, 9, Fisherman's Avenue, Southbourne, Bournemouth. 7425

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Poole and Bernard wish all ringing friends a very happy Christmas and a New Year of prosperity and good ringing. 7459

To all ringing friends a happy Christmas and a successful New Year is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pulling, 144, Woodside Road, Guildford, Surrey. 7427

The best of good wishes, to friends old and new,
May we meet again some day and goodwill [renew.
The 'R.W.' oft tells of what you have done;
May next year bring to you lots of good fun.
—Charles Rouse, Cheltenham, Glos. 7460

Albert E. Sellers sends hearty Christmas greetings, with best wishes for the New Year, to all members of the Eastern District, Yorkshire Association.—3, Elwell Avenue, Beverley. 7446

Best wishes for a happy Christmas and prosperous New Year to all ringing friends, especially the Beverley and District Ringing Society, from Albert E. Sellers, Elwell Society. 7447

Hearty greetings and all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all ringers everywhere, together with continued success to 'The Ringing World.'—William Shepherd, Addlestone, Surrey. 7401

To ringers everywhere: a very happy Christmas with all the season's good cheer, also a bright and prosperous New Year, is the sincere wish of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Skidmore, 80, Carlyle Road, Bristol, 5. 7466

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smallwood send greetings to all ringing friends, with best wishes for the festive season, and for health, happiness and prosperity in the coming year.—122, Lee Road, Blackheath, London, S.E.3. 7415

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Sone, of Warrington House, Paddock Wood, send best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all their ringing friends, near and far. 7448

This is to wish all my ringing friends, old and young, at home and overseas, a very merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year, with plenty of good striking.—Evelyn Steel. 7449

Heartiest greetings for Christmas and sincere good wishes for the new and succeeding years. With thanks to all my ringing associations and friends, wherever they may be, for many hours of pleasure, including 'The Ringing World' and the Editor, Mr. T. W. White; the Chester, 'Dick' Langford, 'Sam' Jones and young Sam (86); Archdeaconry of Stafford, Howard Howell, Fred Bennett; North Staffs, Shelagh Seery; Shropshire, 'Ted' Rodenhurst, 'Bill' Farmer; Worcester, Geof. Hemming and 'Mother'; Lincoln, John A. Freeman; Derbyshire, Bill Lancaster, Den Carlisle; Sid, Mrs. Jones and Shelagh; Peterborough, Ron Noon; Midland, Barney Key and family, and Joe Cotton; North Wales, Fred Evans, Mr. Griffiths, Gresford; Hereford, Wilfs Overton and Moreton; Swansea and Brecon, Leslie Evans; Norwich, Nolan Golden; St. Martin's, Birmingham, Albert Walker, George Fearn; Devonshire, Tom Myers and 'Father'; Ashton-under-Lyne; 'Ted' Walker, Dover; David 'C.' Vincent; Philip Gray; Jack and Mary Armstrong, Australia; 'Ole Joe' Burgess, Friezland; Lancashire (Liverpool), Percival Cave; Arthur Yorke, Alsager—hurry up and come back, Arthur; Peter and Alec.—W. Frank Stenson, Crewe. 7390

To all ringers and friends. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, with good health and ringing.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Stitch, The Laurels, 233, Penn Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs. 7427

Christmas greetings and every good wish for the coming year to all our ringing friends.—Martin and Paddy Thorley, 146, Broadgate Lane, Horsforth, Leeds. 7416

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wickens, also Stella and Ken, send Christmas greetings to all ringing friends, not forgetting new friends in Lincolnshire, and their own Sussex County Association. Good ringing for 1956. 7450

Mr. E. Alexander Young sends his greetings for Christmas and the New Year to friends both old and new. His new address is 60a, Lansdown Road, Bromley, Kent. 7468

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DEATH

WILLIAMS. — On December 9th, 1955, William Edward Williams, of The Orchard, Tillington, Herefordshire, aged 66 years. A Freeman of Hereford Diocesan Guild and a lifelong ringer at Burghill Parish Church. 7472

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, Jan. 2nd, 7.15 p.m., practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Jan. 7th, St. George's, Camberwell, 3 to 4.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5, in Church Hall. Business—six nominations; St. Giles', Camberwell, 7.30 to 8.30. Names for tea, please. Saturday, Feb. 4th, A.G.M., Southwark Cathedral, St. John's, Waterloo, etc. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 7442

DEVON GUILD.—N. E. Branch.—Annual, Jan. 7th, at St. Peter's, Tiverton. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Numbers for tea by Jan. 3rd.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 7440

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Waltham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7443

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 7th, at Barking. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, by January 5th, to Mr. W. Beard, 159, Clements Road, Barking, E.6. 7473

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual district meeting at Hertford St. Andrew, Saturday, Jan. 7th, 3 p.m. All Saints' after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 7439

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 7th, at Tunbridge Wells. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 5th please, to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queens Road, Tunbridge Wells. No name, no tea. 7441

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wye (8) on January 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mrs. W. Greenstreet, 3, Church Street, Wye, Ashford, Kent, by Tuesday, January 3rd. —W. P. Garner. 7467

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD. — Nottingham District.—Annual meeting, Saturday, Jan. 7th, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate, 4.30. Meeting in belfry 5.30. Names for tea by previous Tuesday to Mr. W. Nichols, 179, Eltham Road, West Bridgford.—C. W. Towers. 7476

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD. — Northern Section.—Annual meeting at St. Mary's, Brecon, on Saturday, Jan. 7th, at 2.30 p.m.—G. Davies, Hon. Sec. 7458

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting to be held at York on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Minster bells (12) 2 p.m. Evensong in Minster 4. Tea 5 p.m., at the Tea Shop, Sandal. Names for tea to Miss M. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York, by Thursday, Jan. 5th. Acomb bells (6) available after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec. 7444

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,280 Treble Bob Major (Worcester Variation): Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, Miss J. Peacock 3, J. Carrott 4, A. Salisbury 5, A. House 6, T. East 7, F. V. Gant (cond.) 8. For Advent Sunday. Also on Nov. 29th, 1,264 Little Bob Major: Miss A. Lowings 1, S. Penfold 2, J. Carrott 3, F. V. Gant 4, A. Salisbury 5, A. House 6, T. East 7, L. S. Woods (cond.) 8. For the patronal festival.

OBITUARY

MRS. A. V. DAVIS

We regret to record the sudden death on Dec. 15th of Mrs. Grace M. Davis, wife of Mr. Arthur V. Davis, of 116, Alma Road, Bournemouth. Mrs. Davis, who was 54, shared her husband's deep interest in the welfare of St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, and was held in affection by a wide circle of ringing and other friends. Mr. Davis shares his bereavement with his son and daughter.

The funeral service was held at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, last Tuesday.

MR. ARTHUR S. GILLOTT

It is with deep regret that we record the death, on December 7th, of Mr. Arthur S. Gillott. He was 77 years of age.

For many years ringer, secretary and master of the Guild of St. George, Camberwell, Mr. Gillott as a younger man was an ardent cyclist, and it was his regular practice to attend Communion at St. George's, ride into the country, ring at a church, and be back in the evening for ringing at his own church.

About four years ago he handed over his belfry work to the 'younger generation,' but he was still interested in the welfare of the tower, and only four months ago he ascended the vertical ladder to the bells to see how repairs were going on.

On December 11th, 1260 Grandsire Triples were rung half-muffled (tenor open) to his memory by E. R. Iveson 1, L. V. Roberts 2, Miss V. M. Westray 3, B. P. Danbury 4, E. G. Webb 5, W. D. Grainger 6, F. R. L. Blewer (cond.) 7, W. W. Shorter 8.

MR. O. J. HUNT

Mr. Louis A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett, writes: With deep regret I read of the passing of Oswald James Hunt. As Ringing Master at Wootton Bassett, I instructed him as a choirboy. Like many others, he was rather slow in picking up change ringing—in fact, this was a joke between us.

I was always pleased to read of his progress in ringing matters as it paid me for all the trouble I took with him. He always sent me a card at Christmas, which I was looking for when I received my 'Ringing World.' May he rest in peace for he was one of the truest servants of the Church.

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PEAL RINGING IN 1954

FINAL figures of peals rung in 1954 are to hand with the publication of the peals analysis tables. There was a steady decline in the total for 1954 compared with recent years; handbell peals again flopped, reaching only 123 as against 154 in 1953. The year 1949 saw 382 handbell peals recorded, and since then the decline has been continuous. At Bristol, the Peals Analysis Committee deplored 'the fading away of this branch of our art.' There has not been the expected improvement during the current year.

The following table gives the general trend of peals on tower bells, which is the lowest since 1948; the decrease continues, and it is unlikely that the 2,000 mark will be reached in 1955.

	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
Maximus	34	27	36	39	31
Cinques	33	55	43	48	50
Royal	105	96	82	121	86
Caters	83	97	86	104	89
Major	922	887	906	997	938
Triples	264	331	339	315	297
Minor & Doubles	842	919	904	1,008	870
Totals:	2,283	2,412	2,396	2,632	2,361

There was a drop in 12-bell peals from 82 to 67. St. Martin's Guild had only 12 against 24 last year, followed by Leicester with 11. Surprise Maximus, however, increased from 23 to 32, and in this respect Leicester cut new ground with five methods rung for the first time.

Very little change was noted in ten-bell ringing, the total being 188 against 193. These were shared between 39 Guilds and Associations as against 36 last year. More peals of Surprise Royal were scored—76 against 60 in 1953. Cambridge with 35 and Yorkshire with 19 were both advances on the previous year. The leading Associations for ten-bell ringing were Suffolk 17, Leicester 16, Chester 11 and St. Martin's 10. Two peals of Plain Bob Caters were somewhat of a novelty.

Major ringing was more prolific than in the past two years, with 922 peals against 887 and 906. The increase was in Surprise methods with a total of 578 against 455. Cambridge again headed the list as the most popular method with 111 (last year 115), followed by Yorkshire 94 (90), London 50 (51), Superlative 44 (35), Bristol 34 (31) and Lincolnshire 18. Spliced Surprise numbered 25 against 35. Chester Diocesan Guild had four new Imperial methods and Shropshire one. Will the excitement of these methods appeal to Surprise ringers? Chester feel that the departure is worth while.

Peals of Triples showed a marked drop of 67. Grandsire Triples totalled only 132 compared with 183 and 209 in the two preceding years, and Stedman 115 against 108. Leicester had 24 peals of Stedman—mostly Dexter's Variation. Plain Bob Triples had four peals.

While peals of Minor and Doubles totalled 842 this is less than in recent years, the 1,000 mark being exceeded in 1951. There were 622 peals of Minor (647) and 220 of Doubles (272 the previous year). Spectacular ventures were made in multi-method Minor peals, 45 being reached, by the Chester Diocesan, the Leicester Diocesan and the Yorkshire Association; and in the realm of Doubles 45 methods were reached by the Middlesex Association. Single method peals are still, in the main, generally favoured, with 259 of Minor and 128 of Doubles. The leading Associations for this class of ringing were Essex 65 peals (71), Lincoln 53 (65), Bath and Wells 48 (33), Kent 47 (54) and Ely 43 (40).

For the sixth year in succession the Leicester Diocesan Guild had most peals to their credit with 197 (196 in 1953). The order of the other leading Guilds or Associations is as follows: 2 Kent 146 (130), 3 Suffolk 127 (111), 4 Essex 123 (131), 5 Lincoln 106 (116), 6 Yorkshire 96 (86), 7 Lancashire 95 (135), 8 St. Martin's 92 (102), 9 Oxford Diocesan 88 (126), 10 Chester 86 (103), 11 Bath and Wells 71 (56), 12 Norwich 71 (84), 13 Sussex 66 (51), 14 Winchester and Portsmouth 65 (66), 15 Ely 64 (51). The progress of the Suffolk Guild from seventh to third position is promising; perhaps the young ringers of this county will restore East Anglia's former glory of being in the forefront of the Exercise.

Handbell peal ringing makes sorry reading with only 123 peals. Only one 12-bell peal was rung. While there were ten peals from Leicester, including Stedman Cinques, Kent T.B. Royal and Cambridge Surprise Major, there was not a single peal from Birmingham. Winchester and Portsmouth, however, kept the art alive with 17 peals. We hope the fact that 27 peals of Minor in one method (mostly Plain Bob) is an indication that a new generation of handbell ringers has made a start. If these people can blossom

out into Major ringing then there might be some hope. The Universities, however, still practise the art with 17 peals.

Mr. Walter Ayre and his committee deserve the thanks of all peal ringers for the enormous amount of work these tables entail. They do enable the Exercise to watch the trend of peal ringing.

TWELVE BELL PEAL

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 51 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF 5280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS
Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb. in D.

FRANK E. HAYNES	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE	2	CLIFFORD A. BARRON	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	ARTHUR V. PEARSON	9
GILLIAN A. SMITH	4	JOHN PINFOLD	10
PAUL K. WILLIAMSON	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	11
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	6	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

A birthday compliment to the Vicar of Aston, Rev. Canon F. F. Guy Warman.

TEN BELL PEALS

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Nov. 24, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 13 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	6
MURIEL REAY	2	*ANTHONY AGER	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	PETER BORDER	8
JOHN PINFOLD	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9
*NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Yorkshire Royal.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 1, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,
A PEAL OF 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in D.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	FRANK E. HAYNES	6
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
RALPH G. EDWARDS	3	*JOHN PINFOLD	8
NORMAN J. GOODMAN	4	PETER BORDER	9
JOHN H. FIELDEN	5	GEORGE E. FEARN	*Tenor*

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* 600th peal.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB ROYAL
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb.

*FREDERICK J. PLUMMER	*Treble*	*†VALERIE WILLARD	6
*JAMES G. NEWMAN	2	*DENNIS KNOX	7
ARTHUR DAY	3	BERTRAM C. JOHNSON	8
ALFRED E. RUSHTON	4	*‡JOHN W. SINFIELD	9
*HENRY B. WHITNEY	5	THOMAS J. SOUTHAM	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by DENNIS KNOX.
* First peal of Little Bob Royal. † First peal on ten tower bells. ‡ First peal on ten bells. First peal of Little Bob Royal on tower bells in the county and for the Association.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. John J. F. Scammell and the Rev. P. D. C. Amor. In memoriam Josiah Nicholls, Ringing Master of this belfry for many years.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB ROYAL
Tenor 26 cwt. 18 lb. in D.

*ARTHUR T. DUTTON	*Treble*	FREDERICK G. HANDLEY	6
*SAMELA R. P. THOMAS	2	†STELLA HUGHES	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	GEORGE W. HUGHES	8
ERNEST STITCH	4	RICHARD C. INGRAM	9
P. GEORGE GOLDER	5	HOWARD HOWELL	*Tenor*

Arranged by C. WALLATER. Conducted by STELLA HUGHES.
* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal in the method. First peal of Royal as conductor.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 3 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in E flat.

EVELYN M. FLETCHER	*Treble*	ARTHUR D. COOK	6
ALBERT WALKER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	7
MURIEL REAY	3	JOHN PINFOLD	8
CLIFFORD A. BARRON	4	FRANK E. HAYNES	9
GEORGE E. FEARN	5	RALPH G. EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 3, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.
A PEAL OF 5088 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

GILES C. GALLEY	*Treble*	*T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
J. DESMOND PAINTER	2	WILLIAM T. COOK	6
ROGER B. MORRIS	3	CHRIS. M. P. JOHNSON	7
*JOHN G. GIPSON	4	WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by G. BAKER. Conducted by WILLIAM J. RIDGMAN.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Association.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 19 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.
A PEAL OF 5088 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in D.

BRYAN F. SIMS	*Treble*	ANDREW C. SINFIELD	5
*MALCOLM G. HOOTON	2	ALAN S. SMITH	6
RONALD J. SHARP	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS	7
C. HENRY HARDING	4	BRYAN PATTISON	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by BRYAN PATTISON.
* First peal of Surprise Major. First peal of Surprise as conductor.
Rung as an 84th birthday compliment to Mr. C. W. Sinfield, father of the ringer of the fifth.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Mon., Dec. 5, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.
A PEAL OF 5120 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

BRIAN E. DOWNIE	*Treble*	HENRY H. FEARN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by PETER BORDER.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.
A PEAL OF 5184 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt 19 lb. in F.

ALBERT WALKER	*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN	5
*EVELYN M. FLETCHER	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
SHIRLEY V. RYMER	3	JOHN PINFOLD	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
* First peal of Bristol.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 6, 1955, in 2 Hours and 38 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 6¾ cwt.

*MALCOLM COWLEY	*Treble*	LESLIE W. STEVENS	5
COLIN HARRISON	2	HAROLD MARCON	6
CECILIA COWLEY	3	†DAVID HOUGHTON	7
PAUL L. TAYLOR	4	G. RONALD EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. RONALD EDWARDS.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.
Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringers of 1 and 3 (twins).

BISHOP'S CLEEVE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 7, 1955, in 3 Hours and 4 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.
A PEAL OF 5056 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Middleton's Tenor 20 cwt.

VALERIE WILLARD	*Treble*	DAVID MARSHALL	5
*SHIRLEY M. PARSONS	2	CYRIL A. WRATTON	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	JOSEPH E. NEWMAN	7
*PETER BAKER	4	DAVID BEACHAM	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First Surprise peal away from the treble.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Thurs., Dec. 8, 1955, in 2 Hours and 45 Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP.
A PEAL OF 5152 JESMOND SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in A.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	NORMAN J. GOODMAN	5
MURIEL REAY	2	TERRY R. HAMPTON	6
STELLA HUGHES	3	GEORGE E. FEARN	7
JOHN PINFOLD	4	PETER BORDER	*Tenor*

Composed by W. E. CRITCHLEY. Conducted by PETER BORDER.
The first peal in the method.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, in 3 Hours and 10 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

*D. WALFORD DAVIES	*Treble*	SIDNEY J. PHILBRICK	5
THOMAS YEOMANS	2	WILLIAM T. PETTY	6
HAROLD CASSEL	3	WILLIAM DARE	7
JEAN M. POWELL	4	†ROYSTON T. ESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM DARE.
* First peal of Triples. † First peal.
Rung in memoriam Mrs. H. Pike, wife of a much-respected member of the Caerphilly band.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, in 3 Hours and 25 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

J. WILLIAM CLARKE	*Treble*	C. KENNETH LEWIS	5
HENRY O. BAKER	2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	6
FRED DUNKERLEY	3	EDWARD JENKINS	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	JOHN WORTH	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by C. KENNETH LEWIS.
The first peal on the bells since rehanging.
Rung as an 87th birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Jones, of Eccleston, who entertained the band to tea after the peal.

JESMOND SURPRISE MAJOR.
38, 16, 12, 16, 34, 58, 34, 1.
2nds place lead-end. 4ths place bob.
Rung at Birmingham Cathedral, Dec. 8th, 1955.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 17 Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF 5024 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in C.

E. CHARLES TURNER	*Treble*	BRIAN G. WARWICK	5
MRS. B. G. WARWICK	2	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	6
MRS. H. J. POOLE	3	ERNEST J. JELLEY	7
*RALPH ELKINGTON	4	JOHN M. JELLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by E. W. TIPLER (No. 17). Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* 25th peal.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 55 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

*MARY WORTH (aged 11)	*Treble*	ALAN J. BROWN	5
ALAN A. POTTS	2	LESLIE BOUMPHREY	6
MRS. L. BOUMPHREY	3	PETER LAFLIN	7
JOSEPH W. WHITTAKER	4	BASIL JONES	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by BASIL JONES.
* First peal at first attempt.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, in 2 Hours and 58 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF 5152 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 18 cwt.

SYDNEY SAGE	*Treble*	*GEOFF. D. FEARNEHOUGH	5
SIDNEY HOUGH, JUN.	2	NEIL D. LOMAS	6
*TREVOR TAYLOR	3	*DEREK TAYLOR	7
ALLEN TWYMAN	4	DENIS MOTTERSHEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN (No. 39).
Conducted by DENIS MOTTERSHEAD.
* First peal in the method.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sun., Dec. 11, 1955, in 3 Hours and 3 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF 5024 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in E.

ALBERT J. DUNK	*Treble*	CYRIL S. JARRETT	5
DORIS G. DOBBIE	2	THOMAS E. SONE	6
PETER BORER	3	GEORGE KENWARD	7
EDWARD C. BARTON	4	A. PATRICK CANNON	*Tenor*

Composed by A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. PATRICK CANNON.
In memoriam William J. Walker, of Upchurch, a much-respected member of the above Association for over 60 years.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wed., Dec. 14, 1955, in 2 Hours and 50 Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (7th observation). Tenor 14 cwt. 24 lb. in F.

*PETER PHILLIPS	*Treble*	FRANK C. PRICE	5
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW	2	FRANK CORKE	6
†ALBERT R. G. TWINN	3	HERBERT W. IMPEY	7
*CHARLES J. SHEPHERD	4	WILLIAM H. COLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT W. IMPEY.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples.
Rung to mark the third anniversary of the rededication of the bells.
First peal on the bells since being recast and rehung in December, 1952, and believed to be 20 years since a peal was rung in this tower.

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BURTON LATIMER, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
A PEAL OF 5024 PAINSWICK SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

Geoffrey E. Watson	*Treble*	Richard F. Roe	5
Brian Austin	2	Bryan S. Cope	6
Barrie Hendry	3	Bryan Pattison	7
Patrick I. Chapman	4	C. Edward Jeffries	*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains. Conducted by C. Edward Jeffries.
First peal in the method by all.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thurs., Dec. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 46 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Ebbe,
A PEAL OF 5152 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 4 cwt 3 qr. 19 lb.

William H. B. Wilkins	*Treble*	Frederick A. H. Wilkins	5
Donald H. Niblett	2	Kenneth W. Mackintosh	6
Malcolm S. Cloke	3	Charles Coles	7
*Daphne Castell	4	Alan R. Pink	*Tenor*

Composed by C. Middleton. Conducted by Alan R. Pink.
* First peal of Surprise Major.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 55 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Illtyd,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

William T. Petty	*Treble*	Frank Rowsell	5
*Malgwyn H. Williams	2	Albert J. Pitman	6
Alfred Hannington	3	Gwyn I. Lewis	7
Thomas Yeomans	4	*Harold Preece	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert J. Pitman.
* First peal of Triples.
Rung as a 90th birthday compliment to John W. Jones, of Newport, and a 78th birthday compliment to Seymour R. Barker, of Cardiff.

CARBIS BAY, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 49 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Anta and All Saints,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 5 lb.

Anthony Locke	*Treble*	A. Hubert Eplett	5
Rev. A. S. Roberts	2	David N. Penrose	6
Robert A. Southwood	3	Alan Carveth	7
Geoffrey W. Taysom	4	Gerald A. Uglow	*Tenor*

Composed by J. Howlett. Conducted by Rev. A. S. Roberts.
A thanksgiving for the life and work of the late Mrs. A. S. Roberts, and rung on the eve of the seventh anniversary of the consecration of the church and creation of the parish of Carbis Bay.

CHEWTON MENDIP, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb. in D.

Eric Naylor	*Treble*	William F. J. Cope	5
*Ernest E. Bray	2	George W. Massey	6
Ronald G. Beck	3	Joseph T. Dyke	7
Edward J. Chivers	4	David Hoare	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by David Hoare.
* First peal of Major.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 18 *Minutes,*
At the Priory Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF 5088 NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

*Derek G. Broyd	*Treble*	Philip Mehew	5
K. Patricia Hutton	2	Derek P. Jones	6
James G. Newman	3	*Stephen Ivin	7
Ronald J. Sharp	4	*John W. V. Sinfield	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Stephen Ivin.
* First peal of New Cambridge.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 7 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF 5280 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR
In eight methods, being 960 London, 928 Watford, 896 Bristol, 672 Cambridge, 512 Dorchester, 448 Pudsey, 448 Superlative and 416 Lincoln, with all the work of each method for every bell. 121 changes of method. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F.

Alan A. Potts	*Treble*	C. Kenneth Lewis	5
Fred Dunkerley	2	Alan J. Brown	6
Edward Jenkins	3	Peter Laflin	7
Basil Jones	4	Joseph W. Whittaker	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by C. Kenneth Lewis.
A birthday compliment to W W. Wolstencroft (Dec. 17th) and Edward Jenkins (Dec. 19th).

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Elloe Deaneries Branch.)
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 5 *Minutes,*
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,
A PEAL OF 5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 16 cwt.

*John E. Morton	*Treble*	W. Allan Richardson	5
Stanley E. Bennett	2	Horace Bennett	6
Ronald C. Noon	3	John G. Ames	7
Maurice Bennett	4	Frank Taylor	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Conducted by John G. Ames.
* First peal.
Rung for Confirmation service. Also a birthday compliment to Mr. S. E. Bennett.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSN. & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,
A PEAL OF 5184 XAVIER SURPRISE MAJOR
Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

John E. Rootes	*Treble*	Christopher W. Woolley	5
Alick Cutler	2	Thomas J. Lock	6
Frederick W. Brinklow	3	John R. Mayne	7
Alfred J. House	4	Richard F. B. Speed	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by John R. Mayne.
The first peal in the method. The ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 6 have now rung peals of Surprise Major with names beginning with each letter of the alphabet.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 56 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES
Dexter's No. 2 Variation. Tenor 23¼ cwt. in E.

Bernard V. Collison	*Treble*	Doris E. Colgate	5
Thomas E. Sone	2	Ernest J. Ladd	6
Maxwell F. Oakshett	3	George J. Butcher	7
Cyril S. Jarrett	4	Frederick W. Budgen	*Tenor*

Conducted by George J. Butcher.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF 5040 SPLICED TRIPLES
In 11 methods, consisting of 840 changes each of Grandsire and Double Court, 420 each of Reverse Grandsire, Double Grandsire, St. Clement's, College, Oxford and Court, 280 each of London, Hereward and Double Oxford, with 125 changes of method. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 lb.

William Davies	*Treble*	Thomas Hemming	5
Frederick Jukes	2	Bernard Lawton	6
John Lloyd	3	Clifford Skidmore	7
Arthur Peakman	4	Harry Hubble	*Tenor*

Composed by A. J. Pitman. Conducted by Clifford Skidmore.
First peal of Spliced Triples in the county.

XAVIER SURPRISE MAJOR.
56 x 56, 14, 56 x 56, 38 x 14 x 58 x 14 x 58.
8ths place lead-end 4ths place bobs.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 3 *Hours and* 12 *Minutes,*
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

CLARENCE R. STEED	*Treble*	HAROLD HUXLEY	5
WILLIAM H. MALE	2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ..	6
JOHN L. FINDON	3	VINCENT A. HEMMING ..	7
FRED C. LYNE	4	GERALD C. HEMMING ..	*Tenor*

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by GEOFFREY J. HEMMING.
First peal of Major on the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS

BRATTON, WILTSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
42 six-scores (ten callings). Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCIVAL W. J. HARDING	*Treble*	MICHAEL NOAD	4
*DAVID KNIGHT..	2	FREDERICK S. SLATFORD ..	5
ARCHIBALD T. KNIGHT ..	3	LAURENCE E. HITCHINS ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK S. SLATFORD.
* First peal 'inside.'

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
On Sat., Dec 10, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 43 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER KERRISON	*Treble*	†G. ANTHONY SUTHERLAND	4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN ..	2	REGINALD R. DARCH ..	5
*JOHN W. G. KINDRED ..	3	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal of Minor. † 25th peal. First peal as conductor. 60th peal on the bells.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE OLD CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR
Being seven different extents. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

*MARION MACFARLANE ..	*Treble*	*TERRY K. PRICE	4
MARJORIE LEGG	2	GEORGE E. RUCK	5
FRANK PARRAMORE	3	GEORGE PRESCOTT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal of Minor.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 47 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Being 21 240's by Morris (eight callings). Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GEORGE FORRESTER.. ..	*Treble*	†HARRY CALLWOOD	4
ROBERT BARRATT	2	ERNEST PIMLOTT	5
*JOHN P. JACKSON	3	GEORGE BARKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PIMLOTT.
* First peal away from tenor. † First peal away from treble.
In this peal there were 372 singles and 66 bobs. This is the most calls that can be made to a peal of Grandsire Doubles.
Rung by members of the Sunday service band as a welcome to Rev. C. H. Lee, who was inducted in this church on December 10th.

LOCKING, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Tues., Dec. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 28 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES
Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

MARJORIE LEGG	*Treble*	JUNE LEGG	4
GEORGE PRESCOTT	2	*IAN SCOFIELD	5
*JOHN ORAM	3	HENRY BUTTON..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MARJORIE LEGG.
* First peal of Doubles.



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PAKEFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thurs., Dec. 15, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS AND ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven different extents. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

*HORACE W. EASEY	*Treble*	JOHN W. G. KINDRED ..	4
EDWIN T. CHAPMAN	2	A. WILLIAM BIRD	5
*DOUGLAS MITCHELL ..	3	PETER KINDRED	*Tenor*

Conducted by PETER KINDRED.
* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

NORTON SUBCOURSE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 36 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being 720 each of London, Beverley, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES FORDER	*Treble*	ERNEST LONG	4
STANLEY COPLING	2	GODFREY WALPOLE	5
FREDERICK GUNTON	3	WILLIAM BARRETT	*Tenor*

Conducted by GODFREY WALPOLE.

UPHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Fri., Dec. 16, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Being seven extents (four callings). Tenor 8 cwt. 19 lb.

*PAUL W. M. JONES	*Treble*	MARGARET E. L. BEAMISH ..	4
†MICHAEL V. WHITE ..	2	PETER NASH	5
J. MICHAEL LAKIN	3	DEREK C. JACKSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MICHAEL LAKIN.
* First peal. † First peal 'inside' and of Minor. 25th peal as conductor.

BYFIELD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 35 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF 5040 MINOR

Being one 720 of St. Clement's, one 720 of Double Oxford, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*A. HENRY CATLIN	*Treble*	MALCOLM S. CLOKE ..	4
KILBY R. HOLTOM	2	†PETER G. DAVIES	5
DONALD H. NIBLETT ..	3	A. PATRICK CANNON ..	*Tenor*

Conducted by MALCOLM S. CLOKE.
* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods. Mr. K. R. Holtom's 50th peal. First peal in more than one method on the bells.

CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID.
A PEAL OF 5040 KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*MARGARET S. RHODES ..	*Treble*	*WILFRED LEE	4
*WILLIAM SCRIMSHAW ..	2	PETER DAWSON	5
*PERCY WHITAKER	3	DOUGLAS THORP	*Tenor*

Conducted by DOUGLAS THORP.
* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

ROTHLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Syston District.)
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 40 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY-THE-VIRGIN AND JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being six extents each of Winchendon Place Bob, St. Nicholas', Reverse Canterbury Pleasure Bob, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in F sharp.

ROGER A. BREWIN	*Treble*	*GEOFFREY M. BREWIN ..	4
B. STEDMAN PAYNE	2	GEOFFREY J. LOWE	5
ROYSTON WILMORE	3	MAURICE BISHOP	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEOFFREY M. BREWIN.
* First peal in seven methods and first as conductor.

WEARE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 52 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

W. JOHN PARSONS (age 14)	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESCOTT	4
JUNE LEGG	2	EDWARD C. WICKHAM ..	5
MARJORIE LEGG	3	*P. JOHN HUDSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PRESCOTT.
* First peal.

WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sat., Dec. 17, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 24 *Minutes,*
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

In six methods, being seven extents each of Stedman, April Day, St. Simon's, St. Martin's, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 6¼ cwt. in B flat.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	*Treble*	BRIAN S. CHAPMAN	3
*RALPH ELKINGTON	2	ERNEST J. JELLEY	4

JOHN M. JELLEY .. .. .. *Tenor*
Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.
* First peal in six methods and of Doubles.

HANDBELL PEALS

EALING, MIDDLESEX.
THE UNIVERSITIES' ASSOCIATION.
On Sat., Dec. 10, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 42 *Minutes,*
AT 3, COLLEGE ROAD, W.13,
A PEAL OF 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

Seven different extents. Tenor size 12 in F sharp.

J. DESMOND PAINTER	1—2	R. JAMES COOK	3—4
		WILLIAM T. COOK	5—6

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

LEICESTER.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sun., Dec. 11, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours,*
AT 12, DOROTHY AVENUE, GLEN HILLS,
A PEAL OF 5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 15 in C.

BRIAN G. WARWICK	1—2	JOHN A. ACRES	5—6
ERNEST MORRIS	3—4	MRS. B. G. WARWICK ..	7—8

Composed by E. J. LINDLEY. Conducted by BRIAN G. WARWICK.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Mon., Dec. 12, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 45 *Minutes,*
AT 29, HINTON.
A PEAL OF 5000 KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL

*VALERIE WILLARD	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MRS. J. THOMAS	3—4	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	7—8
		†DAVID MARSHALL	9—10

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
* First Treble Bob Royal 'in hand.' † First peal of Royal.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tues., Dec. 13, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 14 *Minutes,*
AT NEWSTEAD, STOKE ROAD,
A PEAL OF 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES
Parker's Twelve-part (seventh observation).

NANCY E. MARKLEY	1—2	*EDGAR VALLANCE	5—6
ALFRED BALLARD	3—4	HECTOR A. KNIGHTS ..	7—8

Conducted by ALFRED BALLARD.
* 100th peal.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DONCASTER, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wed., Dec. 14, 1955, *in* 2 *Hours and* 11 *Minutes,*
AT 38, CASTLE HILLS ROAD, SCAWTHORPE,
A PEAL OF 5040 LITTLE BOB MAJOR
Tenor size 14 in C.

*HOWARD SCOTT	1—2	†GIBSON JACKSON	5—6
*WILLIAM H. JACKSON ..	3—4	†W. ERIC CRITCHLEY ..	7—8

Composed by STEPHEN H. WOOD. Conducted by W. ERIC CRITCHLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on handbells.

BURWASH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Fri., Dec. 16, 1955, *in* 1 *Hour and* 50 *Minutes,*
AT THE GLEBE COTTAGE,
A PEAL OF 5040 DOUBLES

Being 14 extents each of St. Simon's, Reverse Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob (four callings each). Tenor size 15 in C.

MISS V. LAMBERT	1—2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ..	3—4
		MRS. GRAINGER	5—6

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT.
First handbell peal in three methods by all.
Rung as an 88th birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Lambert.

New General Secretary To The Suffolk Guild

A well-attended general meeting of the Suffolk Guild took place at Woodbridge on December 17th, when the fine ring of bells was rung to methods up to Spliced Surprise. The service was held at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector, Canon A. W. Sarson, whose address was based on 'Whatever thou doeth, do it with all thy might.'

Forty-three were served with tea in pleasant surroundings, and at the business meeting the chair was taken by the Rev. E. C. Charlsworth, curate of St. Mary's, supported by Mr. C. E. Fisher (vice-president), Mr. C. J. Sedgley (Ringing Master), the minutes secretary and general secretary. Ten new members were elected.

The general secretary (Mr. Cecil W. Pipe) said he took office in 1945 and wished to retire at the end of the year. He felt very sure a change would be good for the Guild and thanked all those who had supported him, especially past and present district secretaries.

The Guild was in a healthy financial position with assets at over £200. Twenty-seven restorations had taken place since the war, but much more was needed to be done. A lot of work was entailed which required the support of all members if the office of general secretary was to be successfully run, and he appealed to all present to support the general secretary elect by early payment of subscriptions, attendance at meetings and services, and definitely notification when tea was required.

In the committee's choice of Mr. John W. Blythe as future general secretary, they had a popular young conductor who was recently married to a charming young lady ringer, and he hoped his term of office would be a happy one. He concluded by asking all ringers to be at their ropes Christmas Eve and morning, and New Year's Eve—occasions when the public really loved to hear the bells—and finally, he wished them all a happy Christmas

Mr. Pipe's resignation was accepted, and there being no other nominations Mr. John W. Blythe was unanimously elected general secretary and treasurer, with effect as from January 1st next.

Mr. Blythe thanked the members for their confidence in him, and with support he would do his best on behalf of the Guild.

Mr. C. E. Fisher and Mr. C. J. Sedgley thanked Mr. Pipe for his work, and the usual votes of thanks to the Rector and organist and Mr. Stanley Woodard were made.

The address of Mr. John W. Blythe is 18, Barnaby Green, Southwold, Suffolk.

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ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD

On December 10th, a quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Pembroke. The bells were available to the ringers at 2 p.m., and members came from Tenby, Carmarthen, Burry Port, Llanelly, and were well supported by the Pembroke ringers.

A service was held at which the Vicar, the Rev. D. Reece, kindly officiated, the lesson being read by Mr. R. E. Davies, of Burry Port. The members were afterwards entertained to a very nice tea at the Church Hall, where everyone enjoyed themselves on a cold but lovely day.

The Vicar presided at the usual business meeting, and a very hearty address of welcome was extended to members by Mr. Humphries, of Pembroke. He expressed his appreciation of the work done by Mr. Phil Rogers and members of the Guild in helping the St. Mary's ringers to become good ringers.

The usual touch on the handbells was given by the Llanelly boys and girls, ringing tunes and carols.

The place of the next quarterly meeting will be Llandilo. A collection for the Bell Restoration Fund realised the sum of £1 11s. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar by the Master (Mr. Ed. J. Thomas, of Carmarthen).

The ringers then returned to the tower to wind up yet another good meeting, and the climax came with a well-struck 720 of Grandsire Doubles, which was rung to celebrate the marriage of Captain Ivor Ramsden, son of Mrs. Basil Ramsden, of Cosheston Hall, Pembroke, which took place in London on this day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP

Ringing has been suspended at Darfield Church, near Barnsley, owing to mining operations under the church. Two valuable stained-glass windows have been removed and are being stored at Sheffield. Owing to an abundance of water in the workings the task of removing the coal may be delayed, and there are little prospects of ringing being resumed next year.

After the induction service of the new Vicar of Chelford, Cheshire, the Lord Bishop of Chester came in the tower and took a rope to 120 of Grandsire Doubles.

In connection with the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Bedford, the conductor wishes to express his thanks to Mr. C. E. Jeffries for standing out after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

We thank the readers who have sent copies of the British Railways Magazine for December with its cover picture depicting ringing by railwaymen at Boughton Monchelsea, Kent. It is about time that railwaymen rang another peal!

Four members of the Middlesex Association—Messrs. F. W. Brinklow, A. Cutler, A. J. House and J. T. Lock—have rung peals of Surprise Major with names beginning with each letter of the alphabet. To complete the 26 we have the first peal of Xavier Surprise Major.

For 22 years Mr. Cyril A. Burgess has given very loyal service to Burnham, Bucks, tower. Previous to his departure for Kent he was presented with a case of fish eaters by the Vicar, on behalf of his fellow ringers. A safe ringer and conductor, Cyril takes with him a total of 63 peals, 44 of which have been rung at Burnham. As G. G. writes, 'Burnham's loss will be Kent's gain.'

Mr. C. W. Pipe, who has been general secretary of the Suffolk Guild since 1945, has resigned. His successor, from January 1st, is Mr. John W. Blythe, Barnaby Green, Southwold, Suffolk.

Congratulations to Mr. John Pinfold, of Birmingham, in ringing his 600th peal.

Dr. D. Longridge, a Devonian, who is now living in British Columbia, has been elected a member of the Guild of Devonshire ringers.

Another pair of ringing twins—Mr. Malcolm Cowley and Miss Cecilia Cowley—have come of age. The celebrations included a peal on the Foundry bells at Loughborough.

Mr. Fredk. Sharpe and his handbell team were seen on television on December 22nd, playing at a carol service at Caversfield Church, near Bicester.

With a handbell peal at Hinckley, Leics, Mr. Edgar Vallance has completed his 100 peals. This has taken him 45 years. His first peal was rung at Stoke Golding on December 5th, 1910, under the conductorship of the well-known Leicestershire ringer, Mr. E. H. Stoneley.

Mr. Jack Bray, the secretary of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, rang his 600th peal on Dec. 17th. It was a handbell peal of 5.068 Spliced Kent Treble Bob and Kent Little Court Royal.

Mr. Leslie Oliffe completes, on January 9th, 25 years as foreman of St. Mary's Church, Witney. His cheerfulness and good nature pervades the tower, where since he began ringing in 1918 he has earned the respect of so many.

A pleasing ceremony took place in St. Andrew's Church belfry, Derby, on December 18th, when Mr. Barrie Wayne, on behalf of the ringers and friends, presented a smoker's outfit to Mr. George Freebrey (Ringing Master) on the occasion of his 74th birthday.

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PEAL RINGING IN WORCESTERSHIRE

By The Rev. K. W. H. FELSTEAD

WORCESTERSHIRE was amongst the earliest counties to take up the art of change ringing and the county has always been prominent in the peal lists. Thus there are six towers which have passed the century of peals mark since 1881, which means that it is well up the list of counties in this respect (ten have more and the remaining 28 less). Of the six, three are 10-bell towers and one is a 12-bell tower, so ringing on the higher number has been popular.

We find the most at Dudley (10) where 180 peals have been rung, commencing in 1886. They have been spread out fairly evenly through the years (and all the years of the first world war are represented). Thus there were 79 peals from 1886 to 1916, and 77 from 1917 to 1940. Of these 156 peals, no less than 116 were of Grandsire Caters (the remaining 40 comprise 16 of Royal—mainly Bob and Kent; seven of Caters—Stedman and Bob; five of Major and 12 of Triples—ten Grandsire). There certainly was a liking for Grandsire before 1940! It is not so apparent now, for only two of the 24 post-war peals have been of Grandsire Caters and there has been a much greater variety, the most being of Stedman Caters (7).

Second comes Kidderminster (12). The heyday of this tower was before the first war when it had eight bells. Of the 163 peals, 118 were rung then, commencing in 1882. It was the most popular peal-ringing tower in the county in that period. Thirteen more peals were rung from 1918 to 1926, and then there was silence until augmentation to 12 in the middle 1930's. Twenty-two peals were then rung before the war stopped further attempts, and there have been ten since 1943, so there is not very much peal activity here nowadays.

An 8-bell tower comes third—Netherton, with 150. The best yearly averages are being accomplished in this post-war period, for 49 have been rung since 1945—the most in any tower in the county (although closely followed by Madresfield). There were 59 from 1888 to 1915 and 42 between the wars, so it has had a consistent peal history. Then comes Selly Oak (8). Like Kidderminster, we must look to the pre-1914 period for the most peals. A total of 108 was rung from 1887 to 1915—nearly as many as Kidderminster. There was only an average of one a year from 1918 to 1939 (21 peals) and there have been 16 from 1944 to 1954.

The remaining two centenarians are both 10-bell towers and both have 112 peals to their credit. Bromsgrove had 58 of the peals from 1881 to 1914, 38 from 1920 to 1936 and 16 in the last ten years. King's Norton was an 8-bell tower at first, and 76 peals were rung from 1884 to 1915, followed by six from 1917 to 1926. After the addition of the trebles, 21 peals were rung from 1928 to 1939 and there have been nine since 1945. Thus the heyday here seems to be prior to 1914.

HALESOWEN ALSO A CENTENARIAN

Although I have only 'logged' 99 peals at Halesowen (8) since 1881, the tower is really a centenarian, for I have come across two other peals prior to the period under review. Of the 99, 44 were rung from 1887 to 1914, 42 from 1919 to 1938 and 13 since 1944 (none this year yet). Claines (10) has had a relatively short ringing history for its number of peals (93). No peal had been rung there when its six bells became eight in 1927, but there followed 47 peals from 1927 to 1939, making it the most popular tower of that period. Further augmentation came in 1940, but the first peal could not be rung until 1943 because of the ban on ringing. Since then there have been 46 peals, but the number is dwindling, for the tower has not yet appeared in the peal lists this year and it only was mentioned twice last year. We hope it will soon reach the 100 mark.

It is unusual to find a 6-bell tower so high up in the peal list, but that is the case in Worcestershire, for Hanley Castle has had 90 peals—equalled only by three other 6-bell towers in the whole country. Of these, 79 were rung from 1919 to 1938—more than any other tower in those 20 years, but it has dropped off since the war, only six being rung from 1944 to 1952. The remaining five came from 1888 to 1913. It was the first 6-bell tower in the county to have a peal, I think. Clent's (8) 82 peals have been spread evenly over the years from 1889—39, 30 and 13 in the usual three periods respectively.

Tenth on the list comes another of the three 12-bell towers—Evesham. This tower is enjoying its best time now, for 36 of the 73 peals have been rung since the war. It is, of course, one of the most recent 12's, having been augmented in 1952. On the ten bells, 16 peals were rung from 1889 to 1916 and a further 21 from 1918 to 1937. Fifteen more were rung in the years 1944 to 1949 and there have thus been 21 peals on the 12 since 1952.

Whilst talking about a 12-bell tower, we might as well mention the remaining one—Worcester Cathedral. Here only 20 peals have been rung at an interval of every few years (four since the war). Similarly, there is just one 10-bell tower not yet mentioned—it is Worcester, All Saints', where 53 peals have been rung. Its yearly average is best at the moment for 21 of the peals have come since 1944. There were five from 1887 to 1889, an odd one in 1915 and then 26 from 1918 to 1937.

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN NOW POPULAR

In order of peal totals, Upton-on-Severn (8) follows Evesham with 70 peals. The first peal was in 1902 and eight were rung to 1915. Since 1919 it has averaged two a year—43 in the 21 years from 1919 to 1939 and 19 since 1944. Two 8-bell towers have 69. They are Hagley, whose best time was in the last century, and Hinton-on-the-Green. At the former, 34 peals were rung from 1885 to 1900, followed by eight from 1902 to 1913, 21 from 1922 to 1939 and six from 1944 to 1952. At the latter, three peals had been rung in 1902 and 1920 (two) before it became an 8-bell tower in 1930. Since then, there have been 22 peals from 1931 to 1939 and 44 peals since 1943, so it is very popular now. Hanbury (8) also did well after the last war, although it has dropped off recently. Of the 68 peals, 35 were rung from 1944 to 1952 (none since).

The remaining 33 are almost equally divided between the two earlier periods commencing in 1885. Another 6-bell tower comes next—Wollaston. The 67 peals have come quite regularly through the years from 1889. There hasn't been one since 1953. Oldbury (8) has 64. Fifty of these were rung before the first war, so it isn't heard much of now, but there have been six since 1945. Three towers have 56 peals—Great Hampton (8), Stourbridge, St. Mary's (8), and Madresfield (6). The first was a 6-bell tower until six years ago. There had been 19 peals from 1903 to 1914, 16 from 1920 to 1936 and two in 1945 and 1946. There have been 19 since augmentation in 1949. At Stourbridge, the peals have come regularly since 1894, but at Madresfield, no less than 48 of the peals were rung from 1919 to 1939 and there haven't been any since.

The only other tower which has passed the 50 mark and not already mentioned is Badsey (8). There has been a peal every year or so since 1898, with the usual war gaps. Nearing 50 are Hallow (49), Worcester, St. John (48), and Worcester, St. Helen's and Hartlebury (45). All are 8-bell towers. All the 8-bell towers have had peals—the longest silent of them is Moseley whose two peals were rung in 1904 and 1905.

A few more 6-bell towers deserve mention. Ripple has 32 peals and is going well. All but the first (in 1912) have been rung since 1923. Bredon with Norton has 28, 17 between 1947 and 1953. Areley Kings has 27—11 from 1892 to 1913 and 14 from 1950 to 1953. Wychbold has 26 (12 between the wars and 12 since 1944) and Suckley 25 (five, eleven and nine in the three periods, commencing in 1904). Others over 20 are Kempsey (22) and Martley (20). Six or seven 6-bell towers remain to be 'conquered.' They are Abberley, Astley, Elmley Lovett, Fladbury, Inkberrow and Worcester, St. Martin's, with possibly one of the two Droitwich 6-bell towers. (I have 12 peals there and have not been certain to which towers they have applied—the dedications of the churches seem to be different to those given in Crockford sometimes—I should be grateful for clarification by a local ringer.)

There are only nine 5-bell towers in the county. Three of these have had peals (none since the war). They are Berrow (two, in 1932 and 1938), Bredon (one in 1917) and Broadwas (one in 1919). Still to be 'conquered' are, therefore, Birlingham, Evenlode, Grafton Flyford, Church Honeybourne, Pebworth and Severn Stoke. Peals are inclusive of those published up to December 9th, 1955.

THREE GUILDS MEET AT NEATH

History was made at Cadoxton (Neath) on December 3rd, when over 50 ringers from three Guilds held a joint meeting and rang the very musical 'six' at St. Cattwg's Church. Sponsors of the meeting were the Llandaff Branch of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, Southern District of Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild and the S. Wales District of the Ladies' Guild.

The Ladies' Guild held their meeting before the service. The president was unable to attend and Mrs. Coles was voted to the chair. The next meeting will be held at Aberavon. While this meeting was in progress the bells were being rung to various methods before the service which commenced at 4.30 p.m.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Ishmael), and the address, on the relationship between the bells and the church, was given by the Curate (the Rev. G. L. Nicholas).

A very enjoyable tea followed and a vote of thanks was accorded the ladies on the excellent arrangements made.

At the business meeting, with the Vicar presiding, the Swansea and Brecon Guild agenda was taken first. All officers were re-elected and were thanked for their service during the year. The district secretary was asked to arrange a joint meeting with the St. David's Guild next March, and failing this, it was agreed to go to Baglan. Mr. Roderick, on behalf of all members, expressed their appreciation of Mr. Jack Pitman's recent composition of Spliced Surprise methods.

The agenda of the Llandaff Branch meeting followed. It was decided to visit Coity for the next meeting in the New Year.

Progress, it was noted, was being well maintained throughout the diocese. Penarth and Cowbridge were mentioned in the report.

The chairman remarked that he was pleased to see so many young people at the meeting.

Several new members were enrolled, and Mr. D. J. Lewis proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, to the organist, and to all those who helped to make the meeting a success.

Further ringing took place at Cadoxton and at Neath, but many ringers had to leave early, as they had a long way to go.

ST. MARGARET'S WOLSTANTON

By E. H. EDGE

THE Parish Church of St. Margaret, surrounded by its village and common, known as the Marsh, stands high up on one of the north-south ridges which fall away from the Pennines to the Shropshire border in the west. From the tower one has magnificent views—rising moorland to the east beyond Hanley and Burslem, lesser hills to the west and south. In the distance, some 40 miles away, can be seen the conical outline of the Wrekin.

The church is believed to have been founded in Saxon times by one Wolstan, whose descendant and a native of the parish was later Bishop of Worcester in the early 11th century. The church certainly had its resident priest in 1086, and the manor held by Algar, Earl of Mercia, and son of Leofric and Lady Godiva, was of sufficient importance to be mentioned in the Domesday Book. The church was enlarged in the 13th century, whence dated the lancet windows in the chancel, since removed, and the nave arcade. The tower is of this period but contains Saxon work.



WOLSTANTON ST. MARGARET'S
before the erection of the lych gate in 1951

A fire is believed to have destroyed part of the building in the 16th century and a new roof of low pitch and a clerestory were constructed in 1623. The churchyard contains some interesting tombstones, one reading:—

> Heare lyth the body of Randull Bristall Broad Glasse Maker, who died the second of April in the year of our Lord God 1668.

the other:—

> Here lieth the body of Sarah Smith, daughter of Samuel and Martha Smith of Bradwell Park who departed this life Nov: 29, 1763, in the 21st year of her age—
>
> 'It was G-SB-W
> That brought me to my end
> Dear Parents mourne not for me,
> For God will stand my friend.
> With half a pint of Poyson
> He came to visit me.
> Write this on my grave
> That all that read it may see.'

This latter must be one of the few accusations of murder in such direct form.

Some unique pottery tombstones of the 18th century are now in the south porch, others from the church having found their way to Liverpool Museum.

The fabric deteriorated in the course of time and the church was rebuilt on its old foundations in 1859 when the roof was restored to its original pitch and the stonework of the nave arcade redressed. The 'poppy-head' bench ends were installed in 1859 when the three-decker pulpit, west gallery and original font was removed. The tower was not touched at the rebuilding except that the spire, rising some 65-70 feet above the tower, itself 78 feet high, had its top section carried up to its original taper, and a parapet and corner pinnacles replaced the mediæval castellations. The tower abuts the north side of the north aisle, an unusual feature in a church of such age, although the bell tower of Astbury, just over the Cheshire border, occupies a similar position. The tower arch into the church was opened at the rebuilding and the lower chamber now forms the vestry.

The entrance to the tower is by a low door in the north face and the ringing chamber is reached by a spiral staircase. The walls of the chamber, some three feet thick, are wainscoted below, the upper portion being in the natural red-sandstone. A large peal-board bears witness to the efforts of earlier bands, and a board dated 1816 carries the familiar doggerel rules:

> If to ring you do come here,
> You must ring well with hand and ear:
> And if a bell you over-throw,
> Twopence you pay before you go;
> And if you ring with spur or hat,
> Fourpence is due, take care of that:
> And if you either swear or curse,
> Sixpence is due, pull out your purse
> So if our rules you do consent
> Then take a bell and be content.

The floor above contains the clock mechanism and above that is the bell-chamber, open to the spire. Here in a modern iron frame hangs the ring of eight bells (tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in F):

1. The Gift of Chas. Challinor Esq., of Basford Hall, 1884.
2. Abr. Rudhall cast us all 1714.
3. Richard Marlow, William Hall, Ch.W. A-R 1714.
4. Jeffrey Williams A.M. Minister A-R 1714.
5. George Blaxton, R. of Berwick in Elmet 1714.
6. Richard Astbury of this town, Blacksmith gave me in 1623 and recast 1714.
7. John Lord Gower, Kath; Lady Dowager Gower, 1714.
8. The gift of the Wolstanton Change Ringing Society, Easter 1884. W. Miller, S. Spencer (conductor), L. Miller, S. J. Wootton, G. Hodgkins.

The middle six bells cast in 1714 were brought from Trentham Church (now towerless) in 1767 at 9d. per pound in exchange for one large bell at like terms. The bells were augmented in 1884 and 'The Bell News' recorded that the 'fund has been aided by proceeds from handbell entertainments and other legitimate sources.' The cost of augmentation was £333, of which the ringers themselves gave £143; five of the ringers agreed to forgo their ringing fees for some seven years to help raise this money, and their names are inscribed on the tenor together with the motto of the St Margaret's Society, 'Perseverance will ensure success.'

THIRTY-FOUR RINGERS IN 1875

The records of the St. Margaret's Society date back to 1875, the oldest extant minutes having only been discovered and restored to the tower this year.

The Society was strong in numbers and ability in 1875 and much of the business meeting time was spent in revising the rules which dated from an earlier period. A firm discipline was maintained and one of the rules for approval at the first recorded meeting reads as follows:—

> 'Rule 6. That the secretary shall draw out a list for each month showing what ringers are set down for duty on the different Sundays in the month and post the same in the belfry one clear week before the beginning of the month and that any member finding it inconvenient to attend on the day for which he is appointed, shall give one clear week's notice to the secretary or find an efficient substitute.'

On being voted members of the Society, ringers had to sign their agreement, and 34 names are appended to the first set of rules.

Then, as now, the ringers received moneys from the Church, and until the last war augmented them by Christmas collections. These were systematic and a list of householders of the village was drawn up for this purpose. Judging by the very few who failed to subscribe, the bells were much appreciated or the ringers extremely persuasive.

From the payments, as today, fines were deducted for lateness or absence and one of the privileges for good attendance was inclusion in a 'short list' for special ringing occasions.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'THE WRITING ON THE WALL'

Dear Sir,—And our 'E. J. R.' seems to be doing plenty of it—wants rubbing off; so rub it off. What a propagandist! Christmas is here and old Scrooge is out again. What a gloomy thought and prospect for Christmas.

What is E. J. R. doing towards rubbing the writing off the wall? He seems to be rubbing it in, not off. One would imagine from the way he writes, he is, or would like to, go round spreading this pernicious doctrine.

I take the trouble wherever I go—and I get about pretty well—to ask the people in the near vicinity of the bells what they think of the ringing and the noise, especially on practice nights. Only on one occasion have I had any real complaint, and that was about our own bells, and also about the church, parson, and everything and everybody connected with the church. That explains the outlook of the two complainants who are hammering at home all Sunday; both their parents love the church and bells.

Some time ago I wrote in 'The Ringing World' a defence of ringing, and as Paul Field rightly mentions, our chief reason for ringing is, or should be, to the glory of God, which is a quite sufficient reason, and defence, if either is necessary.

Why, anyway, should we have to justify and defend our ringing? The 150,000 football patrons at Hampden Park do not have to justify their 'Hampden Roar,' or the 75,000 rugger patrons at Twickenham their 'Twickenham Shout.'

If the popular press publish protests about ringing, that is no reason why ringers should do so. I also said in my letter of defence, provided we observed the ordinary decencies of conduct and customs, and try to give of our best, even on practice nights, we need not be too apologetic. It is a very strange thing, that people who do not know the first thing about ringing know when it is good.

Speaking of privilege, it is the public's privilege to hear the bells as well as ours to ring them.

A happy New Year, E. J. R., and happy ringing.—Yours, etc.,

W. FRANK STENSON.

Crewe.

FOOTNOTES TO PEALS

Dear Sir,—Mr. Morton has committed the cardinal error of rushing into print without first ascertaining the facts. Far from being an afterthought, the footnote states the reason for which the peal to which he alludes was rung (by special request, incidentally), it being thought appropriate that a great occasion in the annals of an Austrian art should be greeted by one exclusively British. 'Art knows no bounds.'

Mr. Morton's remarks about coupling the House of God with an opera programme lack significance, as the bells of St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna, were rung for the formal opening of the Opera House, referred to in Austria as 'our Coronation.'

If Mr. Morton considers there is a necessity for a reduction of footnotes I trust we shall be seeing objections from him to those recording peals and quarter peals rung 'by eligible bachelors,' 'for the birthday of the ringer of the third's mother,' for a 'winter fair,' and in connection with a function of a secular society, in this month's issues of 'The Ringing World,' not to mention those performances which perennially appear for welcomes, farewells, births and national (State) occasions, if he has noticed them.—Yours faithfully,

CLIFFORD A. BARRON.

Birmingham.

ST. MARY'S, PENZANCE

Dear Sir,—The information given in 'Clavis Campanalogia' regarding a previous ring of ten bells at Penzance is undoubtedly wrong. I remember noting this some years ago. The whole of Penzance used to be in the parish of Madron, with a Chapel of Ease in Penzance, built in 1789. A print of this Chapel shows that it had a small tower and spire, but certainly not big enough for a ring of ten. I believe there was one bell. This church was pulled down and the present St. Mary's erected in 1834. In 1865 Taylors put in a ring of eight with a tenor of 20 cwt. These were completely recast and restored in 1929 with the result of the present very fine ring with a tenor of 23 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

There are now two other churches in Penzance. St. Paul's was built in 1843. It has no plan for a tower. The fine church of St. John, built in 1881, was planned to have an imposing tower with spire over the west porch with, no doubt, the ringing chamber over the entrance porch. A spiral staircase goes up in one corner to roof level and is capped with a small wooden erection which houses one bell. It seems most improbable that this will ever be completed now. —Yours faithfully,

A. S. ROBERTS
(Rural Dean of Penwith).

St. Ives, Cornwall.

OXFORD BOB TRIPLES

Dear Sir,—I regret to have to correct Mr. Felstead, but the peal of Oxford Bob Triples rung at Horsham in 1882 was apparently not the first in the method. A peal board in the belfry of Benenden, Kent, records a peal in the method on March 7th, 1821. Also this board does not claim it to be the first ever, so we still do not know definitely when the first ever was rung.

Mr. Malcolm S. Cloke also made this correction in 'The Ringing World' a few years ago, but apparently it has escaped Mr. Felstead's eye or memory.—Yours sincerely,

A. H. KEMP.

Hawkhurst, Kent.

PEAL RINGING IN WARWICKSHIRE

Dear Sir,—In the course of his article published on December 16th, my friend, the Rev. K. W. H. Felstead, writes in connection with St. Michael's Stoke (Coventry): 'I gather these bells are almost unringable now.' I am pleased to state that Mr. Felstead has been misinformed for on September 25th last I had the pleasure of ringing on these delightful, easy-going bells. —Yours sincerely,

E. T. PAUL FIELD.

Long Sutton, Somerset.

GUESTS AND ETIQUETTE

Dear Sir,—According to the article 'An Ordinary Peal' in your recent issue, it would appear that the ringers were the guests of the church concerned.

It is generally considered ill-mannered to criticise one's host's domestic arrangements, and worse than ill-mannered to publicise one's criticism.—Yours sincerely,

ALAN PAYNE.

Over, Cambs.

PEALS AT BRERETON

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. B. J. Ongley's letter re peals at Brereton, I have only come across the three peals he mentions—in 1926, 1937 and 1955.—Yours sincerely,

K. W. H. FELSTEAD.

Southampton.

BACHELORS AND STEDMAN CINQUES

Dear Sir,—I note in the Belfry Gossip that, following a recent peal of Major, rung by a band composed entirely of bachelors, somebody has written from this ancient city, suggesting a peal of Stedman Cinques by a similar band.

In view of the alarming increase in the number of young women ringers in our midst today, I hope that the members of this peal band, if successful, will not later have cause to regret this advertisement of their blessed status.—Yours, etc.,

R. O. FRY.

Bath.

Joint Meeting at Sawbridgeworth

There was a good attendance at Sawbridgeworth on December 10th for the joint meeting between Herts Eastern District and Essex North-Western District, when the eight bells (tenor 25 cwt.) were rung in the afternoon and evening. A service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m. and tea followed at 5 p.m.

After tea, greetings were exchanged between officers of the two Associations, and a plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells.

Ringing was then resumed in the tower. Methods rung during the meeting ranged from Plain Bob Doubles for the learners to Superlative Surprise Major. Other methods included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Little Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

C. E. H.

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There was one official practice a week, but it is apparent that practices took place on other evenings in the week since absences from these did not carry any penalty. Business meetings of the Society were held almost every week.

Under the rota system full 'peals' of 720 changes of Minor were rung every Sunday by the appointed band. 'Date' touches were also popular and rung each Easter for many years. Thus on Easter Sunday, 1878, were

'438 Court Bob
720 Kent Treble Bob
720 Oxford Treble Bob.

1,878 changes in 1 hour and 7 minutes.'

In 1892 that number of Grandsire Triples was rung and in the following year 1,893!

(To be continued)

ANALYSIS OF MINOR & DOUBLES PEALS RUNG DURING 1954

ASSOCIATION	MINOR															DOUBLES													Minor	Doubles	Total
	22-45 Methods	15-21 Methods	14 Methods	13 Methods	12 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method	23-45 Methods	15-21 Methods	14 Methods	13 Methods	12 Methods	11 Methods	10 Methods	9 Methods	8 Methods	7 Methods	6 Methods	5 Methods	4 Methods	3 Methods	2 Methods	1 Method			
An. Soc. College Yths.											1					1															1	1	1	2
Bath and Wells Dio.									3				1	2	2	22													1	1	1	15	30	18	48
Bedfordshire								1		5			2	1		4										1					1	4	13	6	19
Cambridge University														1																			1	1	2
Chester Diocesan	1						1	1	3		1		6		5													1					18	1	19
Coventry Dio. Guild															3																1	3	1	4
Derbyshire Assn.											1		4	3	1	6								1			1		1	1	2	3	15	9	24
Devonshire											1		1		1	5		1	1			1							1			5	8	9	17
Durham and Newcastle		1												3																			4		4
East Derbys & Notts													2	1															1				3	1	4
East Grinstead Guild														1																			1		1
Ely Diocesan									1		2	3	7	5	22																	3	40	3	43
Essex Association		5	1		1	1	1	1	15	1	4	7	4	1	16											1			3			3	58	7	65
Gloucester and Bristol									2		1	1		1	3											1	1	1		1	1		8	13	21
Guildford Diocesan				1			2	2	3	1		3	2	3	6				1										1			9	23	4	27
Hereford Diocesan							1		3					3	5										1		1	1		2	1	10	12	16	28
Hertford County				1		1	1	1	4	1		3			12										1		1		1			1	21	3	27
Irish Association															1																	1	1	2
Kent County				1	1		1		9	2	1	8	5	1	16														2	3	3	40	7	47
Lancashire Association												3	5		15																	5	28	5	33
Leicester Dio. Guild	1								2	1		1	5	2	13											1	1		1	1	1	1	25	6	31
Lincoln Dio. Guild		6	2		1				18		1	3	6	2	10													1		1	2	49	4	53
Llandaff & Monmouth												1	1		8														1		4	10	5	15
Middlesex County									1				2	2	2	1																	7	1	8
Midland Counties									1				1		1														1		1	3	2	5
North Staffs Assn.									2				1		2																	1	5	1	6
North Wales																												1	1		1	—	3	3
Norwich Diocesan			1					1	6	3		4	5		10										1				1			30	2	32
Oxford Dio. Guild					2			3	1				1		4								1				1		1		6	11	9	20
Oxford University Soc.														1	1																	1	2	1	3
Peterborough Diocesan									2	1		4	2		6								1		3		1	1	2	3	2	15	13	28
St. David's Dio. Guild																																—	—	—
St. Martin's Guild																2																2	—	2	2
Salisbury Guild													2		2	1																1	4	1	5
Shropshire Association										2		1			1																		4	—	4
Soc. R. Cum. Youths															2																	2	2	4
Southwell Dio. Guild									7			1	3		14								1	1	1	1	1	2	1			6	25	14	39
Stafford Archdeaconry															4										1							3	4	4	8
Suffolk Guild						1	1	2	9	1	5	2	4	1	9															1		4	35	5	40
Surrey Association					1							2				1																1	3	1	4
Sussex Association									4		2	1	1	1	5			1								1	2	1	1		5	14	11	25
Swansea & Brecon														1																		1		1
Truro Diocesan															3											1					2	3	3	6
Win. and Portsmouth												2		1	1														2	6		4	8	12
Worcester & Districts									6		1				4											1		1			7	11	9	20
Yorkshire Association	1	2			1				4		1	1	2		13															1	1	25	2	27
Unattached												1			3											1					4	4	5	9
TOTAL	3	14	4	2	5	4	4	7	11	113	13	21	56	77	29	269	1	2	2	—	—	1	4	1	6	9	8	10	12	21	15	128	622	220	842

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.—On Dec. 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. T. Norris 1, N. Jenkins 2, J. Pares 3, H. Hodgetts 4, B. Latham (first 'inside') 5, L. North 6, T. Norris (cond.) 7, F. Morris (first quarter) 8.

CAWTHORNE, YORKS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,320 Minor (720 Snowdrop, 600 Violet): W. Broadhead 1, C. Rusby 2, F. Cowling 3, R. Brogan 4, H. Rusby 5, N. Moxon (cond.) 6. To mark the 40th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Broadhead, treble ringer.

HEREFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss R. Jarrett 1, Mrs. E. C. Chandler 2, W. T. Rowley 3, F. Arrowsmith 4, L. Evans 5, A. T. Wingate 6, A. W. Davis (cond.) 7, W. Gittens 8. A compliment to the tenor ringer on his appointment as Dean's verger.

PIDDLEHINTON, DORSET.—On Dec. 16th, 1,260 Doubles (480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire): B. Cheeseman 1, D. Sweet 2, R. J. Vardy (first in two methods 'inside') 3, E. T. P. Field (cond.) 4, A. Callow 5, F. C. Davis 6.

QUARTER PEALS

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,384 Spliced Plain and Little Bob Major (66 changes of method): Miss M. Mills 1, Elizabeth Wardill 2, Mrs. N. Chaddock 3, H. Woodall 4, A. Firth 5, F. Fisher 6, T. C. Ryder 7, N. Chaddock (cond.) 8. Longest length of Spliced by all except 5 and 8. Rung by the Sunday service band with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mrs. F. M. Knight, M.B.E., J.P., one of the donors of the bells, who died the previous week.

SCORTON, LANCS.—On Dec. 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. D. Richmond 1, J. Woods 2, R. Rainford 3, R. Warden 4, S. Anderton 5, J. W. Metcalf 6, H. Rainford (cond.) 7, R. P. Davis 8. First quarter by a lady ringer of this tower.

SILSOE, BEDS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss E. Oakeshott 1, Miss P. Oakeshott 2, Miss S. Devereux 3, J. F. Olney (cond.) 4, P. J. Lawton 5, Miss A. Culpin 6. Rung for the fourth anniversary of the rededication of the bells.

THANET, KENT.—On Dec. 19th, at St. Peter's-in-Thanet, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Fairbead 1, Mrs. N. Bridges 2, C. Durham 3, A. J. Dadds (cond.) 4, E. Milsted 5, S. Geo 6, L. Twyman 7, H. Lade 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Appleton, captain of St. Peter's ringers, on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Those taking part represented St. Peter's, St. Laurence, Birchington and Margate.

UPHILL, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Doubles (360 Plain Bob and 900 Grandsire): Yvonne West 1, Sheila Banwell 2, Marion Macfarlane 3, G. E. Ruck 4, T. K. Price (cond.) 5, H. Banwell 6. Rung for the patronal festival of St. Nicholas.

UPPER CLAPTON, E.—On Dec. 11th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: Miss J. Highley 1, Miss N. Hales 2, Miss G. L. Friswell 3, J. A. Hales 4, J. Hales 5, R. K. C. Wilkings 6, G. A. Parsons 7, D. Neal (cond.) 8.

ACLE, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Daphne M. Le Grice (first quarter) 1, Doris E. Lidbetter 2, June E. Gladman 3, H. W. Lidbetter 4, K. L. Brown (cond.) 5, May Lidbetter 6.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. Stewart 1, Mrs. M. Brown 2, G. K. Williamson 3, R. Corke 4, D. Macpherson 5, Miss S. Corke 6, W. H. Viggers (first in method as cond.) 7, G. Brown 8. First in method for 1, 2 and 3. Rung as a welcome back from H.M. Forces of R. Corke.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Major: Miss J. A. England 1, Miss K. E. Weller 2, Miss J. M. Winchester (first of Surprise) 3, J. Pink 4, D. E. Parsons 5, F. D. Jennings 6, R. D. Tomlin 7, S. F. W. Kimber (first of Surprise as cond.) 8.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harwood 1, T. H. Bird (cond.) 2, J. Weeks 3, G. Olliver 4, F. W. Bird 5, M. Johnson 6, A. Streeter 7, J. Burgess 8. Rung for Confirmation service, held this day by the Bishop of Southwark.

CARDINGTON, BEDS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: K. Wakefield 1, D. Jeeves 2, C. H. Harding 3, E. Izzard 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5, D. Bridges 6. Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of St. Albans (the Rt. Rev. E. M. Gresford-Jones) for Confirmation service.

CRANTOCK, CORNWALL.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: T. B. Eplett (first quarter) 1, A. H. Eplett 2, J. Roberts 3, C. H. Stephens 4, R. A. Southwood (cond.) 5, D. Docking 6. First 'inside' for 3 and 4.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,280 Plain Bob Major: A. Richardson 1, F. R. Lowe 2, J Bailey 3, Rev. G. G. Graham 4, H. E. Taylor 5, G. H. Paulson 6, W. Lancaster 7, S. J. Merry (cond.) 8.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Bennett 1, S. E. Bennett 2, G. R. G. Butler 3, R. C. Noon 4, J. G. Ames 5, F. Taylor (cond.) 6. Rung on the 22nd wedding anniversary of G. R. G. Butler, and also for his son's 21st birthday.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Dec. 10th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. G. Harrison 1, Miss B. Syrett 2, C. Catchpole 3, T. C. Ford 4, E. A. Chilver (first of Major) 5, H. Moss 6, F. Phillippo (first in method as cond.) 7, A. E. Cook 8.

FELMERSHAM, BEDS.—On Advent Sunday, 1,152 Bob Major: N. Hull 1, Phyllis Gray 2, C. E. Jeffries 3, C. Bransom 4, F. Tysoe 5, R. Lennard 6, J. B. Long 7, B. Pattison (cond.) 8 For Evensong.

FULHAM, S.W.—On Dec. 4th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: H. M. Page 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, Miss A. Garnett 4, B. K. Lunn 5, James Phillips 6, C. Watts 7, John Phillips (cond.) 8. For Evensong and as a birthday compliment to H. M. Page. Also on Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Venn (first quarter) 1, Mrs. C. Watts 2, H. Belcher 3, James Phillips 4, J. Allsop 5, John Phillips 6, H. Page 7, J. Bell 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Woodley 1, H. K. White 2, Mrs. A. Woodley 3, H. L. Bishop 4, G. W. Bishop 5, M. Bishop 6, A. H. Webb (cond.) 7, D. Napper 8. Rung for the wedding of Miss Clarissa Wedderburn and Mr. James Robinson.

HERTFORD.—At the Church of St. Andrew, on Nov. 30th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. Dodds (first in method as cond.) 1, G. Penney 2, W. J. Arnold 3, T. J. Southam 4, M. D. Frost (first of Triples) 5, J. E. Ewer 6, B. C. Johnson 7, V. Neale 8. Rung on St. Andrew's Day.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Dec. 11th, 1,024 Bob Major: C. V. Hare (77) 1, P. Jackson (14) 2, P. Mehew 3, R. J. Coppage 4, D. P. Jones (comp. and cond.) 5, A. C. Harris 6, K. C. Timbury 7, C. M. Orme 8. For Matins.

HUNSLET, YORKS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 Plain): Miss D. Hogg (first quarter) 1, Miss M. Rhodes 2, F. Rayment 3, J. M. Thorley (cond.) 4, A. Cole 5, I. Slack 6, J. Hogg cover. Rung as a farewell to the curate (the Rev. J. F. Oates, M.A.).

QUARTER PEALS

HUNTSHAM, DEVON.—On Dec. 2nd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Upton 1, Barbara J. Stevens 2, C. J. Stevens (cond.) 3, Pamela M. Stevens 4, L. H. May 5, D. M. Bellamy 6, J. Kelland 7, V. N. Burrow 8.

HURST, BERKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Rivers (first quarter) 1, L. Hall 2, J. Froome 3, R. Rivers 4, Mrs. B. C. Castle 5, S. G. Day 6, B. C. Castle (cond.) 7, F. Hicks 8. Rung in honour of the patronal festival.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Nov. 27th, 1,320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Papworth 1, C. Button 2, H. P. Gardner 3, J. Elliott 4, C. Burton (cond.) 5, R. Pye 6. Rung for Confirmation service.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.—On St. Andrew's Day, 1,259 Doubles (240 St. Simon's, 360 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 360 Plain Bob, 299 Grandsire): Phyllis Gray 1, C. Gilbert 2, N. Line 3, R. Line 4, B. Pattison (cond.) 5.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 7th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: B. E. Frost (cond.) 1, J. Felce 2, F. Benfield 3, F. Joyce 4, J. Payne 5, D. F. Wright 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of Mr. H. Clarke.

LAMBETH, S.E.—On Dec. 4th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. A. Hales 1, T. H. Taffender 2, A. W. J. Butler 3, F. Ranson 4, N. G. Hollingworth (cond.) 5, F. P. Mead 6, J. Hales 7, L. W. Bullocks 8. For Evensong.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Pryke 1, L. Pryke 2, S. H. Symonds (cond.) 3, S. Smith 4, F. Boreham 5, F. Mortlock 6, W. Jarvis 7, L. Offord 8. A birthday compliment to L. Pryke.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's Church (on the Margaret eight), on Dec. 4th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: P. Kirk (first of Stedman) 1, E. Morris 2, J. B. Bennett 3, Barbara A. Endall 4, E. J. Clements 5, P. Walker (cond.) 6, G. A. Olliffe 7, T. H. Bent 8. For Evensong, also to mark the engagement of the 3rd and 4th ringers.

LEIGH, GLOS.—On Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: G. Palfrey (first quarter) 1, Miss S. M. Parsons 2, K. Poulton 3, D. W. Beard (cond.) 4, W. H. Poulton 5, H. E. Poulton 6. Rung half-muffled in memory of S. J. Hughes, a ringer at this church for many years.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Dec. 11th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. E. Last 1, C. R. Smith 2, L. Batley 3, C. A. Hughes 4, J. Armstrong 5, J. H. Crampion (cond.) 6, E. D. Smith 7, C. E. Willmington 8.

LISS, HANTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (7, 6, 8 covering): T. Riley 1, H. E. Tice 2, H. J Newman 3, D. Wheeler (first 'inside') 4, A. Betsworth (cond.) 5, B. Brown (first quarter) 6, P. Heath 7, W. Baker (first quarter) 8. For Advent Sunday.

MEREWORTH, KENT.—On Nov. 16th, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: Ann Chantler 1, T. Warner 2, J. Medhurst 3, C. Saunders 4, G. Fry 5, H. H. Usborne (cond.) 6.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 26th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Mrs W. Vann 1, M. Chown 2, T. Pittham 3, J. Underwood 4, S. Merry 5, S. G. Osborne (cond.) 6, C. Underwood 7, W. Southam 8. Rung for Church Market.

OXENDON, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: E. Gilbert (first quarter away from covering bell) 1, A. Flutter 2, E. Storey 3, D. Griffin 4, A. Millward (cond.) 5.

OXFORD.—On Dec. 4th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,272 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. H. Niblett 1, D. J. Roaf 2, Miss E. M. T. Powell 3, D. A. Edwards 4, J. J. P. Ellams 5, P. R. Sanders (cond.) 6. First of Kent Minor by all.

PAKENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 4th, 1,260 Plain Bob Doubles: L. Melton 1, L. Pierce 2, L. Nice 3, K. G. Brown (cond.) 4, H. King 5.

PAULERSPURY, NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Smart 1, Miss K. Ballard 2, W. Yates (cond.) 3, P. Foster 4, J. Foster 5, A. Kingston 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Yates and Miss K. Ballard on their engagement.

READING, BERKS.—On Dec. 11th, at the Church of St. Giles, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss M. Twydale 1, Miss S. Cope 2, Miss D. Gibbons 3, J. White 4, R. Turner (cond.) 5, J. Coates (first quarter) 6.

RICHMOND, YORKS.—On Nov. 29th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Judith Rodber (first quarter) 1, Doris M. Killingley 2, B. Harris 3, C. J. Herbert 4, G. Holmes (cond.) 5, M. P. Hammond (first of Doubles) 6. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on completing 50 years as a ringer at this church.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,320 Double Oxford Bob Minor: R. Francis 1, L. Sharpe 2, C. Orves 3, A. Cook 4, J. Bailey 5, K. G. Brown (cond.) 6.

RUGBY, WARWICKS.—On Nov. 30th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Howitt (first quarter) 1, Mrs. W. Vann 2, G. A. Peck 3, W. Vann (cond.) 4, C. Underwood 5, A. R. Pocklington 6, S. G. Osborne 7, J. Click 8. For patronal festival. Also on Dec. 7th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. Vann (cond.) 1, C. Underwood 2, Mrs. W. Vann 3, S. Merry 4, S. G. Osborne 5, J. Underwood 6, A. R. Pocklington 7, J. Click 8. For Confirmation.

ST. IPPOLYTS, HERTS.—On Nov. 27th, 1,440 Bourne Surprise Minor: P. Jackson 1, L. Runnacles 2, A. C. Harris 3, G. Cherry 4, K. C. Timbury 5, F. W. Croft (cond.) 6. For Evensong.

SHARESHILL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 5th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss L. Butler (first quarter) 1, A. Armstrong 2, J. Allen 3, H. Butler 4, G. Bradbury (cond.) 5, M. H. Butler 6. Rung as a 12th birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

SHOREDITCH, E.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Nov. 27th, 1,311 Stedman Cinques: Mrs. T. H. Francis 1, Mrs. F. J. Matthews 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, Miss A. Bailey 4, T. H. Francis (cond.) 5, D. Priestley 6, F. E. Hawthorne 7, F. D. Bishop 8, A. P. Cave 9, A. R. Ling 10, J. R. Leeming 11, F. J. Matthews 12. Rung for the dedication of the new east window.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICS.—On Nov. 27th, at St. Thomas' Church, 1,260 Plain Bob Minor: A. Norman (first quarter) 1, B. G. Warwick (cond.) 2, Mrs. B. G. Warwick 3, R. Jelley 4, J. M. Jelley 5, B. S. Chapman 6. For Evensong on Advent Sunday.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCS.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Dec. 11th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Jill Tombs 1, P. W. Webb (first in method) 2, A. L. Dunn 3, F. V. Nicholls 4, J. R. Niblett 5, R. Smith (cond.) 6, R. Cooper 7, D. H. Watson 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Watson for the gift of twins (Nicholas and Stephen), born on December 7th, 1955.

STREATHAM, S.W.—At the Church of Immanuel, on Nov. 27th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: Miss M. Cox 1, Mrs. J. Calvert 2, J. Rea 3, G. Parsons 4, J. W. Euston 5, S. Howard 6, D. Woodham 7, E. G. Talbot (cond.) 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Dec. 11th, at Christ Church, 1,360 Kent Treble Bob Royal: H. Craig (first of Royal) 1, Mrs. F. Wilton 2, R. G. Townsend 3, G. W. Townsend 4, R. C. Westney (first of Royal) 5, F. Wilton 6, T. Townsend 7, E. J. Berry 8, W. W. T. Daniell 9, E. Sutton (first in method as cond.) 10. Rung to mark the completion of 60 years' ringing at Christ Church of Mr. C. J. Gardner, who is still an active ringer but was indisposed.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.—On Dec. 3rd, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Slater (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Falkiner (first 'inside') 2, R. Humphries (first 'inside') 3, E. Southwick 4, A. G. Newman (first as cond.) 5, H. Harris 6.

TYRINGHAM, BUCKS.—On Dec. 8th, 1,320 Plain Bob Doubles: A. A. Armstrong 1, Miss E. Sharp 2, S. G. Birch 3, F. Orchard 4, V. Adams (cond.) 5. An 82nd birthday compliment to J. Sturges, churchwarden at St. Peter's, Tyringham.

WEEDON BEC, NORTHANTS.—On Dec. 10th, 1,264 Plain Bob Major: R. Baker 1, V. Perry 2, A. Millward 3, D. Griffin 4, R. Seaton 5, S. Brown 6, E. Orland 7, M. Amos (cond.) 8. First quarter on eight bells for 1, 5 and 6.

WIVELSFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sept. 25th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Truran 1, Agnes F. Millam 2, B. J. Harfield 3, Anne W. J. Harfield 4, Edna M. Everest (first as cond.) 5, Dilys M. Smith 6. Rung for the harvest festival.

OBITUARY

MR. ALFRED W. HEATH

The death occurred on December 15th of Mr. Alfred W. Heath (affectionately known to most ringers as 'Bill'), of Cardiff. A native of Somerset, he learnt to ring at Bridstow in Hereford. He came to Cardiff and joined the city's Fire Service, of which he was a member until his retirement a few years ago.

For over 50 years he was a member of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, and was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and National Police Guild. He was a regular ringer at St. John's, Cardiff, until the last two years when he was forced to give up ringing owing to ill-health

Mr. Heath had rung a fair number of peals, but his duties while in the Fire Service limited his opportunity for peals. He will be greatly missed by his colleagues at St. John's and neighbouring towers.

F. J. H.

Mr. O. J. Hunt's Last Peal

Dear Sir,—Reading the obituary of Oswald J. Hunt, and mention of his last peal in 1937, brought to memory a very fine peal—a peal as near to perfection as one could wish for—not a misblow or a word spoken, from start to finish. Conducted by the late T. B. Worsley, the band consisted of O. J. Hunt, J. Fearnley, A. J. Brown, C. Gudgeon, T. B. Worsley, D. Vincent, C. K. Lewis and N. Heaps.

This is the kind of memory we in North Cheshire and South Lancashire have of Oswald J. Hunt. He was a fine ringer and always good company. We regret his bad health did not allow him to do more peal ringing.—Yours, etc.,

ALAN J. BROWN.

Bowdon.

AN EAST ANGLIAN ATTEMPT

An eagerly-awaited event was successfully fulfilled on December 10th, when eight members of the Hertford County Association travelled in three cars to Elveden, Suffolk, for a peal attempt.

Prior to the commencement of the attempt we were kindly shown over Elveden Hall, which proved very interesting. We then proceeded to the memorial tower of SS. Andrew and Peter and rang an excellent peal of Bristol.

Following the peal we were admirably entertained to an excellent dinner, which was much appreciated by all. The journey home was somewhat eventful as the third car unfortunately took the wrong road and had to take a roundabout route, which included a stop by the police to enquire whether we had any turkeys on board!

However, the day was successfully concluded and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Thanks are extended to the organiser and his 'contacts' at Elveden for the grand reception.

Total mileage was 160. K. R. D.

MORE BELFRY GOSSIP

When the Melton District of the Leicester Guild met at Eaton on November 26th, they had the pleasure of meeting the new Vicar, the Rev. S. G. Turner, and Mrs. Turner. The Vicar's wife is the daughter of Mr. F. S. Macey, of Sutton Valence, Kent, and ringers in the district hope that Mr. Macey will be a frequent visitor to Eaton Vicarage. He was present when Mr. Turner was inducted, and took part in the ringing at Eaton.

The Melton District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild comprises 17 towers, of which all but three are sixes and fives. Melton is the only town covered, and the members feel proud to be able to achieve an attendance of 70 at their district dinner on December 3rd.

MELBOURNE RINGERS' ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Changeringers, Melbourne, Australia, was held on August 31st in the tower. The Very Rev. Dr. S. Barton Babbage, Dean of Melbourne, presided, and 20 members were present. The Dean opened the meeting with prayers, and Mr. J. Roper welcomed him.

Dr. Babbage thanked Mr. Roper for his words of welcome, and on behalf of the Chapter thanked the Society for its work.

After the treasurer's report and balance sheet were accepted, the election of new members took place; those accepted were the Misses F. Eggleton, M. Kemp, D. Scarlett, E. Scarlett, F. Sheppard and Mr. K. Lindsay

In his report, the captain, Mr. J. Roper (who had been acting as captain since early July, after the departure of Mr. P. Gray to England), stated that since the last annual meeting, the Society had lost four members, viz.: Miss Valerie Willard, Miss B. Beeson and Mr. and Mrs. P. Gray, all having returned to their native land, England. Their departure had left a gap in the Society, which would not be easy to fill. Although the Society had lost four members, the membership was still substantial, there being a number of enthusiastic learners; however, there was still a need for an increase in membership.

Mr. Roper concluded his report by saying that if the Society is to maintain its standard of ringing, the forthcoming year would be one of perseverance and teamwork, and he hoped that each member would attend practice nights and Sunday service ringing regularly.

In the absence of the steeplekeeper, the secretary read the steeplekeeper's report, and stated that, except for a rope breaking on a number of occasions, the bells were in good order.

The Rev. H. H. Gurvan proposed and Miss B. Sheppard seconded that the Society record its appreciation to Miss V. Willard and Miss B. Beeson for their work with the Society.

The election of officers for 1955-56 resulted as follows: Captain, J. Roper; vice-captain, B. Sheppard; secretary, K. Minchinton; treasurer, N. Wilson; steeplekeeper, A. Bennett; assistant steeplekeepers, T. Bennett and D. Cornish; librarian, J. Willis; auditor, Rev. H. H. Gurvan.

It was decided that a peal board recording the peal of Plain Bob Major rung on Sunday, April 17th, 1955, be printed and framed.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. J. Willis for his work in compiling the 'History of the Society.' Mr. J. Roper thanked the Dean for presiding, and at the conclusion of business supper was served.

THE 1956 OLYMPIC GAMES

Melbourne is very proud to have been chosen to play host to the world at the 1956 Olympic Games. It will be a very big event in the life of this city, and all Australia is working to make it a huge success.

The team from St. Paul's Cathedral are also keen to organise special ringing, and we would be pleased to hear from any ringers who will be coming over from England for the Games.

Our present team is not strong enough for peal ringing, and although we will have ringers from other states over for the occasion, it would also be a great help to us to have visiting ringers from overseas.

If ringers are coming over for the Games, which we are confident will be the best ever held since their inauguration, would they please let us know as soon as possible, stating where they are likely to be staying and the extent of their ringing ability.

The address is: Hon. Secretary, St. Paul's Cathedral Bellringers, St. Paul's Cathedral, Flinders Street, Melbourne, Australia.

LATE NOTICES

BIRTH

GILBERT.—On December 18th, 1955, to Joyce and John Gilbert, of Sheffield, a daughter, Judith Jane. 7512

MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE.—Offers required for ring of 12 handbells. Perfect condition.—R. Hansted, 15, Mavis Crescent, Havant, Hants. 7500

MEETINGS

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—Annual general meeting, St. Peter's (8), Bedford, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting 5. in St. Peter's Hall. Usual business of election of officers, etc., so a really good attendance is absolutely essential. No names no tea. St. Paul's (10) after meeting.—Peter Shipton, Sec., 16a, Kimbolton Road, Bedford. 7509

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—Next meeting at Whitnash on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells 3. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Names for tea early to H. M. Windsor, The Bakery, Long Itchington, near Rugby. 7507

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cambridge District.—Annual meeting at Cambridge, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells: St. Andrew-the-Great (8), 3 to 4.30 p.m., service 4.30; R.C. (8). 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Benet's (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 6.30 to 8 p.m.; St. Mary-the-Great, 7 to 8 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. in St. Andrew's Parish Room, Emmanuel Road.—H. L. Martin, Dis. Sec. 7503

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—Annual meeting at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Ringing from 3 to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. onwards. Half-hour service in the Cathedral, 4 to 4.30 p.m. Tea provided, nominal charge. Names for tea to Mr. Charles W. Blakey, 133, Ormerod Street, Accrington, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 4th. Meeting to follow tea. Everyone welcome. 7504

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—Meeting, All Saints', Wigan (10). Jan. 7th. Bells 2.30. Own arrangements for tea. Cafés nearby.—M. E. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch.—Annual general meeting at East Haddon, Jan. 7th. Names for tea to me by Tuesday previous, please.—W. J. Kinchin, Hon. Sec., Main Street, Yelvertoft, Rugby. 7506

HAMPSTEAD.—Ringers' Evensong on Sunday, Jan. 8th, at St. Stephen's, Pond Street, Hampstead. Ringing from 5.15 p.m. Refreshments in Church Hall after service.—T. Bevan. 7510

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—Saturday, Jan. 14th, quarterly meeting at Barming (6). Bells 2.45. Other details later.—R. L. Sills, The Square, Wrotham. 7505

LADIES' GUILD.—North-Eastern District.—Annual meeting at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. W. Sheraton, 27, St. Aidan's Terrace, New Herrington, Houghton-le-Spring, by Thursday, Jan. 12th. 7502

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—North Norfolk Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Norwich on Saturday, Jan. 14th. St. George's bells from 2.30 to 4 p.m. and 6.30 to 8 p.m. St. Peter Mancroft, 3.45 to 4.15 and in evening. Service at St. Peter Mancroft 4.15. Tea in Chantry Hall, 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. F. Nolan Golden, 26, Brabazon Road, Norwich, by Wednesday, Jan. 11th, please.—H. Tooke, Branch Sec. 7501

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD—Daventry Branch.—Annual branch meeting will be held at Daventry on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Important: names for tea to me by Saturday, Jan. 7th.—F. W. Hancock, Willoughby, Rugby.

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ENGAGEMENT

WATERS—HAFFENDEN. — The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Waters, of Bishopsdale Farm, Biddenden, Kent, and Jill, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Haffenden, Church Green, Marden, Kent. 7493

DEATH

JENNISON. — On Dec. 10th, 1955, at his home, 98, St. Albans Road, Bulwell, Thomas Jennison, aged 81, passed peacefully away after a short illness. A regular service ringer at St. Mary's Church for nearly 50 years. 7480

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

Sincere greetings for the New Year to all ringers.—Stafford Green. 7499

The ringers of St. Paul's Cathedral Society of Change Ringers, Melbourne, Australia, extend to all ringers their best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. A cordial welcome awaits any ringer attending the 1956 Olympic Games.—K. J. Minchinton, Hon. Sec. 7477

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MEETINGS

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Monday, Jan. 2nd, 7.15 p.m., practice, St. Mary's, Lambeth Bridge. Saturday, Jan. 7th, St. George's, Camberwell, 3 to 4.15. Service 4.15. Tea 5, in Church Hall. Business—six nominations; St. Giles', Camberwell, 7.30 to 8.30. Names for tea, please. Saturday, Feb. 4th, A.G.M., Southwark Cathedral, St. John's, Waterloo, etc. Everyone welcome.—Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. 7442

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Monday, Jan. 2nd, at 7 p.m. One minute from Tottenham Court Road tube station.—T. J. Lock. 7479

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Annual meeting at Bridgwater, Jan. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Names for tea to R. Short, Chilton Trinity, Bridgwater. 7487

DEVON GUILD.—N. E. Branch.—Annual, Jan. 7th, at St. Peter's, Tiverton. Bells 2.30. Service 4. Tea 5. Numbers for tea by Jan. 3rd.—W. H. Ware, 1, Holly Road, Cowleymoor, Tiverton. 7440

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Great Waltham (8) on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea to A. Everett, Cornerway, Plantation Road, Boreham. 7443

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.—Annual general meeting, Saturday, January 7th, at Barking. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Names for tea, by January 5th, to Mr. W. Beard, 159, Clements Road, Barking, E.6. 7473

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—Annual meeting, Quedgley, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Meeting follows tea. Notify for tea by Jan. 3rd.—A. Lynall, Marlyn, Ermin Park, Brockworth, Gloucester. 7488

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Kington District.—Annual meeting at Staunton-on-Arrow, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells (6) 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Names early, please, to J. Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow. 7496

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Annual district meeting at Hertford St. Andrew, Saturday, Jan. 7th, 3 p.m. All Saints' after tea. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—T. J. Southam, District Sec. 7439

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—Meeting on Saturday, Jan. 7th, at Tunbridge Wells. Bells (8) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Names for tea by Jan. 5th please, to Mr. B. Collison, 169, Queens Road, Tunbridge Wells. No name, no tea. 7441

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—Meeting at Wye (8) on January 7th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Names for tea to Mrs. W. Greenstreet, 3, Church Street, Wye, Ashford, Kent, by Tuesday, January 3rd. —W. P. Garner. 7467

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Lancaster Branch. — Monthly practice meeting at Hornby (8 bells), Saturday, Jan. 7th. Ringing 2.30–7.30. Tea at 4.30. Names for tea to E. Goth, 14, Main Street, Hornby, near Lancaster. —R. F. Eccles, Branch Secretary. 7498

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Annual general meeting, Sileby, Jan. 7th. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea by the 5th, please, to Mr. Draper, Highgate Road. 7484

LINCOLN GUILD.—Northern Branch (Lincoln District).—Annual meeting, Metheringham, Jan. 7th. Tea for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—C. Brown, 3, Altham Terrace, Lincoln. 7476

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Longton, Saturday, Jan. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Own arrangements for tea—cafes close to church.—E. H. Edge, Hon. Sec. 7489

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice at Wargrave on Jan. 7th at 6 p.m.—B. C. Castle. 7478

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—Annual meeting, Thrapston (8), Jan, 7th. Names for teas by Tuesday previous, please.—L. R. C. Witten, 4, John's Street, Thrapston, Kettering. 7482

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.—Annual meeting at 6 o'clock at the St. Martin's Hotel, Jamaica Row, on January 7th. Bells available—Cathedral (12) 4 to 5 p.m., St. Martin's (12) 5 to 6 p.m.—G. E. Fearn, Hon. Sec. Phone: SPR 1025. 7481

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. — Annual meeting, Devizes (three towers), Jan. 7th. Bells 3 p.m. Service. Tea. Names to F. Slatford, North Bradley, Trowbridge. 7497

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.—Nottingham District.—Annual meeting. Saturday, Jan. 7th, at St. Mary's, Nottingham. Bells (10) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at St. Mary's Institute, Barker Gate, 4.30. Meeting in belfry 5.30.—C. W. Towers. 7476

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—Practice meeting, Cuckfield (8), Jan. 7th. Names for tea, please, by Wednesday, Jan. 4th, to I. Butcher, East Bungalow, Paddockhurst, near Crawley. 7492

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—Quarterly meeting to be held at York on Saturday, Jan. 7th. Minster bells (12) 2 p.m. Evensong in Minster 4. Tea 5 p.m., at the Tea Shop, Sandal. Names for tea to Miss M. Wilkinson, 10, St. Oswald's Road, York, by Thursday, Jan. 5th. Acomb bells (6) available after tea.—H. S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ARCHDEACONRY OF HALIFAX GUILD.—Annual meeting at Marsden (10), Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. Bells until 9 p.m. Names for tea, please, by Thursday previous, to Mr. D. B. Cater, Newlands, 7, Lane Ings, Marsden, Huddersfield. 7490

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton, Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea to follow. It is essential that names for tea be sent by the 11th. The Master of the Association will give the address.—E. J. Chivers, Wingles, Chilcompton. 7495

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ely District.—Annual meeting at Soham on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (10) 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Fordham bells (6) available after tea. Names for tea, please, by Jan. 7th, to R. J. Housden, 20, Carter Road, Burwell, Cambs.—R. J. Housden, Dis. Sec. 7463

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — North-Eastern Division.—Annual meeting at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business in St. Peter's Hall. St. Leonard's (6) also available except during service and meeting. Names for tea by the 11th, please, to H. J. Millatt, 301, Harwich Road, Colchester. 7486

LADIES' GUILD.—Sussex Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Southover, Lewes (10), on Jan. 14th. Ringing 3. Service 4.15. Tea 5, followed by business meeting, election of officers. Ladies, please support: gentlemen cordially invited. Names for tea, please, to Mr. R. C. Hide, 1, Priory Place, Southover, Lewes, by Wednesday, Jan. 11th.—Kathleen Yeo, Hon. Sec. 7474

MIDLAND COUNTIES GUILD. — The annual meeting will be held at Overseale, on Saturday, Jan. 14th. Bells (8) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify J. W. Cotton, Overseale (264), Burton-on-Trent. 7491

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Banbury Branch.—Quarterly meeting, Bodicote (5), Jan. 14th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. All ringers welcome. Please notify E. C. Pearson, Adderbury West, Banbury, Oxon. 7485

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—North Notts District. — Annual meeting at Retford, Saturday, Jan. 14th. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) from 2.30. Service in East Retford Church at 4.30. Plenty of cafes in town. Meeting in East Retford belfry at 6 p.m. —H. Denman. 7494

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